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to the **NASMHPD**
Annual 2025 Meeting

Sunday, July 27
Monday, July 28 &
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Hybrid Access Presented by:  **Suicide Prevention
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Division Participation

Division representatives are encouraged to join the Commissioners to learn from and contribute to the general meeting sessions, as well as participate in informal Division-specific breakout sessions held Monday afternoon, led by Division leadership and NASMHPD staff. See agenda for additional information.

Exhibit Hall

We encourage you to visit our sponsors and exhibitors, which are located throughout the general session hallways on July 27th and July 28th of the meeting. Raffles will be drawn throughout these days. A special thank you to our sponsors and exhibitors. We appreciate your support!

Virtual Attendees

Please note that only the general session presentations will be accessible to virtual attendees. Monday's Commissioner breakout session will be streamed to the Commissioners attending virtually. Other breakouts and events will not be streamed.

NASMHPD Lounge

Need a quiet place to get away for a moment? Please feel free to visit the NASMHPD Lounge located in the **Archive Lounge** next to Starbucks. This lounge is open during meeting hours.

Meeting Materials

You can find speaker bios, presentations, and other useful meeting materials on our [meeting website](#). PowerPoint presentations will be posted after the sessions have taken place. We will add materials and other relevant information continuously throughout and immediately following the meeting. Meeting materials will not be printed.

For more information on the Annual Meeting, please contact Meighan Haupt (Meighan.Haupt@nasmhpd.org) and Victoria Peña (Victoria.Pena@nasmhpd.org).

NASMHPD Annual 2025 Meeting Agenda

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Times are in Eastern Time Zone

All Plenary Sessions are in L'Enfant Ballroom

Thank you to all the presenters for their valuable contributions to this conference.

Please see their [biographical statements](#) on our meeting website.

Sunday, July 27

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Exhibit Hall Open

(Visit our Sponsor Exhibit Tables 8:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.)

Registration Desk Open

Continental Breakfast

(L'Enfant Ballroom Foyer)

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Brian M. Hepburn, M.D., Executive Director, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)

Barbara J. Bazron, Ph.D., NASMHPD President, Director, DC Department of Behavioral Health

9:15 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.

988 and the Crisis Services Continuum

David Covington, L.P.C., M.B.A., CEO and President of RI International (*Moderator*)

Senator Tina Orwall, Washington State Legislature

Richard McKeon, Ph.D., M.P.H., Public Health Advisor, 988 and Crisis Office, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Kevin Tanner, M.P.A., Commissioner, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Lula Haile, M.S.W., L.C.S.W., Vice President, 988 Operations and Network Engagement, Vibrant Emotional Health

Tonja Myles, Community Engagement Advisor, Set Free Indeed Ministry

Shelby Rowe, M.B.A., Executive Director, Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC)

10:40 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Action Alliance's Continuity of Care Initiative

John Draper, Ph.D., President of Research, Development, and Government Solutions

Colleen Carr, Director, National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention (Action Alliance), Education Development Center (EDC)

10:45 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Break and Exhibit Hall Visits

11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Meeting the Complex Needs of Individuals Experiencing Crisis: District of Columbia Stabilization Center

Barbara J. Bazron, Ph.D., NASMHPD President, Director, DC Department of Behavioral Health

Joan Gillece, Ph.D., Director, NASMHPD's Center for Innovation in Health Policy and Practice

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Refocus and Renew: Moving Towards Health for Adults with Serious Mental Illness and Youth with Serious Emotional Disturbances

Debra Pinals, M.D., Senior Medical & Forensic Advisor/Editor-in-Chief, NASMHPD, Adjunct Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Director, Program in Psychiatry, Law, and Ethics, University of Michigan, Medical Director, Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Elizabeth Hancq, M.P.H., Senior Research Advisor, NASMHPD

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Commissioners Regional Lunch

**Closed session for Commissioners or their proxies*

([Regional Breakout List by State](#))

(Lunch served on 2nd Floor outside of Galleries I-IV)

Midwestern Region (Gallery II)

Northeastern Region (Gallery IV)

Southern Region (Gallery I)

Western Region (Gallery III)

2025 Transformation Transfer Initiative (TTI) Lunch

(Buffet Lunch Served Inside the Breakout Room)

(Archives Lounge)

Division Meeting Lunches

**Open to any attendee not attending commissioner or other division breakouts*

Children, Youth, and Family Division* (Potomac)

Medical Directors Division and State Hospital Leadership* (McPherson)

Forensic Division* (NoMa)

Non-Commissioner/General Attendees Lunch

(L'Enfant Ballroom)

