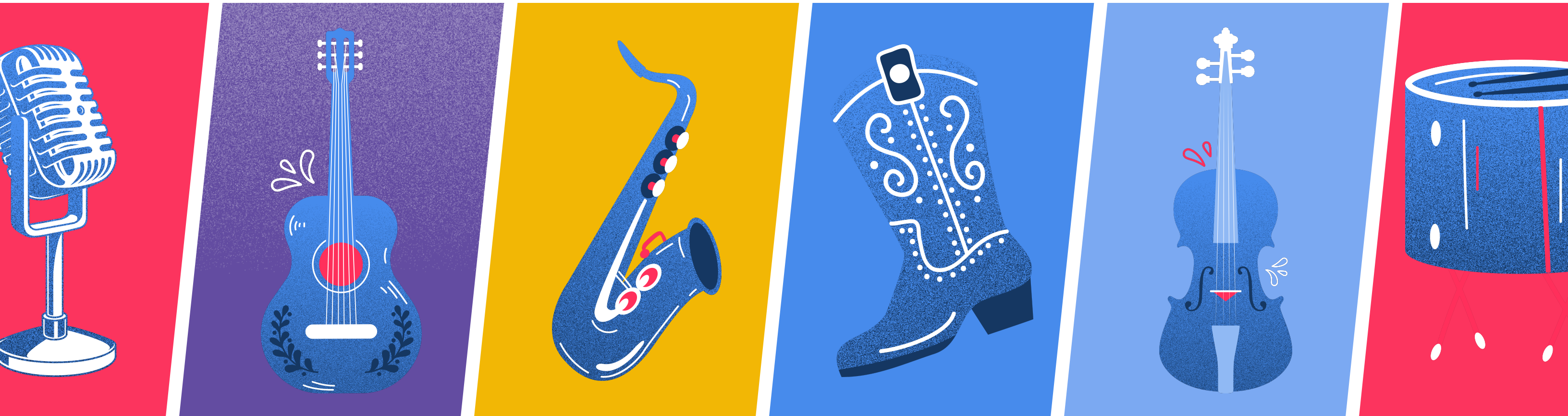


2026 Conference Agenda

September 22–24, 2026 · Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center · Nashville, TN

Five stages. Two rooms for workshops & roundtables. One Expo Hall full of the people building what's next in behavioral health.



How to read this agenda

Every timed slot runs five concurrent sessions across our five stages — Grand Ole Opry, The Bluebird, The Broadway, The Dolly, and The Ryman — with two exceptions: the opening keynote sessions on Days 1 & 2, which run solo on the Grand Ole Opry Stage. On Day 3, the Expo Hall (and The Ryman Stage inside it) closes for the day, so Day 3 runs four concurrent stages instead of five.

SESSION TRACKS

Scaling Access

AI & High Tech

Data & Interoperability

Payer-Provider Partnerships

Funding Behavioral Health

Policy & Advocacy

Sustainable Care Models

Consumer Engagement

High Acuity Care

Substance Use Disorders

Autism & Neurodiversity

Youth & Young Adults

Workplace Benefits

Wellness

Expo Hall / networking & meals

Good to know

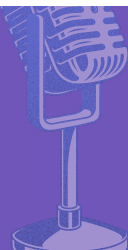
- Registration & Welcome Reception (Delta Lobby BCD) opens Mon 9/21, 6–8 PM, then daily registration starting at 7:30/8:00 AM.
- Exhibitor Registration (Expo Hall Lobby) opens Mon 9/21 at 8 AM.
- Daily recovery meetings, 7:00–7:30 AM all three days: All Recovery (Delta Mezzanine 9) and AI-Anonymous (Delta Mezzanine 7).
- Workshops & Roundtables run in Delta Mezzanine 7 and Delta Mezzanine 9 — see each day's page for what's scheduled.
- AI Demos take over The Ryman Stage on Day 2 from 1:15–5:00 PM — drop by between sessions.

