

Agenda

Breakfast | 8:30am

Opening remarks | 9:00am – 9:10am

Thinking Ahead: What's Next for Behavioral Health Policy? | 9:10am – 10:25am *Facilitator: Rebecca Farley, Vice President, Policy & Advocacy, National Council for Behavioral Health*

As the practice of behavioral health care changes, so do the policies that govern it. As advocates, what regulatory or legislative solutions do we need to consider as the industry moves towards value driven health care? How can we support pragmatic, effective investments in the behavioral health workforce? What other policy changes should we be advocating for within states to support the future of our industry? Join in the open discussion about the future of behavioral health care and the policies your state is working towards. Learn from colleagues about innovative solutions explored during last year's BHECON events and share ideas for how advocates can get ahead of the curve and guide the future of behavioral health care.

Break | 10:25am – 10:45am

Behavioral Health Research and Data: Where are we? & Where are we going? | 10:45am – 12:15pm
Facilitator: Elizabeth Arend, Quality Improvement Advisor, National Council for Behavioral Health; Speaker: Dr. Mike Menchine, University of Southern California

The University of Southern California Schaeffer Center has presented state-specific data and created tailored chart books for participating BHECON states. Through the process of sorting through available data, it became ever more apparent that there are gaps in data set availability. You will hear from the experts at the Schaeffer Center about the current data that exists and their ideas for areas in research that need further exploration. Join in the discussion after the presentation about your data needs. What data would bolster your state advocacy efforts? What data presented in the chart books had the most impact on your members? What research would you like to be done in the future? Participate in this discussion that will inform a BHECON national call for research.

Lunch | 12:15pm – 1:00pm

Best Practices in Advocacy Roundtable | 1:00pm – 2:25pm *Facilitator: Cliff Johnson, National Journal Membership*

States each have their own laws and regulatory environment, but there are many challenges in providing behavioral healthcare that are not siloed by state lines. As advocates from all BHECON states gather at this national forum, they will have the opportunity to discuss and share successful tactics that have enabled a better provision of services within their state. Attendees will walk away with a few new tools in their advocacy toolbelt and ideas for advocacy campaigns that could be supported by BHECON in 2017.

Closing remarks | 2:25pm – 2:30pm