2025 Mental Health Summit

Advancing Innovative Solutions for Mental Health and Substance Use Management

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- AI to the Rescue? How Smart Technology is Changing Mental Health Care
- Breaking Down the Walls: When Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Finally Talk to Each Other
- Rebuilding Trust by Raising the Standard of Pain and Addiction Care
- Trauma-Informed Care: Moving from Buzzword to Reality
- Emerging Psychedelics in the FDA Approval Process: Implications for Behavioral Health
- From Crisis to Connection: Evolving Emergent Behavioral Health Access in the Virtual Era
- Where Have All the Counselors Gone? Solving the Staffing Crisis
- Beyond Checking Boxes: Measuring Stuff That Actually Matters
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Keeping Your Tank Full: Practical Tools for Preventing Burnout - TBA

About the Conference

Mental health and substance use challenges touch all our lives – whether directly or through loved ones – and they don't discriminate by age, background or income. Now more than ever, we need fresh thinking and bold approaches to address these interconnected issues. Business Research Intelligence Network's Mental Health Summit brings together the brightest minds and warmest hearts in the field to spark meaningful conversations about what works, what doesn't, and what's next.

This gathering isn't your typical conference with dry presentations and predictable panels. We're creating space for honest dialogue about the real-world challenges of delivering behavioral healthcare in today's complex environment. You'll hear success stories, lessons learned, and practical ideas you can actually use – whether you're focused on direct care, program management, policy development, or technology innovation.

Join us for two days of connection, inspiration and actionable insights that will help you and your organization make a bigger impact. You'll meet peers facing similar challenges, discover new approaches to old problems, and leave energized with a toolkit of strategies to improve mental health and substance abuse treatment in your community. No jargon, no ivory tower theories – just real talk about saving lives and supporting recovery.

Register Early & Save! Groups of 3 or more can save an additional 10% off the registration fee. To register visit our website at **www.brinetwork.com** or call us at **800-743-8490**!

We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas, NV!

Who should attend

From Health Plans/Hospitals/Health Systems/Mental Health Facilities/Community Health Centers/Recovery Centers/ Employers/Managed Care Organizations/Law Enforcement:

- CEO's
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- Substance Abuse Management

Also of Interest to Vendors and Solutions Providers; Healthcare Consultants; TPA's

DAY ONE – MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

7:15am – 8:00am
Conference Registration & Networking Breakfast

8:00am – 8:10am
Chairperson's Opening Remarks

8:10am – 8:50am
AI to the Rescue? How Smart Technology is Changing Mental Health Care

Remember when the idea of a computer helping with therapy seemed like science fiction? Those days are gone. This session explores how AI tools are now helping spot warning signs, match people with the right treatments, and provide support between appointments. You'll see real examples of how these technologies are working in everyday settings. We'll also tackle the elephant in the room: can we trust algorithms with something as personal as our mental health? What about privacy concerns? And how do we make sure these tools help everyone, not just those with the latest smartphones? Join us for a balanced look at how AI might just transform mental healthcare for the better.

Mason S. Turner
Senior Medical Director, Enterprise, Behavioral Health Clinical Program
INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH

8:50am – 9:30am
Panel: The Heads in Beds Revenue Model is Dead: The Need for Quality over Quantity?

Humberto Buniotto
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Chris Wolfington
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10:00am – 10:40am
Breaking Down the Walls: When Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Finally Talk to Each Other

We've all seen it – people bouncing between mental health and addiction services, telling their story over and over while falling through the cracks. This session cuts through the excuses and showcases places that are actually getting it right. You'll hear from teams who've torn down the artificial boundaries between treating "mental health" and "substance use" to create seamless experiences that actually make sense. What does it really take to get psychiatrists, addiction counselors and primary care providers on the same page? How are innovative programs handling practical challenges like shared records, coordinated care plans and joint funding streams? Come ready to rethink everything you thought you knew about integrated care.

Keith Brennan
Of Counsel
BARCLAY DAMON

9:45am – 10:15am
Networking & Refreshments Break

10:40am – 11:20am
Rebuilding Trust by Raising the Standard of Pain and Addiction Care

Trust has been shattered by the traditional inaction of healthcare regarding stigmatized public health crises, such as our substance use epidemic and pain epidemic. Rebuilding trust is not an easy endeavor to voyage, however ample opportunity is present. Healthcare settings, which serve as vital touchpoints for our communities, can create focused protocols and procedures to incorporate evidence-based care, and compassionate approaches, serving to foster a welcoming environment that is critically needed. We must not avoid the cries and needs of our communities, who are at utmost risk of a variety of consequences related to alcohol and drug use, impacting quality of life, family/peer relations, and global physical and mental well-being.