OPENING KEYNOTE

Beyond the Track: A Conversation with Kenny Bednarek and Mary Ann Bednarek

Kenny Bednarek — USA Track & Field; Mary Ann Bednarek

Moderator: Michelle Turner — Here Now Health



9:00 AM–9:30 AM

Grand Ole Opry Stage

TIME	GRAND OLE OPRY	THE BLUEBIRD	THE BROADWAY	THE DOLLY	THE RYMAN
9:45 AM	CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT Precision Behavioral Health: AI-Powered Orchestration for Whole-Person Health Behavioral health is essential to whole-person health, yet fragmented data, disconnected... Moderator: Michael Burcham — Shore Capital Partners Clayton Nicholas — CredibleMind; Robin Wood — California's Valued Trust; Jenny Cooper — Blue Cross NC	SCALING ACCESS Beyond Access: Scaling Complex Care Over the past decade, behavioral health has made real progress expanding access. Moderator: Cynthia Mark — Davidson Mark Group Alethea Varra, PhD — Bend Health; Andrew Bertagnolli, PhD — One Medical; Ann Moran, MBA, LPC, SAC — Sauk Prairie Healthcare, Inc.	SCALING ACCESS Opening the Gate: Reimagining Behavioral Health Across the Full Continuum of Care A conversation about how providing patients a behavioral health home—that spans digital and... Moderator: Ashleigh Hollowell — Behavioral Health Business Erin Boyd — Talkspace; Kelly Loeffler — Universal Health Services, Inc.; Tory Bogatyrenko — Optum	AUTISM & NEURODIVERSITY Supporting People with IDD and Co-Occurring Mental Health Disabilities People with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who also experience mental... Moderator: Tonya Copeland — TrustHaven Advisory Group Merrill Friedman — Elevance Health; Brad Turner — Tennessee Department of Disability and Aging; Katy Neas — The Arc of the United States	YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS Designing for Youth: Building Digital Mental Health Products Teens Will Actually Use UX researchers and teen advisors on what makes or breaks digital mental health engagement for... Moderator: Jessica Jackson, PhD — Mental Health America Mia Lerner — Project Unlaced; Maria Johnson — Charisma Virtual Social Coaching; Leslie Courtney — Somethings; Esha Mittal — The Shared Strength Project; Stephanie Eken, MD, MBA — LifeStance Health
11:00 AM	SCALING ACCESS Dear Sugar: Behavioral Health Tech Edition Dear Sugar: Behavioral Health Tech Edition brings the radical honesty of the advice column... Moderator: Cassie Dawalt — Positively Cass; Stacy DiStefano — Consulting For Human Services Neil Leibowitz, MD, JD — EmblemHealth; Anjlee Joshi — BHT Impact & National Council for Mental Wellbeing; Clare Purvis, PsyD — WELL; Cooper Zelnick — Groups Recover Together	AUTISM & NEURODIVERSITY Navigating What's Next in Autism Care There is no single path for autism care. Moderator: Brian Schenkemeyer — Aetna, a CVS Health company Miriam Ferreira — Aetna, a CVS Health company; Akshay Agrawal — Onos Health; Neil Hattangadi — Cortica	CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT Family-Based Care Works. So Why Isn't It the Standard? The evidence behind family-based treatment models is compelling - yet most families navigating... Moderator: Louise Langheier — Luminary Impact Fund Mariana Greub — Beyou Behavior Therapy; Sue Haswell — Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina; Erin Parks, PhD — Equip; Debra Nussbaum, PhD, LCSW — Optum	SCALING ACCESS Wash. Rinse. Repeat. Stuck in the Most Expensive Cycle in Behavioral Health and How to Break It This exciting panel will explore the realities of behavioral health care delivery through a... Moderator: Luke Raymond — Precise Behavioral Micah Krempasky, MD — Wake Med Health and Hospitals; Stephen Lupe, Psy.D — Cleveland Clinic; Dominique Dietz, LCSW — OSF HealthCare OnCall Digital Health; Grace Juarez — Cedars Sinai	FUNDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Beyond the 2%: How Evidence Strategy Can Help Female Founders Compete for Capital Female founders receive roughly 2 percent of venture capital funding, a gap that persists... Jen Huberty, PhD — Fit Minded; Melissa Wallace — The Fierce Foundry; La Keisha Landrum Peirre — Emmeline Ventures; Margaret Malone — Flare Capital Partners
12:00 PM	POLICY & ADVOCACY After the Expansion Era: What States Owe Behavioral Health Next Over the past decade, states rewrote the rules of behavioral health access. Moderator: Kody Kinsley — Johns Hopkins University Kirsten Johnson — Wisconsin Department of Health Services; Daniel Edney, MD — Mississippi State Department of Health; Kelly Crosbie, MSW, LCSW — North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services	HIGH ACUITY CARE Step-Down Care: The Missing Infrastructure Between Inpatient and Outpatient BH The infrastructure between inpatient and outpatient behavioral health is too thin, too... Moderator: Johnna Kovach — Oceans Healthcare Rebekah Smith — Emory Healthcare; Matthew Serel — You Are Accountable; Anitha Iyer, PhD, MPH — Mount Sinai Health Partners	WORKPLACE BENEFITS Driving Innovation Through Mental Resilience in the Era of AI From global pandemics to the impacts of climate change to the increasing presence of AI,... Moderator: Stephanie Hepburn — CrisisTalk Chris Carey — Calm Health; Stacia Lyman — Lockton Companies	SUSTAINABLE CARE MODELS How Behavioral Healthcare Can Actually Move the Needle on Medical Cost Our health care system is facing greater cost pressure today than in a long time, in part... Moderator: Marissa Plescia — MedCity News Colleen Marshall — Two Chairs; Anthony Oddo — Lucet	AI & HIGH TECH Provider Shortage Or Operational Bottlenecks? How behavioral health organizations are using AI and operational redesign to unlock capacity... Moderator: Josh Tamayo-Sarver, MD, PhD, FACEP, FAMIA, FAIM — Vituity and Inflect Health Madhu Dutta — Center for Human Development; Omer Liran, MD — Cedars-Sinai; Jost Steiskal — mdhub Inc.