1:45 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Breakout Transition/Exhibit Hall Open

2 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) in Children, Youth, and Young Adults

Michelle Zabel, M.S.S., Executive Director, UConn Innovations Institute, Associate Extension Professor, School of Social Work, University of Connecticut

Dr. Tony Bonadio, Assistant Research Professor at Innovations Institute, University of Connecticut School of Social Work

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Supportive Passages for Children, Youth and Families to Prevent Multi-System Involvement

Debra Pinals, M.D., Senior Medical & Forensic Advisor/Editor-in-Chief, NASMHPD

Ruby Goyal-Carkeek, M.B.A., Director, Behavioral Health and Child Welfare, Center for Health Care Strategies

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Break and Exhibit Hall Visits

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

NASMHPD Research Institute, Inc. (NRI)

Carrie Slatton-Hodges, CEO, NRI

Ted Lutterman, Senior Director of Government & Commercial Research, NRI

Mihran Kazandjian, M.A., Associate Director, Consulting & Development, NRI

Kristin Neylon, M.A., Associate Director, Government Programs, NRI

4:15 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.

Columbia Protocol

Kelly Posner, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia University; Founder & Director, *The Columbia Lighthouse Project*, Columbia University/New York State Psychiatric Institute

4:20 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

Celebrating TTI: 18 Years of Making a Difference

David Miller, M.P.Aff., Senior Operations and Project Director, NASMHPD

Jane Tobler, Senior TA and Training Advisor, NASMHPD

Beth M. Jordan, M.S., Program Manager, Children's Mental Health & Recovery Services Branch, Division of Mental Health, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Dawn Peel, L.P.C., C.P.C.S., Director, Office of Crisis Coordination, Division of Behavioral Health, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Frank Gregory, Ph.D., Administration, Behavioral Health
Community Services Division, Connecticut Department of Children
and Families

5:20 p.m.

Closing Remarks for the Day and Transition to the Reception

Victor Armstrong, M.S.W., Vice President for Health Equity &
Engagement, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)

Networking Reception

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. **Join Us for Light Hors d'oeuvres!**

Please visit Exhibit Tables, open throughout the reception.

Monday, July 28

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Exhibit Hall Open

(Visit our Sponsor Exhibit Tables 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

Continental Breakfast Sponsored by:
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8:45 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Welcome

Brian M. Hepburn, M.D., Executive Director, NASMHPD

Barbara J. Bazron, Ph.D., NASMHPD President, Director, DC
Department of Behavioral Health

9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

***Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
(SAMHSA) Update***

Arthur Kleinschmidt, Ph.D., M.B.A., L.P.C., L.A.C., Principal Deputy
Assistant Secretary, SAMHSA

Rear Admiral Christopher Jones, Pharm.D., Dr.P.H., M.P.H.,
Director, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP); Acting
Director, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality
(CBHSQ)

Tison Thomas, M.S.W., L.M.S.W., Acting Director, Center for Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Break and Exhibit Hall Visits

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Addressing Serious Mental Illness and Homelessness

Pam Bennett, L.C.S.W., Ph.D., Assistant Director, Office of Substance Use and Mental Health, Utah Department of Human Services

Ann Marie Sullivan, M.D., Commissioner, New York State Office of Mental Health

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Evolving Landscape of State Hospitals in the Public Mental Health System

Sheri Dawson, R.N., Senior Behavioral Health Advisor, NASMHPD
(Moderator)

(11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.)

Ted Lutterman, Senior Director of Government and Commercial Research, NRI (Presenter and Discussant)

***(11:50 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. “The Future Role of State Hospitals”
Moderated dialogue with panel)***

Dallas Earnshaw, Superintendent, Utah State Hospital, Western Psychiatric State Hospital Association (WPSHA)

Drew Adkins, M.B.A., Commissioner, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services

Nelson Smith, M.B.A, F.A.C.H.E., Commissioner, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Wendy Morris, M.S.N., C.S., Senior Behavioral Health Advisor, NASMHPD

12:30 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Commissioners Breakout/Business Meeting Lunch

**Closed session for Commissioners or their Proxies
(L'Enfant Ballroom)*

Vibrant Emotional Health (1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.)

