NACBHDD 2025 Legislative and Policy Conference
March 4th-6th 2025

Tuesday, March 4th

Day 1: Board Meeting & Hill Day

Location: 660 North Capitol Street, NW,

Washington DC 20001 & Capitol Hill

8:00 am **Breakfast at NACBHDD Office for NACBHDD Board & Platinum Partners**

8:30 am **NACBHDD Board Meeting**

12:30pm **Lunch at NACBHDD Office for NACBHDD Board**

1:00 pm **NACBHDD Hill Day**

Wednesday, March 5th

Location: First Floor Conference Center

660 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington DC 20001

8:30 am **Welcome Breakfast**

9:45 am **State of the States in 2025**

- *Synopsis: Policies that start on the federal level are often implemented on the state and local levels. Compounding this is that each state has a unique culture and political make up which can demonstrate in different approaches to behavioral health and I/DD policy. Join us as we talk with leaders on the state and local levels on what is on their radar this year.*

11:00 am **Coffee Break**

11:15 am **Issues Affecting Access to Care**

- **Synopsis:** *Ensuring access to behavioral health and I/DD services is critical to strengthening the health of our communities. However, there are many factors affecting the ability to connect individuals to care. This panel will explore a variety of*

barriers and approaches to navigating them with a special focus on youth, workforce, and rural settings.

12:15 pm   **Lunch**

- *12:15-12:45 pm **Special Lunchtime Presentation***

1:15 pm   **Crisis Response Presentation Panel #1: User Experiences, Crisis Lines, and System Transformation**

- ***Synopsis***: *The crisis continuum of someone to contact, someone to response, and a safe place to go requires coordination between behavioral health care, emergency services, law enforcement, and other sectors. Panelists will discuss 988 user experiences, coordination of pre-existing local crisis lines, and efforts to transform the system.*

2:30 pm   **Coffee Break**

2:45 pm   **Crisis Response Presentation Panel #2: Other Crisis Lines, Rural Crisis, and Crisis Stabilization**

- ***Synopsis:*** *The crisis continuum of someone to contact, someone to response, and a safe place to go requires coordination between behavioral health care, emergency services, law enforcement, and other sectors. Panelists will discuss coordination of crisis lines, approaches to rural crisis response, and crisis stabilization.*

4:00 pm   **Recap and Adjourn**

Thursday, March 6th

Location: First Floor Conference Center

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8:00 am   **Welcome Breakfast**

8:30 am   **Closing Keynote**

9:15 am   **Legislative Panel**

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- *Synopsis: Congressional leaders are instrumental in this time of transformation for behavioral health and I/DD. Join us as we hear from lead staffers focusing on behavioral health and I/DD.*

10:30 am   **Coffee Break**

10:45 pm   **Health Policy Insiders Perspective**

- *Synopsis: With a new Congress and Administration, this year is anticipated to be a dynamic time for health policy. This panel will offer perspectives from experts in mental health, substance use, and I/DD federal advocacy.*

12:00 pm   **Lunch**

1:15 pm   **Partners in Progress: Federal Partners**

- *Synopsis: Impactful policy hinges on cross-sector relationships, especially those spanning between local and federal authorities. By understanding federal efforts related to behavioral health and I/DD policy, local providers can better utilize available resources. This panel will feature federal partners that impact behavioral health and I/DD fields.*

2:00 pm   **Medicaid: Challenges and Opportunities**

- *Synopsis: Medicaid is the largest payer of behavioral health services and the backbone for the I/DD system. Recent discussions have focused on altering the structure of the program including block grants, per capita caps, and work requirements. This panel will focus on the ramifications of those proposals while also focusing on unique waiver opportunities to provide enhance services to individuals.*

3:15 pm   **Closing**