TIME	GRAND OLE OPRY	THE BLUEBIRD	THE BROADWAY	THE DOLLY	THE RYMAN
1:45 PM	YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS Authentic Connection: The Power of Youth Peer Support in a Digital and AI-Enabled World Against a backdrop of ongoing distress, mental health system gaps and an uncertain and... Kelly Davis — Mental Health America; Andrew Chang, MD — Nunchi Health; Amanda Beausoleil — Self-Injury Recovery & Awareness (SIRA); Moriah Milner — Self-Injury Recovery & Awareness (SIRA); Roja Yousuf — Nunchi; Isaac Lara — Mental Health America	SCALING ACCESS Behavioral Health, Not BS: Raising the Bar on Evidence-Based Care In a market flooded with hundreds of point solutions, inflated network claims and unvalidated... Moderator: Joe Burton — NovaOne Stephen Smith — NOCD Noto; Kristina Saffran — Equip; Chris Segura — Health Care Service Corporation; Cynthia Anderson, PhD — Avela Health	AI & HIGH TECH From AI to ROI: Can AI Fix the Economics of Behavioral Health? AI is moving quickly into behavioral healthcare, but adoption alone isn't progress. Ross Harper — Limbic; Frank Webster, MD — Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute	AUTISM & NEURODIVERSITY The Adult Autism Diagnosis Wave: What It Means for Treatment, Coverage, and Care The surge in adult autism diagnoses is outpacing the systems designed to support them. Moderator: Kendra Koch — Divergently Becki Richwine — Merakey; Shannon Fitzpatrick — Microsoft; Kathy Carmody — Institute on Public Policy for People with Disabilities; Erica Hare — Aspire Living & Learning	AI & HIGH TECH Consumer-Facing AI in Mental Health: Access vs. Safety vs. Effectiveness The trade-offs in AI therapy tools and chatbots. Moderator: Rebecca Messing Haigler — Healthsperien Neil Leibowitz, MD, JD — EmblemHealth; Jena Grady — Nixon Peabody; Tracy Abzug — TaskUs; Matthew Hawrilenko — Spring Health
2:45 PM	AI & HIGH TECH From Initial Contact Through the Patient Journey: Scaling Access with AI Access to behavioral health care often begins long before a patient enters treatment—and the... Moderator: Bob Holly — Behavioral Health Business, WTW Media Geoff Nudd — Anonymous Health; Mikaela Martin — Verbal Beginnings; Jay Crosson — Cumberland Heights	DATA & INTEROPERABILITY Breaking the Silos — Data, Interoperability, and the Path to Value-Based Care The math on value-based care in behavioral health is straightforward: whole-person outcomes... Moderator: Julie Hayes Seibert — National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Andy Kelly — Boulder Care; Amy Pearlman — Carelon; Mariam Hanna — Optum Behavioral Health	FUNDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Unlocking RHT: Building Sustainable Access for Rural Youth Mental Health Youth in rural communities shouldn't have to wait months for help, or travel hours to find it. Moderator: Patrick Gilligan — Somethings Andrey Ostrovsky, MD, FAAP — Social Innovation Ventures; Kelly Crosbie, MSW, LCSW — North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services	PAYER-PROVIDER PARTNERSHIPS Building the Partner Playbook in Digital Mental Health As digital behavioral health becomes more embedded in mainstream care, successful... Moderator: Stephen Friedhoff, MD — SGF Advisers LLC Josh Bruno — Rula Health; Dawn Gillam — Kaiser Permanente; Jenessa Williams, RN, MBA — Intermountain Health	POLICY & ADVOCACY Psychedelics in Behavioral Health: What the Evidence Actually Supports – and What's Still Hype Esketamine and ketamine are widely used to treat patients with treatment-resistant mental... Moderator: Sarah Norman — BrainFutures Scott Shannon, MD — The Wholeness Center; Nathaniel Mohatt, PhD — ARPA-H; Lucia Huang — Osmind