Sandeep Kapoor, MD, MS-HPPL
Vice President, Addiction Services
EMERGENCY MEDICINE SERVICE LINE, NORTHWELL HEALTH

11:20am – 12:00pm
Trauma-Informed Care: Moving from Buzzword to Reality

Let's be honest – putting "trauma-informed" in your brochure is easy, but actually transforming how your organization operates is hard work. This candid session moves beyond awareness to action, sharing practical ways to embed trauma-informed principles into everything from your waiting room design to your intake paperwork. We'll look at specific changes that don't require massive budgets but make a real difference in how people experience care. The focus will be on practical strategies you can implement.

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12:00pm – 12:40pm
Emerging Psychedelics in the FDA Approval Process: Implications for Behavioral Health Systems

Psychedelics represent an emerging pathway for managing various behavioral health conditions. While media has focused on MDMA and psilocybin, there are approximately 30 products in phase 2 or higher of the FDA approval process for indications ranging from Postpartum depression to Alcohol use disorder. This talk will focus on the compounds most likely to enter clinical settings in the next 2 to 5 years and how health systems and practitioners might prepare for their clinical applications.

Michael Warden, D.O.
Enterprise Consulting Medical Director for
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INTERMOUNTAIN HEALTH

12:40pm – 1:30pm
Luncheon

1:30pm – 2:10pm
From Crisis to Connection: Evolving Emergent Behavioral Health Access in the Virtual Era

This session will explore the evolution of behavioral health care delivery in emergency settings. We'll share real-world challenges, success stories, and workflow redesigns that shaped our virtual behavioral health program. Highlights include our collaboration with ED teams, and the development of innovative tools with a fully virtual team. We will also discuss how partnerships with IT and reporting helped us build dashboards and metrics that drive continuous improvement. Emphasis will be placed on interdisciplinary collaboration, provider-clinician engagement, and the power of relationships in sustaining meaningful change.

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2:10pm – 3:10pm
Panel: Where Have All the Counselors Gone? Solving the Staffing Crisis

The statistics are alarming – demand for mental health services is skyrocketing while burnout is driving professionals out of the field faster than we can replace them. This no-holds-barred panel brings together leaders who are finding creative solutions to the workforce crisis. Our speakers will share honest insights about:

- Creative recruitment strategies that go beyond the usual job boards and career fairs
- Removing unnecessary barriers that keep qualified people from entering the field
- Tapping into lived experience through peer support roles and recovery coaches
- Using technology to extend the reach of existing staff without burning them out
- Building workplace cultures where people actually want to stay

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3:10pm – 3:40pm
Networking & Refreshments Break

3:40pm – 4:20pm
Beyond Checking Boxes: Measuring Stuff That Actually Matters

We've expanded access to behavioral health services—now it's time to ask the harder question: Is care actually changing lives? Join us for an eye-opening session that dives into how health plans are shifting from counting visits to measuring what truly matters, such as whether people can hold a job, maintain relationships, and feel hopeful about their future. Discover how health plans are transforming behavioral health through outcome-focused strategies, value-based payment models, and integrated care approaches that prioritize prevention and early intervention. Learn how they're also tackling provider burnout by cutting red tape by streamlining documentation, investing in technology, and simplifying reporting requirements so providers can spend more time delivering quality care. As demand for mental health and substance use services continues to rise, this session offers a roadmap for creating a system that delivers better care, better outcomes, and a better future.

Debbie Witchey
President & CEO
ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

4:20pm – 5:00pm
It's Hard to Focus on Mental Health When You Can't Pay Rent: Addressing the Basic Needs of Expectant Mothers in Underserved Areas

Let's get real – therapy and medication don't help much when someone doesn't have stable housing, enough food, or a way to pay their bills. This session will explore addressing these fundamental needs as part of behavioral health treatment. You'll hear about creative partnerships between healthcare providers and community organizations that help people access housing, employment, education and social support. We'll explore practical care models for screening for these needs, building resource networks, and helping people navigate complex systems. The discussion will include honest conversation about funding challenges and policy barriers, along with creative solutions that organizations have found to support the whole person, not just their diagnosis.

Tearsanee Carlisle Davis, DNP, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, FAANP
Director, Clinical Programs and Strategy
UMMC CENTER FOR TELEHEALTH

5:15pm
End of Day One

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DAY TWO – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

7:15am – 8:00am
Networking Breakfast

8:00am – 8:10am
Chairperson's Remarks

8:10am – 8:50am
Teen Mental Health: Moving Beyond Awareness to Action

We've all seen the alarming headlines about the youth mental health crisis, but awareness isn't enough – we need solutions that actually reach young people where they are. This session showcases innovative approaches that are cutting through the noise to connect with teens and young adults. You'll learn about programs leveraging social media, gaming communities and peer networks to identify struggles early and offer support in ways that don't feel clinical or judgmental. We'll explore how schools, parents and healthcare providers are finding new ways to collaborate rather than point fingers.

