

2026 CHEAC Annual Meeting
Workshop Session Biographies

**From Assessment to Action: Building Community Partnerships
to Improve Rural Health**

Dr. Tina Slowan-Pomeroy, Epidemiologist

Dr. Tina Slowan-Pomeroy is an epidemiologist with Sierra County Public Health. She holds a PhD in STEM education and an M.S. In Environmental Science, with research in active learning pedagogy and microbiology. Prior to joining public health, she spent more than 22 years managing a science lab and teaching biology courses at Truckee Meadows Community College. Her work focuses on epidemiology, community health improvement planning, and translating data into collaborative public health action.

Melanie Del Carlo, Former Public Health Educator

Melanie Del Carlo, MS, CHES, worked as a Public Health Educator in Sierra County. Melanie oversaw multiple grant funded programs for the county and coordinated the advancement of community partnerships. Through strategic partnerships and collaborative initiatives, Melanie increased a frontier county's Health and Wellness Fair attendance by over 150% in one year. Guided by her passion for positive impact in underserved areas, Melanie works dynamically to address communities needs. Melanie holds a MS in Health Education and Behavior from a university of Florida, with a BA in Kinesiology from Arizona State University, and is a Certified Health Education Specialist.