Workshops & Roundtables

1:45 PM–3:30 PM	AI & HIGH TECH AI-Ready Marketing Workshop: How Discoverability in the Age of AI Impacts Referrals, Admissions, and Growth This workshop helps attendees understand how to prepare their digital and professional relationship marketing for AI-driven discovery... Lee Pepper; Tori Skene — Snapshot Agency Delta Mezzanine 7
2:45 PM–3:30 PM	CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT Roundtable: Reimagining Care at the Intersection of Women’s, Maternal, & Behavioral Health Women’s physical and behavioral health are deeply interconnected, including across fertility and family planning, pregnancy and postpartum... Christine Brocato — CommonSpirit; Brooke Trainum — American Psychiatric Association; Vera Sansone — CPC Integrated Health; Rachel Goldberg — NovaOne Delta Mezzanine 9

Exhibit Hall, Networking, & Meetings

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- 10:30 AM–11:00 AM — Networking Break (Expo Hall)
- 12:00 PM–1:30 PM — Youth Mental Health Lunch (Davidson Ballroom B)
- 12:00 PM–2:00 PM — Lunch (Expo Hall)
- 3:45 PM–5:30 PM — Hosted Buyer Meetings (Expo Hall)
- 5:00 PM–6:30 PM — Networking Reception (Expo Hall)

KEYNOTE

After the Pledge: Who's on the Hook for Behavioral Health Quality?

Patrick J. Kennedy — Psych Hub | The Kennedy Forum; Carisa Schweitzer Masek, PharmD — U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Clive Fields, MD — HHS Healthcare Advisory Committee | VillageMD; Monty Burks, PhD — HHS Center for Faith

