



## 2023 Legislative and Policy Conference

**Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

Day 1: Hotel Check-in, Board Meeting, Behavioral Health Summit

**Location:** Washington Hilton (Columbia 5&7, Terrace Level), 1919 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, D.C.

- 9:00 am Board and Platinum Partners Breakfast
- 9:30 am NACBHDD Board Meeting
- 12:00 pm Adjourn Board Meeting
- 2:30 pm NACo Mental Health Policy Summit - **NACBHDD Members Only**

*Congressional, federal agency leaders and national thought leaders will gather with county officials to discuss priorities for curbing the ongoing mental health crisis, including strengthening the local crisis response infrastructure, policy solutions for addressing substance use disorder, and enhancing behavioral and mental health services for justice-involved individuals.*

- 4:45 pm Adjourn NACo Mental Health Policy Summit
- 6:00 pm NACBHDD Board Dinner



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**Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Day 2: I/DD, Workforce, Rural, Partners and Skill Building

**Location:** 600 14th St NW (The Forum South, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor), Washington, DC 20005

9:00 am Welcome Breakfast

9:15 am **Workforce Presentation Panel 1: Landscape, Challenges, and Policies**

Through local, state, and federal perspectives, panelists will outline the current landscape of the behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) workforce. Shortage areas, policy opportunities, and resources available through the *Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)* will be analyzed within the context of behavioral health and I/DD.

- **Moderated by Robert Sheehan**, Chief Executive Officer, Community Mental Health Association of Michigan
- 1. **Patsy Cunningham, MA, NCC, LCPC**, Behavioral Health Advisor, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- 2. **Elise Aguilar**, Director, Federal Relations, ANCOR
- 3. **Alexandra “Alix” Ginsberg, MPH**, Senior Director, Congressional & Federal Relations, and Special Projects, American Psychological Association

10:30 am Coffee Break

10:45 am **Workforce Presentation Panel 2: Responses and Necessary Innovations**

Panelists will discuss the opportunities created by the workforce challenges and policy responses including the recently passed Omnibus Bill. The use of technology and innovation necessary to support the expansion of access and local responses will be examined.

- **Moderated by Maria Walker**, Program Planner, Polk County Behavioral Health and Disability Services
- 1. **Roger D. Smith, J.D.**, Director of Government and Corporate Affairs & General Counsel, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT)
- 2. **Neal Tilghman, MPA**, General Manager, Integrated Care, Netsmart
- 3. **Brian Hart**, Chief Operating Officer, Living Arrangements for the Developmentally Disabled (LADD)

12:00 pm      Lunch

1:00 pm      **Workforce Presentation Panel 3: Aspirations and Where We Need to Go - Local & State Solutions**

Considering the expansion of opportunities within behavioral health and I/DD service provision, local and state leaders will reflect on the future of workforce development within their communities and the nation at large.

- **Moderated by Cheryl Ramirez**, Executive Director, Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP)
- 1. **Mary P. Sowers**, Executive Director, National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS)
- 2. **Tim DeWeese**, Director, Johnson County Mental Health, Kansas

2:00 pm      Coffee Break

2:15 pm      **Partner Discussion Panel**

Collaboration is imperative for improving access to behavioral health and I/DD services. NACBBHDD partners will share the vision and mission of their respective organizations, building an image of the landscape of work being done in behavioral health and I/DD within various interest groups.

- **Moderated by Jonah C. Cunningham**, President & CEO, National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors (NACBHDD)
- 1. **Blair Bryant, MPH**, Legislative Director, Health, National Association of Counties (NACo)

2. **Stephanie Katz, JD, MPH**, Assistant Vice President, Public Policy and Advocacy, National Council for Mental Wellbeing
3. **Michael Linskey**, Director, Congressional Affairs, National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI)

3:15 pm      Break

3:30 pm      **Executive Coaching: Increasing Retention Through Leadership Actions**

As part of NACBHDD's mission to provide professional development to its members, executive coach Anne Collier will bring participants through a training in using executive leadership skills to increase workforce retention.

- **Anne E. Collier, MPP, JD, PCC**, Chief Executive Officer, Arudia

5:00 pm      Recap and Adjourn



## **2023 Legislative and Policy Conference**

**Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

Day 3: Crisis Response, Criminal Justice, Federal Partners, Keynote

**Location:** 660 N Capitol St NW (National City-County Leadership Center),  
Washington, DC 20001

8:15 am      Welcome Breakfast

8:30 am      **Keynote Address**

- *Dr. Rahul Gupta, MD, MPH, MBA, FACP, Director of National Drug Control Policy*

9:15 am      **Crisis Response Presentation Panel**

Crisis response efforts such as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline have filled a gap between behavioral health care and emergency services. The importance of these services has been underscored by the recent launch of 9-8-8. Panelists will discuss the impact, infrastructure, and future of local crisis services.

- *Moderated by Michelle Cabrera, Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California*
  1. *Chelsea Thomson, MPP, Program Manager, Justice, National Association of Counties (NACo)*
  2. *Kenneth Minkoff, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, ZiaPartners Inc.*
  3. *Crista M. Taylor, President and CEO, Behavioral Health System Baltimore*
  4. *Adrienne Breidenstine, Vice President, Policy and Communications, Behavioral Health System Baltimore*
  5. *Tess Parker, LMSW, Clinical Consultant, TBD Solutions*

10:30 am Coffee Break

10:45 am **Criminal Justice, State Hospitals, and Community Care Presentation Panel:  
The Need to Coordinate Services**

As the demand for behavioral health and I/DD services grows, panelists will discuss the importance of coordinating services between the criminal justice system, hospitals, and community care providers to connect individuals to the services they need and do not fall through the cracks.

- *Moderated by Lynn Canfield, Executive Director, Champaign County Mental Health Board and Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board*
- 1. *Michelle Cabrera, Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California*
- 2. *A.J. Walker, MPA, Policy Director, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)*
- 3. *Monica Porter, Policy & Legal Advocacy Attorney, Judge L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law*

12:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm **Legislative Discussion Panel**

As the highest lawmaking body in the country, Democrat and Republican legislative leaders will contextualize the role of congress within behavioral health and I/DD policy.

- *Moderated by Rene Hurtado, Chief of Staff, Emergence Health Network*
- *Joseph Ciccone, Legislative Director, Rep. Grace F. Napolitano (CA-31)*
- *Liz Stinebaugh, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Tom Emmer (MN-6)*

2:00 pm Coffee Break

2:15 pm **Federal Partners Update Presentation Panel**

Impactful policy hinges on cross sectional relationships, especially those spanning between local and federal authorities. By understanding federal efforts in relation to behavioral health and I/DD policy, local providers better utilize available support systems.

- **Moderated by Jonah C. Cunningham, President & CEO, National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors (NACBHDD)**
- 1. **Anita Everett, M.D., DFAPA, Director of the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**
- 2. **Judith R. Qualters, PhD, MPH, Director, Division of Injury Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**
- 3. **Kellie Kubena, Rural Health Liaison, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
- 4. **Kirsten Beronio, JD, Senior Policy Advisor, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services, Center For Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**

3:30 pm      Recap and Adjourn