

**2025 Yale Innovation Summit
Heath Track Agenda
DAY 1: May 28, 2025**

Panel Discussion | Navigating Change: How States Are Responding to a Shifting Federal Health Landscape

10:00am – 11:00am

SOM: Room 2200 (Overflow 2210)

Amid shifting federal priorities and tightening budgets, states are increasingly becoming the drivers of health policy and innovation. This panel will explore how state and local leaders are navigating today’s policy landscape to advance public health and health innovation. The discussion will highlight emerging strategies at the intersection of public health leadership, AI, Medicaid/Medicare and local implementation. Panelists will share practical insights on innovation under fiscal constraints, collaboration across sectors, and the growing role of states in shaping the future of health.

Moderator	Kaakpema “KP” Yelapaala MPH	Senior Fellow & Faculty Director, InnovateHealth Yale	Yale School of Public Health
Panelist	Brian Anderson, MD	President and Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder	Coalition for Health AI (CHAI)
Panelist	Kate McEvoy	Executive Director	National Association of Medicaid Directors
Panelist	Manisha Juthani	Commissioner, Department of Public Health, State of Connecticut; Professor Adjunct in Infectious Diseases, Yale School of Medicine; President Elect, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)	Department of Public Health, Yale School of Medicine, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Panelist	Andrea Barton Reeves	Commissioner	Connecticut Department of Social Services
Panelist	Anne Zink, MD	Senior Fellow, Yale School of Public Health; Former Chief Medical Officer, Alaska	Yale School of Public Health

Panel Discussion | Beyond ROI: How Investors and Entrepreneurs are Driving Impact Through Health Innovation

11:00am – 12:00pm

SOM: Room 2200 (Overflow 2210)

This panel explores how today’s health innovators and investors are balancing financial returns with meaningful social impact. Featuring early and late-stage investors alongside entrepreneurs, the discussion will unpack evolving health investment strategies, how panelists view impact, and what it takes to scale mission-driven health ventures in a shifting US federal and state health policy landscape.

Moderator	David Scheer	President	Scheer & Company, Inc
Panelist	Nancy Brown	General Partner	Oak HC/FT
Panelist	Ren Du	General Partner	Heuristic Capital
Panelist	Diego Mariscal	Founder, CEO & Chief Disabled Person	2Gether-International
Panelist	Alexi Nazem	General Partner	Alley Corp

Celebrating Innovation Across Domains

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

SOM: Zhang Auditorium

This fast-paced, high-voltage session brings together leaders from the arts, civic, and health tracks to spotlight the visionaries and founders shaping the future of Connecticut. Think TEDx energy meets Shark Tank intensity. No theory—just the real people driving bold, boundary-pushing change.

Moderator: Health Track	Kaakpema “KP” Yelapaala MPH	Senior Fellow & Faculty Director, InnovateHealth Yale	Yale School of Public Health
Speaker: Health Track	Mark Abraham	Executive Director	DataHaven

Panel Discussion | Global Health at a Crossroads: Innovation and Investment in a Changing Era

1:45pm – 2:45pm

SOM: Room 2400 (Overflow 2410)

As multilateral and bilateral aid to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) declines and geopolitical tensions reshape global priorities, health innovation in LMICs faces both heightened urgency and new constraints. This panel brings together leaders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to explore how innovative models, technology, and cross-sector partnerships are adapting to the shifting global health financing landscape. Panelists will discuss how they are navigating reduced donor support, leveraging local capacity, and reimagining sustainable approaches to advance health outcomes in LMICs.

Moderator	Mehul Mehta	Senior Medical Advisor; Adjunct Professor	Albright Stonebridge Group; Yale School of Public Health
Panelist	Mary-Ann Etiebet	President and CEO	Vital Strategies
Panelist	Jo-Angeline Kalambo	Senior Specialist, Public Health and M&E	The Global Fund
Panelist	Karina Rois Michel	Chief Creative & Technology Officer	Girl Effect

Health Keynote | Innovation in an Evolving Policy Landscape: What’s next for U.S. Healthcare?