Moderator: Marjorie Morrison, LMFT, LPCC — Psych Hub



8:10 AM–8:55 AM

Grand Ole Opry Stage

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9:05 AM	WORKPLACE BENEFITS Designed to Bill, Not to Heal: What the Evidence Says About Fixing Behavioral Health Cost Employers have never spent more on behavioral health. Moderator: Solome Tibebe Yusuf Sherwani, M.D. — Pelago; Brenda Larson — U.S. Venture Inc.; Lou Dierking — Optum	DATA & INTEROPERABILITY Quality You Can See: Turning Behavioral Health Data Into Network Insight Behavioral health has long been a blind spot for health plans. Moderator: Anastassia Gliadkovskaya — Fierce Healthcare Nicole Benson, MD, MBI — Headway; Stoddard Davenport — Milliman; Doug Henry — Highmark Health; Sean Martin, MD — Lucet Health	AUTISM & NEURODIVERSITY CMS is Encouraging States to Cover Alternatives to ABA. Learn From the Plans Already Doing It. In August 2026, CMS released a 173–page Applied Behavior Analysis Toolkit for state Medicaid... Moderator: Tom Peterson — Blackbird Health Nick Dewan, MD — Florida Blue; Gary Cowan — Horizon Blue; Mike Suiters — Positive Development	SCALING ACCESS Human Judgment at Scale: Responsible AI in Behavioral Health Artificial intelligence offers behavioral health organizations powerful new ways to expand... Shawn Griffin — URAC; Heather Geracie — TimelyCare	POLICY & ADVOCACY More Good Days Online: Co-Creating Technology Safeguards with Youth to Advance Mental Well-Being Billions of youth engage daily with technologies like social media and generative AI, making... Moderator: Dominique Freeman — BHT Impact Katherine Grill, PhD — Katherine Grill Consulting, New Mexico Department of Health; Tessa Medina-Lucero — New Mexico Department of Health; Andy Valle — New Mexico Department of Health; Lidah Larsen — Youth Adult Partnership
	10:05 AM	SUSTAINABLE CARE MODELS Treating the Hardest Cases: How AI-Informed Care Is Closing the Gap for High-Acuity Patients Patients with complex trauma histories, co-occurring disorders, or prior treatment failures... Moderator: Anastassia Gliadkovskaya — Fierce Healthcare Carter Barnhart — Charlie Health; Manish Sapra, MD — CommonSpirit; Debra Nussbaum, PhD, LCSW — Optum	FUNDING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Who's Getting Funded and Why: Capital, Consolidation, and the Next Wave of BH Tech Where capital is flowing, which business models are attracting investment, and what it takes... Bill Watts — Brown Gibbons Lang & Company; Nans Rivat — PACE Healthcare Capital; Kelsey Maguire — Blue Venture Fund; Ezra Mehlman — Health Enterprise Partners; Chris Rogers — B.C. Ziegler	YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS The Pediatric Behavioral Health Crisis Inside Hospitals: What Redesign Actually Takes Pediatric EDs are boarding children in mental health crisis for days. Moderator: Kasia Mitchell — Children's Hospital Los Angeles Tia Llewellyn — AdventHealth; Marti Taylor — Aetna; Brandon Keppner — Parkside Psychiatric Hospital and Clinic	HIGH ACUITY CARE Why Crisis Calls Don't Connect: Bridging the Gap Between 911 and 988 When someone in crisis calls 911, the dispatcher has immediate access to call history,... Moderator: Dr. Lana Lipe, LCSW — Hoosier Mental Health Jeff Schemmer — Indiana Statewide 911 Board; Dawn Peel, LPC, CPCS — State of Georgia; Debbie Atkins, MAC, LPC — Carelon Behavioral Health

