



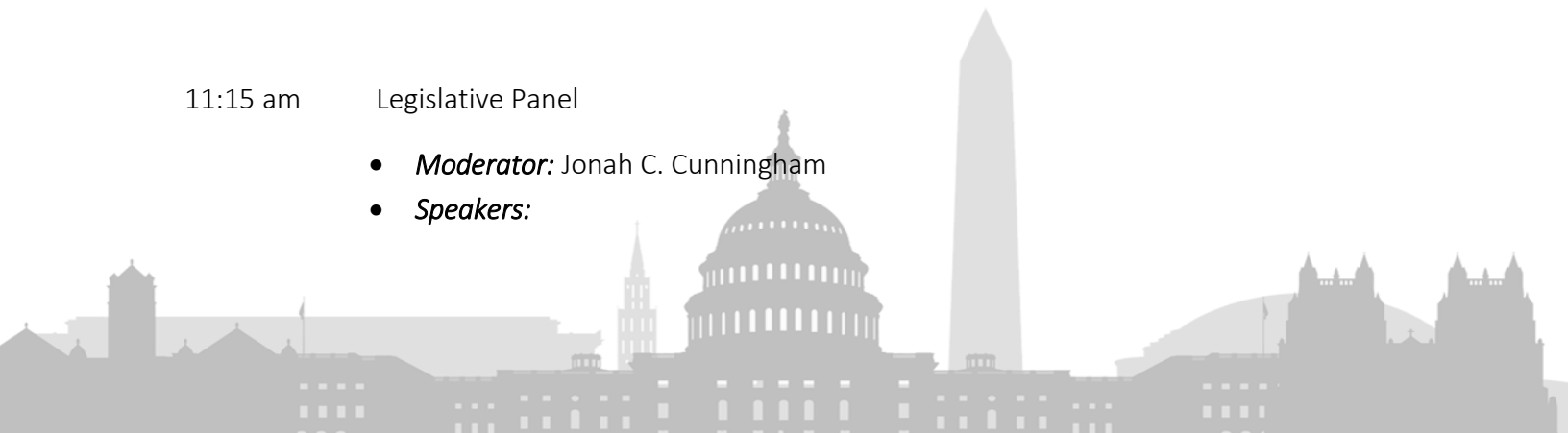
2024 Legislative and Policy Conference
February 13-15, 2024

Wednesday, February 14th

Day 1: Keynote, Workforce, and Medicaid

Location: 660 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington DC 20001

- 8:30 am Welcome Breakfast – Sponsored by Netsmart
- 9:00 am Keynote
- **Speaker:** Mr. Tom Coderre
- 10:00 am Workforce Panel: The Next Generation of Behavioral Health
- **Moderator:** Makana Meyer
 - **Speakers:**
 - D’Wayne James, Minority Fellowship Program Doctoral Fellow
 - Jaiden Moore, Center for Rural Behavioral Health at Mankato
 - Morgan Ramsey, Former Johnson County Intern
 - **Synopsis:** *As the behavioral health and I/DD fields continue to face a workforce shortage it is critical that we support the next generation of leaders. This panel will feature the diverse perspectives of burgeoning leaders who have just started their careers.*
- 11:00 am 15 Minute Break – Coffee Sponsored by Trekmedics / Beacon Crisis Dispatch
- 11:15 am Legislative Panel
- **Moderator:** Jonah C. Cunningham
 - **Speakers:**





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- Gray Rixey, Legislative Aide, Office of Senator Tillis
- Garrett Daniel, Legislative Assistant, Office of Senator Tillis
- Joseph Ciccone, Deputy Chief of Staff & Legislative Director, Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano (CA-31)
- **Synopsis:** *Congress has been instrumental in creating a time of transformation for behavioral health. From the expansion of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBCHs) to the establishment of 988, a nationwide behavioral health crisis line, the legislative branch has been critical in this moment. Join us as we hear from lead staffers for the newly established Senate Mental Health Caucus and the House Mental Health Caucus.*

12:00 pm Lunch (1 Hour 15 Minutes) – Benchmark Sponsor

1:15 pm Medicaid Presentation Panel #1: Opportunity for Creativity in Waiver Use

- **Moderator:** Kyle Kessler
- **Speakers:**
 - Blaire Bryant, Legislative Director, Health, National Association of Counties (NACo)
 - Kevin Martone, Executive Director, TAC
 - Cheryl Ramirez, Executive Director, AOCMHP
 - Elissa Feld, Director of Policy, CBHDA
- **Synopsis:** *Medicaid programs vary widely by state. A main driver of this diversity is the use of waivers which can be used to expand coverage, modify delivery systems, and restructure financing and other program elements. This panel will provide an overview of waivers, including 1115 Demonstration Waivers, recent developments, and their ramifications for behavioral health and I/DD*