Dean Megan Ranney and Secretary Alex Azar

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

SOM: OC Marsh Auditorium

In a featured keynote fireside chat at the 2025 Yale Innovation Summit, former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex M. Azar (Yale Law '91) will join the Dean of the Yale School of Public Health, Dr. Megan Ranney, for a discussion on the evolving U.S. health policy landscape. Drawing from his tenure leading HHS from 2018 to 2021, Secretary Azar will offer insights into federal health policy, public-private collaboration, and the implications of recent budgetary and policy shifts. The conversation will explore how these changes affect public health systems, health innovation, and investment at both federal and state levels, providing valuable perspectives for health leaders, innovators, and investors.

Moderator	Megan Ranney, MD, MPH	Dean, Yale School of Public Health	Yale University
Keynote	Alex M. Azar	Former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services	U.S. Government

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DAY 2: May 29, 2025**

Health Live Pitches

9:00am – 10:30am

OC Marsh: Auditorium

*11 pitches: 3 min pitch + 2 min Q&A + 1 min transition (followed by brief networking)

<u>Live Pitch Competition:</u>	<u>E-Posters: (displayed in the courtyard)</u>
Conduce Health	Agoras Health
forEVA	Curiva
FulcrumCare	whyMed
Juni Health	MaternAlly
NurseBrain	Memory Care
Pirogon, INC.	PriMetaz
Pro-Patient Tech, Inc.	q0, INC/ Nuravox
Upkeep Care	Uroplug
Wavelet	
WellModeled	
Ensign-AI	

Moderator 1	Jenna Allegretto	Managing Director	CBIZ
Moderator 2	Michael Keden	Managing Director	JP Morgan Chase
Judge	Kara Dennis	Board Director	Antidote Technologies
Judge	Ayah Hamdan	Director & Ventures, Health	Plug and Play Tech Center
Judge	Ellen Herlacher, MBA	Partner	LRV Health
Judge	Charisse Hunter	Chief Nursing Officer	Cityblock
Judge	Walter Lindop	Lead Innovation Consultant	CHI, Yale New Haven Health
Judge	Kevin Rocco	Founder	Biorez
Judge	Ashwin Vasan	Former Commissioner of Health	NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Judge	Michael Werner	Legislative Policy Analyst	Connecticut General Assembly; Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity and Opportunity

Health Podcast | Health and Veritas

1:00pm – 2:00pm

SOM: Room 2200 (Overflow 2210)

Co-hosts Dr. Howie Forman and Dr. Megan Ranney will interview Yale Innovation Summit guests regarding their participation in the summit and on various health innovation themes based on the health track agenda and participants.

Co-Host	Howard P. Forman, MD, MPH	Professor of Radiology and Biomedical Imaging, in the Institute for Social and Policy Studies, of Economics, of Management and of Public Health (Health Policy)	Yale School of Medicine Yale School of Management Yale School of Public Health
Guest Co-Host	Megan Ranney, MD, MPH	Dean, Yale School of Public Health	Yale University

Cross-Track Panel Discussion | The Climate – Water – Health Nexus: Science Policy and Solutions

2:30pm – 3:30pm

SOM: Room 2420 (Overflow 2430)

This intersectional panel bridges the climate and health tracks to examine the critical links between environmental change, water systems, and population-level health. Bringing together voices from science, policy, and entrepreneurship, the session will explore how climate-driven water challenges—such as contamination, scarcity, and infrastructure gaps—impact human health. Panelists will share innovative approaches and policy strategies to address these risks, with perspectives from environmental sciences, epidemiology, and water technology.

Moderator	Aishwarya Kuruttukulan	Director	Climate Haven
Panelist	Nicole Deziel	Co-Director, Yale Center for Perinatal, Pediatric and Environmental Epidemiology	Department of Environmental Health Sciences, Yale School of Public Health
Panelist	Anthony Nicome	Environmental Justice Fellow; Former Alternate Designated Federal Officer	AAMC Center for Health Justice; White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council
Panelist	Mark Ralph	President and Chief Executive Officer	Axine Water Technologies
Panelist	Peter Yolles	Managing Partner	Echo River Capital