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# 9TH STATE OF HEALTH OF CHICAGO

DECEMBER 14, 2023  
 GRAND LUX CAFE, CHICAGO  
 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM CT  
 KEYNOTE AND PANELISTS

Bechara Choucair, MD  
 SVP & Chief Health Officer  
 Kaiser Permanente



9 PANELISTS

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## 9th State of Health of Chicago

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Grand Lux Cafe - The Rush Room

Open to all!

Join us for the 9<sup>th</sup> State of Health of Chicago--a pivotal event as diverse leaders discuss and define imperative challenges that are barriers to advancing healthcare equity and reducing healthcare disparities. The purpose is to identify areas that demand attention for action and initiatives.

We are honored that Dr. Bechara Choucair, MD, SVP and Chief Health Officer of Kaiser Permanente- Kaiser Foundation Health Plan & Hospitals will join us. In addition, a diverse panel of speakers will discuss key issues facing the healthcare and public health community. The educational forum will be followed by a networking reception.

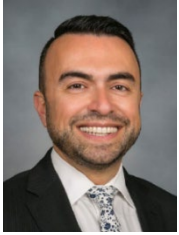
Five reasons to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> State of Health of Chicago:

- 1) Learn from 10 highly active leaders and practitioners who are facing challenges head on.
- 2) Connect with the speakers and attendees in one-single event.
- 3) Address critical issues facing us now- behavioral health, opioids, immigrants, maternal & child health, lead exposure, gun violence and more.
- 4) Discuss actions to make an impact.
- 5) Obtain the 'report card' and vote on the highest areas of concern.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from ten leaders who are actively working to address healthcare disparities and cast your vote on the areas of importance.

Join us in honoring Dr. Allison Arwady's leadership during the epic COVID-19 pandemic and leading the City of Chicago's public health efforts.

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## AGENDA

4:00 PM CT **Welcome**

4:10 PM CT **Keynote Speaker**

Bechara Choucair, MD  
Senior Vice President, Chief Health Officer  
Kaiser Permanente – Kaiser Foundation Health Plan & Hospitals

4:40 PM CT **Award Presentation**

Allison Arwady, MD, MPH, Immediate past Commissioner, Chicago Dept. of Public Health  
**2023 Outstanding Leadership Award**

4:45 PM - 6:00 PM CT **Panel Discussion**  
Moderated by Health News Illinois



### Panel Forum

- Dr. Abha Agrawal, MD, FACP, FACHE, CMO, Humboldt Health Hospital
- Dr. Charles Barron, MD, MBA, CMO, Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness
- Dr. Lee Francis, MD, MPH, CEO & President, Erie Family Health
- Dr. Kimberlee Guenther, Ph.D., Chief Impact Officer at United Way of Metro Chicago
- Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, MD, MPH, COO, Cook County, Dept. of Public Health
- Ms. Kate R. Maehr, Executive Director & CEO, Greater Chicago Food Depository
- Dr. Beena Peters, DNP, RN, FACHE, FABC, Cook County Health, System Nursing Officer
- Ms. Swathi Staley, Chief Community Investment Officer & General Counsel, YMCA of Metropolitan Chicago
- Dr. Sameer Vohra, MD, MPH, JD, Director of Public Health, State of Illinois

Thank you – Dr. Lorenzo Pence, DO  
President, Institute of Medicine of Chicago

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM CT

**Networking, Spirits, Small Plates & Dessert**

Adjourn

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