



2025 CHEAC Annual Meeting Workshop Session Biographies

Sailing into the Wind: Adjust Your Sails and Use Adversity to Move Forward

Sara Bosse, MBA, Madera County Public Health Director

As the Director of the Madera County Department of Public Health, Sara Bosse leads the department's operations and programs including disease investigation and mitigation, public health emergency planning and mitigation, community and emergency medical services, community health and wellness programs, and children and family services. A leader in upstream public health work in California since 1998 and certified in Essential Facilitation and Crucial Conversations, Sara is known for her ability to engage partners, facilitate collaboration, and develop innovative strategies to address complex issues. In her tenure as Public Health Director, Sara ushered in a new season of expansion for the department and community with the first Madera County Health Improvement Plan in 2019, the construction and move to a new campus in 2019, Public Health Accreditation in 2023, expansion of the department's laboratory in 2025, and a funded community resilience center that will be completed in 2028. Highlighted during her time as the incident commander and spokesperson throughout the Madera County COVID emergency response, Sara's leadership is marked with collaborative problem-solving, innovation, advocacy, humor, and hope.