

NACBHDD

2022 Virtual Legislative and Policy Conference

February 14-16, 2022

1-4 pm ET Monday, February 14th

Day 1: Crisis Care, Rural Communities, and Partner Spotlights

1:00 pm Welcome

1:05 pm Panel Discussion Preparing for Change: 988 Rollout and the Crisis Response Continuum

Hosted by NACBHDD's Behavioral Health and Justice Committee

- **Moderator: Lynn Canfield**, Executive Director, Champaign County Mental Health Board and Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board
- **Rachel Lucynski, MBA**, Director, Community Crisis Intervention and Support Services, the Huntsman Mental Health Institute
- **Nichole Cunha, LCSW**, Crisis Program Administrator, Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
- **Mary Abrams, MA**, Senior Health Policy Analyst, New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.
- **Matthew Taylor**, Director of Network Development, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- **Richard McKeon, Ph.D.**, Chief, Suicide Prevention Branch, Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA

2:15 pm Partner Spotlight

- **Blaire Bryant**, Associate Legislative Director, NACo

2:30 pm Behavioral Health in Rural Communities: Unique Challenges and Opportunities
In coordination with the National Association for Rural Mental Health (NARMH)

- **Moderator: Kevin Martone**, NARMH President and Executive Director, TAC
- **Shauna Reitmeier**, CEO, Alluma, NARMH President-Elect
- **Chip Johnston**, Executive Director, Centra Wellness Network
- **Paula Verrett**, Director of Iris Place Peer Run Respite for NAMI Fox Valley

- 3:30 pm Partner Spotlight
- **Stephanie Katz, JD, MPH**, Assistant Vice President, Public Policy and Advocacy, National Council for Mental Wellbeing
- 3:50 pm Recap and Closing

1-4 pm ET Tuesday, February 15th

Day 2: Workforce, Federal Partner Update, and Professional Development

- 1:00 pm Welcome
- 1:05 pm Panel Discussion State of the Behavioral Health and I/DD Workforce
Hosted by NACBHDD's I/DD Committee
- **Moderator: Maria Walker**, Program Planner, Polk County Health Services
 - **Robert Espinoza**, Vice President of Policy, PHI
 - **Mary P. Sowers**, Executive Director, National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services
 - **Joseph M. Macbeth**, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals
- 2:05 pm Federal Stakeholders and Funded Partners Update
- **Moderator: Robert Sheehan**, Chief Executive Officer, Community Mental Health Association of Michigan
 - **Anita Everett, M.D., DFAPA**, Director, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
 - **Carole Warshaw, MD**, Director, National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health
 - **Judith R. Qualters, PhD, MPH**, Director, Division of Injury Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - **Nancy Kirchner**, Technical Director, Division of Benefits and Coverage, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- 3:15 pm Social Media Workshop
Hosted by NACBHDD's Communications & Public Affairs Committee
- **Rene Hurtado**, Chief of Staff, Emergence Health Network
 - **André B. Treiber**, Legislative and Communications Director, Texas State Representative Sheryl Cole

1-3 pm ET Wednesday, February 16th

Day 3: Funding and Keynote Speaker

- 1:00 pm Welcome
- 1:05 pm How the Behavioral Health and I/DD Systems Are Using COVID Funds to Close Long-Standing Gaps & Support Stability
- **Moderator: Cheryl Ramirez**, Executive Director, AOCMHP
 - **Shelly Chandler**, Chief Executive Officer, Iowa Association of Community Providers
 - **Aaron “AJ” Walker, MPA**, Policy Manager, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
 - **Tim DeWeese, LMSW**, Director, Johnson County Mental Health Center
- 2:05 pm Introduction of Keynote Speaker
- **Robert Sheehan**, Chief Executive Officer, Community Mental Health Association of Michigan, Chair of NACBHDD Board of Directors
- 2:10 pm Keynote Address
- **Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon, Ph.D.**, Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- 2:40 pm Closing Thoughts

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