2:15 pm Medicaid Presentation Panel #2: Redetermination





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- **Moderator:** Mike Deal
- **Speakers:**
 - Jinny Palen, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Community Mental Health Programs (MACMHP)
 - Allie Gardner, Senior Research Associate at Center for Children and Families
 - Mary Rumbaugh, Behavioral Health Division Director, Clackamas Behavioral Health Division
- **Synopsis:** During the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress required Medicaid disenrollments to stop. Primarily due to this continuous enrollment requirement over 94 million people enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP. Since the continuous enrollment requirement expired in April 2023 over 13 million Medicaid enrollees have been removed from the program. This panel will discuss state experiences for Medicaid redetermination, its ramifications for the future of the program, and other developments.

3:00 pm 15 Minute Break

3:15 pm Executive Coaching: Upgrade Critical Thinking Skills with Style

- **Speaker:** Anne E. Collier, MPP, JD, PCC, Chief Executive Officer, Arudia
- **Synopsis:** If you are one of the many who want to improve your own and your team's critical thinking skills, this program is for you. Learn about the range of cognitive styles through the framework provided by the [Kirton Adaption-Innovation Inventory](#). This program will explore different styles of generating ideas, implementing solutions, and whether a person embraces or changes the structure in place. The bonus? You'll learn how coaching can move your team from seeming trapped in mediocrity to producing outstanding results.





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- ***Bonus*** *You can enter to win one of three Executive Coaching Sessions with Anne and learn your problem-solving style by taking the KAI.*





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Thursday, February 15th

Day 2: Continuum of Care, Social Determinants of Health, and Federal Partners

Location: 660 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington DC 20001

8:30 am Breakfast – Sponsored by Netsmart

9:00 am Opening Speaker

- **Speaker:** Jordan Grossman, HRSA Deputy Administrator

10:00 am Crisis and Continuum of Care Presentation Panel: BH and I/DD

- **Moderator:** Shauna Reitmeier
- **Speakers:**
 - Crista Taylor, President and CEO, Behavioral Health System Baltimore
 - Hannah Wesolowski, Chief Advocacy Officer, NAMI
 - John Palmeri, MD, MHA, Deputy Director, 988 and Behavioral Health Crisis Coordinating Office, SAMHSA
 - Billina Shaw, MD, MPH, FAPA, FASAM, Senior Medical Advisor, Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA
- **Synopsis:** Crisis response efforts require coordination between behavioral health care, emergency services, law enforcement, and other sectors. The importance of these services has amplified since the launch of 9-8-8 in the Summer of 2022 along with the establishment of Medicaid waivers for crisis response and the expansion of the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) program. Panelists will discuss the impact, infrastructure, and future of local crisis services.





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- 10:45 am 15 Minute Break – Coffee Sponsored by Trekmedics / Beacon Crisis Dispatch
- 11:00 am Partners Panel: Federal-State-Local Connection
- **Moderator:** David Weden
 - **Speakers:**
 - AJ Walker, MPA, Policy Director, National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD)
 - Mary Sowers, Executive Director National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS)
 - Rob Morrison, Executive Director, National Association of State
 - **Synopsis:** 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.
- 12:00 pm Lunch (1 Hour 15 Minutes) – Sponsored by Benchmark
- 1:15 pm Partners in Progress #1: Traditional Federal Partners
- **Moderator:** Jonah C. Cunningham
 - **Speakers:**
 - Dr. Anita Everett, M.D. DFAPA, Director, the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), SAMHSA
 - Dr. Judith R. Qualters, PhD, MPH, Director, Division of Injury Prevention, CDC
 - Kirsten Beronio, Senior Policy Advisor, CMS
 - Jennifer Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Disabilities, ACL
 - Julie Lunstead, Policy Advisor, HRSA



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- **Synopsis:** 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. This panel will feature traditional federal partners focused on behavioral health and I/DD.

2:15 pm 15 Minute Break

2:30 pm Partners in Progress #2: New Partners

- **Moderator:** Makana Meyer
- **Speakers:**
 - Tamara Telles, Rural Health Fellow, USDA
 - Richard S. Cho, Ph.D., Senior Advisor for Housing and Services, HUD
 - Susan Wilschke, Associate Commissioner for the Office of Research, Demonstration, and Employment Support (ORDES), Social Security Administration
- **Synopsis:** 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. This panel will feature new federal partners whose work impacts behavioral health and I/DD.