Tia Dole, Ph.D., Chief 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline Officer, Vibrant Emotional Health

Private/Public Partnerships (1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)

Kana Enomoto, Partner, McKinsey; Director of Brain Health, McKinsey Health Institute (*Moderator*)

Monica Johnson, Managing Director, Health Management Associates (HMA)

Celeste Merrill, Managing Director, Huntsman Family Foundation

Andi Smith, Executive Director, Washington & National Behavioral Health, Ballmer Group

Elections 2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

**Closed session for Commissioners or their Proxies*

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Division Meeting Lunches

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Children, Youth, and Family Division* (Potomac)

Finance Policy Division* (NoMa)

Medical Directors & Forensic Divisions Joint Session* (Mt Vernon – 2nd Floor)

Recovery Support Services Division (Gallery IV – 2nd Floor)

Non-Commissioner/Non-Division Attendees Lunch

(Gallery I-III– 2nd Floor)

2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Breakout Transition (Last chance to visit Exhibit Hall)

3 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Forensic Issues in the State Mental Health System

Debra Pinals, M.D., Senior Medical & Forensic Advisor/Editor-in-Chief, NASMHPD

Erin Bauer, M.A., Senior Research Associate, NRI

Virginia Scott-Adams, Psy.D., Director of Forensic Mental Health Services, Alabama Department of Mental Health

Jeanette Simmons, Psy.D., Deputy Director, Division of Behavioral Health, Missouri Department of Mental Health

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The Link Center

Mary P. Sowers, Executive Director, National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS)

Wendy Morris, M.S.N., C.S., Senior Behavioral Health Advisor, NASMHPD

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Recovery-Oriented Cognitive Therapy for Serious Mental Illness (CT-R)

Paul Grant, Ph.D., Director of Research, Innovation, and Practice at the Beck Institute Center for Recovery-Oriented Cognitive Therapy (CT-R)

Julie Burton, Chief Recovery & Resilience Officer, New York State Office of Mental Health

Brenda Cibulas, A.P.R.N., B.C., C.G.P., Executive Director, Division of Behavioral Health, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities

Monday Dinner at Your Own Arrangement

Tuesday, July 29

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	<i>Continental Breakfast</i> <i>(L’Enfant Ballroom Foyer)</i>
9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	<i>Welcome</i> Brian M. Hepburn, M.D., Executive Director, NASMHPD Barbara J. Bazron, Ph.D., NASMHPD President, Director, DC Department of Behavioral Health
9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	<i>Global Leadership Exchange (GLE) and eMental Health International Collaborative (eMHIC)</i> Steve Appleton, President & CEO, Global Leadership Exchange (GLE) Anil Thapliyal, Executive Director, eMental Health International Collaborative (eMHIC)
9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	<i>AI/Digital Mental Health</i> Jessica Monahan Pollard, Ph.D., Senior Behavioral Health Advisor, NASMHPD (<i>Moderator</i>) John Torous, M.D., M.B.I., Director, Division of Digital Psychiatry, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Steve Appleton, President & CEO, Global Leadership Exchange (GLE) Anil Thapliyal, Executive Director, eMental Health International Collaborative (eMHIC) Afshin Khosravi, CEO, Trilogy Integrated Resources, LLC
10:45 a.m. – 11 a.m.	<i>Break</i>
11 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	<i>Improving Maternal Mental Health in Women with Serious Mental Illness</i> Lisa Hadley, M.D., J.D., Senior Medical Advisor, NASMHPD

Brooke Doyle, M.Ed., L.M.H.C., Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health

Kristen Morningstar, Director, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Specialty Behavioral Health Services

11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

A Systems-Based Approach to Supporting Individuals Who Have Experienced Grief and Loss

Debra Pinals, M.D., Senior Medical & Forensic Advisor/Editor-in-Chief, NASMHPD

Amy Brinkley, C.R.S./C.H.W., C.A.P.R.C.I.I., Recovery Support Systems Coordinator, NASMHPD

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Plenary Lunch Presentation - Center for Mental Health Implementation Support: Supporting Organizations and Systems to Improve Care

12:30 p.m. – 1 p.m. – Please get buffet lunch located in L’Enfant Ballroom Foyer and come back to the ballroom

1 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. – Presentation

Heather J. Gotham, Ph.D., Director, Center for Mental Health Implementation Support; Clinical Professor, Center for Dissemination and Implementation, Stanford University School of Medicine

Katherine Marks, Ph.D., Commissioner, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

1:45 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Fire Side Chat – Next Steps for Strengthening the Continuum of Care for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness

Brian Sims, M.D., Senior Medical Advisor, NASMHPD (*Moderator*)

Representative Steve Eliason, Utah House of Representatives

Kana Enomoto, Partner, McKinsey; Director of Brain Health, McKinsey Health Institute

Nora Bock, M.S., L.P.C., Director, Department of Mental Health,
State of Missouri

Justin Volpe, CRPS-A, CIT, Senior Peer Support Coordinator,
NASMHPD

3:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

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