Sean Perry, MBA
Co-Founder/President
WE R H.O.P.E., INC

8:50am – 9:30am
Medications for Addiction: Breaking Through the Barriers

The evidence is crystal clear – medications like buprenorphine, methadone and naltrexone save lives. So why are they still so hard to access? This session tackles the persistent obstacles preventing wider use of these proven treatments. Learn about successfully integrated these medications into various settings – from primary care offices to residential programs that once insisted on "drug-free" approaches. We'll discuss practical solutions to common challenges like finding X-waivered prescribers, connecting with supportive pharmacies and overcoming persistent stigma among both professionals and the public.

Lori Ann Rizzuto, LCSW
Executive Director, Behavioral Health
ATLANTIC HEALTH SYSTEM

9:30am – 10:00am
Networking & Refreshments Break

10:00am – 10:40am
Mission Meets Margin: Building Ethical, Profitable Behavioral Health Programs

Let's get honest—doing the right thing in behavioral healthcare shouldn't put your organization at a financial disadvantage. This session dives into how ethical decision-making and sustainable business practices go hand in hand, especially when serving people with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. With regulatory scrutiny rising and payers tightening the reins, leaders can't afford to treat compliance and quality as separate goals. We'll explore how transparent staffing, clinically sound admissions, and integrity-driven billing reduce your risk of fraud, waste, and abuse investigations—while building trust, reducing turnover, and yes, improving your bottom line. Expect real examples, hard-earned lessons, and actionable takeaways to help you build systems that prioritize both people and profit. If you've ever wondered whether it's possible to lead with values and stay solvent—this session will prove that it's not only possible, it's the smart move.

Damir S. Utrzan, Ph.D., LMFT, DAAETS
President and Chief Executive Officer
HOROWITZ HEALTH

10:40am – 11:20am
Delivering Mental Health Care at Scale

What are the principles that can drive a system to deliver personalized, high quality , evidence based Mental Health care at a population level? How do we define 'value' in Mental Health care - for patients, payors and providers, in a way that drives towards an effective value based care model. What could be the role of regulation in supporting the creation of value in behavioral health for all stakeholders?

Maria Koshy
Medical Director
KAISER PERMANENTE

11:20am – 12:00pm
Reel Conversations: A Community Wellness Film Journey

This session highlights a year-long partnership between schools, behavioral health agencies, and public health departments that used film to spark open conversations about mental health, reduce stigma, and engage youth and families. Through community screenings and facilitated dialogue, the initiative created safe, inclusive spaces for connection and healing. Learn how this collaborative model fostered cross-agency relationships and empowered students to lead the conversation around wellness and recovery.

Christopher Williams
Peer Empowerment & Mental Wellness Facilitator
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12:00pm – 12:40pm
Equal Coverage on Paper Isn't Enough: Making Mental Health Parity Real

Despite laws requiring equal coverage for mental health and substance use treatment, many people still face barriers their insurance would never allow for physical health conditions. This session breaks down what parity should look like in practice and why we're still falling short. You'll get practical guidance on spotting potential parity violations – like excessive prior authorizations, limited networks or lower reimbursement rates – and how to effectively advocate for patients facing these obstacles. We'll discuss recent enforcement actions that are finally putting teeth into these requirements and how providers can document disparities to support broader advocacy efforts. The focus will be on turning legal requirements into real-world access for people seeking care.

Mark Friedlander, M.D., M.B.A.
VP and Chief Medical Officer
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION, UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

12:30pm
Conference Concludes

WORKSHOP SESSION

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 • 12:45pm – 2:45pm

Keeping Your Tank Full: Practical Tools for Preventing Burnout

Let's face it – we're all feeling it. The never-ending demands, the heartbreaking stories, the system failures, the paperwork. This workshop will dig into the real causes of burnout in behavioral health work and practical ways to address them at both personal and organizational levels. Through interactive exercises, you'll identify your own unique warning signs of compassion fatigue and develop strategies that actually fit into your real life. We'll practice skills for processing the emotional weight of this work without becoming numb or overwhelmed. Just as importantly, we'll tackle the workplace factors that drive burnout and explore how organizations can create cultures that support staff wellbeing without compromising client care. You'll leave with concrete tools you can use immediately to sustain yourself and support your colleagues in this challenging but vital work. Participants will:

- Develop a personalized "early warning system" to catch burnout before it catches you
- Learn practical techniques for maintaining boundaries without losing compassion
- Explore strategies for addressing the moral distress that comes from system failures
- Create an action plan for promoting team resilience and organizational wellbeing

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