

National BHECON Forum 2018

April 22nd, 2018; 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Azalea 1, Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, 201 Waterfront St., Oxon Hill, MD

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast**
- 9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introduction**
- 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. The Current State of Health Care Policy & the Future**
This panel session will provide an insider's perspective on current and future health care policies including trends related to the ACA and Medicaid Waivers and their potential impacts to behavioral health and addiction treatment at the state level.
Featuring:
- Elizabeth Carpenter, Senior Vice President, Avalere
 - Elisabeth Wright Burak, Senior Fellow, Center for Children and Families, Georgetown University
 - Rachel Rouben, Health Care Reporter, The Hill
- 10:15 – 10:45 a.m. The ROI of Behavioral Health Investment**
This session, led by Seth Seabury, PhD, Director, Keck-Schaeffer Initiative for Population Health of the USC Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy & Economics, will focus on how to prove the ROI of behavioral health and addiction treatment investment.
- 10:45 – 10:55 a.m. Break**
- 10:55 – 11:05 a.m. State Spotlight: Successful Advocacy Stories**
Eric Foster, VP Substance Abuse Policy & COO, Illinois Association for Behavioral Health
- 11:05 – 11:40 a.m. Break-Out Session: Impact Data Focus Groups**
Attendees will be split into three separate groups, each with a USC Schaeffer Center representative, and will take part in structured conversations to discuss their data challenges, workarounds, and advocacy efforts.
- 11:40 – 11:45 a.m. Break to Grab Boxed Lunch**
- 11:45 – 12:45 p.m. Congressional Management Foundation Training - "Influencing Staff: What Congress' Policy Advisers Want in Briefing Materials"**
This interactive session will help attendees to amplify the impact of their written advocacy materials and provide deeper understanding of what information congressional staff need today.
- 12:45 – 12:55 p.m. State Spotlight: Successful Advocacy Stories**
Kyle Kessler, Executive Director, Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas
- 12:55 – 1:00 p.m. Closing Remarks**