



**NACBH 2023 Public Policy Conference
July 11 – 12 | Washington, D.C.**

PROGRAM

Tuesday, July 11

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.
Ashlawn

Registration and Breakfast

8:45 – 9:15 a.m.
Executive Room

Welcoming Remarks and Conference Overview

9:15 – 9:45 a.m.
Executive Room

Keynote

Congressman Paul D. Tonko
U.S. House of Representatives, New York – District 20
Ranking Member of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on
Environment, Manufacturing, & Critical Materials

9:45 – 10:45 a.m.
Executive Room

**SAMHSA 2023: Update on the Administration's Behavioral Health
Priorities for Children and Families**

Melinda Baldwin, Ph.D., LCSW
Lead, Interagency Task Force for Trauma-informed Care
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Robert Vincent, M.S.Ed.
Associate Administrator for Alcohol Prevention and Treatment Policy Center
for Substance Use Prevention
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Earlier this year, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released its 2024 strategy and budget proposal, which included a historic investment to transform America's behavioral health crisis care system. We are pleased to be joined by SAMHSA's Dr. Melinda Baldwin and Robert Vincent, who both have extensive knowledge and experience in child welfare and behavioral health.

10:45 – 11:05 a.m.
Ashlawn

Morning Break



11:05 – 12:05 p.m.
Executive Room

Health in the House: Policy Priorities of the U.S. House of Representatives Ways & Means Committee

Amy Hall, MPA
Staff Director
House Ways and Means Committee Health Subcommittee

Casey Quinn
Professional Staff Member
House Ways and Means Committee Health Subcommittee for Rep. Vern Buchanan

There is no doubt that our next two speakers have been busy recently with their leadership behind-the-scenes on the U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee. We are pleased to be joined by Professional Staff Member Casey Quinn as well as Staff Director Amy Hall, as they'll be sharing their work and unique perspectives on the House's health policy priorities.

12:05 – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.
Executive Room

Putting the Care in TRICARE: Behavioral Health for Military Families

Eileen Huck
Senior Deputy Director
Government Relations
National Military Family Association

Kara Tollett Oakley, Esq.
Principal, Oakley Capitol Consulting LLC
Founder, TRICARE for Kids Coalition

TRICARE has about 9.6 million beneficiaries, offering essential health care program services to uniformed service members and their families. Today, coverage for behavioral health services is as important as ever for service members, their families, and especially their children. We are joined by TRICARE experts Eileen Huck and Kara Tollett Oakley to share where we are with TRICARE and where we are going.

2:45 – 3:45 p.m.
Executive Room

Medicaid Unwinding After the COVID Public Health Emergency

Bradley Corallo
Senior Policy Analyst
Program on Medicaid & Uninsured
Kaiser Family Foundation

With over one million individuals disenrolled from Medicaid since the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, we are excited for Bradley Corallo, a Medicaid access expert, to discuss the unwinding and detangling of Medicaid and its long-lasting effects on patients and providers.

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.
Ashlawn

Afternoon Break

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Executive Room

NACBH in Coalition: Priorities Across the Alliance on Youth

Lisette Burton, J.D.
Chief Policy and Practice Advisor
Association of Children's Residential & Community services

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National Association for Children's Behavioral Health

Maddie Geschu
NACBH Public Policy Representative
Senior Director of Government Relations
Center Road Solutions

Dave Newell
President and Chief Executive Officer
Children's Home Society of Washington

A litany of dedicated community leaders work in tandem today to help improve policy and provide the best care in behavioral health for children. Learn from our community's representatives on capitol hill, Lisette Burton, Maddie Geschu and Dave Newell, as they dive into the coalition's shared priorities between now and the 2024 election.

5:00 – 5:10 p.m. **Day 1 Wrap-up and Day 2 Preview**
Executive Room

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. **Reception**
Capitol Room
Mezzanine Level

Wednesday, July 12

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
Ashlawn

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Chat with the White House: The Biden Administration & Health Programs after the PHE**
Executive Room

Jessica Schubel
Special Assistant to the President for Health Care
Domestic Policy Council
Executive Office of the President

The Public Health Emergency (PHE) posed many difficult questions and problems for The Biden Administration to immediately take on at the start of its term. Here to offer her perspective and knowledge of the current administration's pulse regarding this topic is Jessica Schubel, Special Assistant to the President for Health Care from the Executive Office of the President.

10:00 – 10:45 a.m. **Medicaid Policy Hour with Senate Finance Committee Staff**
Executive Room

Marielle Kress, MPP
Senior Health Adviser
Senate Finance Committee for Sen. Ron Wyden

Stuart Portman
Senior Advisor, Health Policy
Senate Finance Committee for Sen. Mike Crapo

Medicaid's importance to the accessibility and provision of behavioral health services for youth cannot be overstated. Marielle Kress and Stuart Portman serve as advisors to Chairman Wyden and Ranking Member Crapo who lead the Senate Finance Committee, which remains focused on Medicaid policy. We are delighted to have them join and share their expertise on serving this committee.



10:45 – 11:00 a.m.
Ashlawn

Morning Break

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.
Executive Room

Meeting Kids Where They Are: Behavioral Health Services in Schools

Sarah Broome
Founder, Thrive Academy
School Medicaid Consultant

Katie Johnson
Principal, Belmont Ridge Middle School
Associate Director, Virginia Middle School Association

Kelly Vaillancourt Strobach, Ph.D.
Director, Policy and Advocacy
National Association of School Psychologists

Congress and states have done so much work to champion behavioral health services provision in schools. Joining us to reflect on these recent changes are Kelly Vaillancourt Strobach, Director of Policy and Advocacy at the National Association of School Psychologists and a former school psychologist; Katie Johnson, Belmont Ridge Middle School Principal and Associate Director of the Virginia Middle School Association; and Sarah Broome, Founder of Thrive Academy and an absolute expert in the nitty gritty of school Medicaid.

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Executive Room

In Conversation with our House Lead Staffer: The *Medicaid Continuity for Children in Foster Care Act*

Chris Jones
Senior Policy Advisor for Rep. Gus Bilirakis

Get the behind-the-scenes perspective from Senior Policy Advisor Chris Jones with Representative Gus Bilirakis of Florida, the man behind our legislation the *Medicaid Continuity for Children in Foster Care Act*. Chris has worked tirelessly to garner support from both sides of the aisle and promote Medicaid coverage for children's behavioral health over multiple years. We are so grateful for him to join us, share his intel from the House, and engage in conversation on why this bill is so important.

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Executive Room

Advocacy at Home: Effective Federal Lobbying from a Distance

Katrina Velasquez, Esq., M.A.
Managing Principal
Center Road Solutions

With the transformation of remote work, much more can be accomplished from a distance. That includes lobbying and advocacy. To wrap up our lineup of impressive and accomplished speakers, we have Katrina Velasquez, Managing Principal at Center Road Solutions, here to guide us in conversation around effective advocacy and lobbying in today's environment. She comes with vast experience in federal lobbying and advocating for improved policy change, especially around behavioral health.

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

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