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1:15 PM	PAYER-PROVIDER PARTNERSHIPS From Episodes to Impact: Why Behavioral Health Must Be Designed for Continuity Behavioral health is still built around defined episodes of care, but patients do not engage... Moderator: Jenna Glover, PhD — Headspace Wes Knepper — SonderMind; Eric Pfleger — Southeast Primary Care Partners; Dr. Gregory Harris, MD, MPH, DLFAPA, CHIE — BlueCross and BlueShield of Massachusetts	DATA & INTEROPERABILITY Workforce Intelligence: Connecting Competency Measurement, Analytics, and Technology to Outcomes As behavioral health organizations face growing expectations around quality, accountability,... Moderator: Jeremy Attermann — National Council for Mental Wellbeing Bruce Woodall — Relias; Kyu Rhee, Dr. — National Association of Community Health Centers; Billina Shaw, MD, MPH — ViCat Consulting	HIGH ACUITY CARE Reimagining Crisis Response: From ED to Community-Based Solutions That Scale How crisis stabilization units, mobile crisis teams, and alternative receiving centers are... Moderator: Stephanie Hepburn — CrisisTalk Amanda Lienau, PhD — U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Garima Singh, MD, FAPA, CPE, DFAACAP — Centerstone; Cara McNulty, DPA — Vibrant Emotional Health; Sam Dorison, LLM, MSc — ReflexAI; Kimberly Walton, MSN, RN — Vituity	AI & HIGH TECH Harnessing Innovation at Scale: New AI Opportunities for Managing Behavioral Health Quality This session will examine how the complexity of behavioral health care combined with a high... Moderator: Pamela Greenberg, MPP — Industry Advisor Akshay Agrawal — Onos Health; Sean Martin, MD — Lucet Health; Deborah Fernandez-Turner, DO — Aetna, A CVS Health Company; Frank Webster — Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute	AI & HIGH TECH · THE RYMAN STAGE AI Demos Rotating 20-minute sponsor demos — drop in any time, 1:15–5:00 PM 1:15 PM The Next Decade of SMI Care: What Actually Moves the Needle Liz Kwo — Vanna Healthcare; John Machalek — Carelon Behavioral Health 1:35 PM AI-Powered Hiring: Addressing the Behavioral Health Workforce Shortage Jack Zeifang — Workday 1:55 PM How AI Is Helping Behavioral Health Providers Get Credentialed, Enrolled, and Billable — Faster Mallory Smith — Medallion 2:15 PM From Credentialing to Claims: Long-Horizon Agents For Healthcare Operations Jagannath Putrevu — Champ AI 2:35 PM From Bottlenecks to Admissions: Leverage AI to Standardize Intake,Empower Clinicians,Expand Capacity Shana Palmieri, LCSW — XFERALL; Adam Lowry — Universal Health Services (UHS) 2:55 PM From Burnout to Automation: AI for the Behavioral Health Front Office Rian Manley — DoctorConnect.net 3:15 PM Live Scribe + AI Update: A Live Demo of ClinicMind's Behavioral Health AI Edisa Shirley — ClinicMind 3:35 PM CharmAnywhere: Conversational AI That Puts the EHR in Your Pocket Jaimon Jose — Charm Health
2:15 PM	DATA & INTEROPERABILITY The Boring Work Is Still the Moat: What Years of BH Data Taught Us That AI Can't Shortcut Behavioral health organizations sit on years of clinical and operational data, yet most still... Moderator: Mary Williams — Valant Ram Krishnan — Valant; Brian Wheelan — Transformations Care Network; LaToya Blaylock — LRB Healthcare; Bhavik Patel — Leon Healthcare Partners	DATA & INTEROPERABILITY Stop Buying Access: Leveraging Data-Informed Tech to Empower Care Navigators, Members, and Providers Mental health buyers have spent years walking down a one-way street – sold on broad,... Moderator: Cara McNulty, DPA — Vibrant Emotional Health Spencer Gardner — Tava Health; Stuart Lustig, MD, MPH — Cigna Healthcare; Kathleen Mahieu, MBA, MEd — CCA Inc	WORKPLACE BENEFITS The EAP Is Broken: What Employers Are Doing Instead (and Alongside It) Honest employer perspectives on the limits of traditional EAPs and the EAP 2.0 models showing... Moderator: Pawel Walczuk — Accenture Teresa Chapman — Santa Clara Family Health Plan; Paul El-Meouchy — Inter-American Development Bank; Stacia Lyman — Lockton Companies	SUSTAINABLE CARE MODELS Beyond the Status Quo: Health Plans Reimagining Mental Healthcare Mental health care has long been defined by fragmented access, inconsistent outcomes, and... Moderator: Hayley Hovious — HC9 Ventures Brett Shrewsbury — Meru Health; Sarah Fleury — BCBS of Rhode Island; Maria Koshy, Dr. — The Permanente Medical Group; Shilo Smith — Moda Health; Sue Haswell — Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina	
3:15 PM	PAYER-PROVIDER PARTNERSHIPS The Future of Behavioral Health: Access Isn't Enough Anymore For years, behavioral healthcare has been focused on increasing access to care. Moderator: Amy Pearlman — Carelon Stephen Smith — NOCD Noto; Kenneth Duckworth — NAMI; Dr. Gregory Harris, MD, MPH, DLFAPA, CHIE — BlueCross and BlueShield of Massachusetts	DATA & INTEROPERABILITY You Can't Deliver Care You Can't Afford: Behavioral Health's RCM Crisis Behavioral health providers operate on thin margins, complex billing codes, and payer... Moderator: Adam Stoler — Aligned Solutions LLC Daniela Tejada — Candid Health; Ashish Mandavia, MD — Sohar Health; Eric Paul — River Park Hospital – Ascension St Thomas; Yvette Jackson, DBH, LMSW — Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	SUSTAINABLE CARE MODELS Therapy Is the Default, And That's the Problem: Rethinking the Economics of Mental Health The U.S. spends tens of billions of dollars on outpatient therapy each year, yet outcomes... Moderator: Charles Fan — Headspace Jason Youngblood — Cigna Healthcare; Bevin Ricker — Frontier Airlines	SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS The SUD Gap: Proven Treatments, Broken Delivery Only a fraction of people with substance use disorders ever receive evidence-based treatment. Moderator: David Ricupero — Affect Therapeutics Suzette Glasner, Ph.D. — Pelago; Joseph Lee, MD — Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation; Nicole Stelter, PhD, LMFT — Blue Shield of California	
4:15 PM	CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT Retention Isn't the Point: Rethinking What Good Engagement Actually Looks Like in Behavioral Health The behavioral health industry has spent years trying to keep people in care longer. Moderator: Ted Faneuff, LISW-S, LMSW, LCSW, MBA — Therapists in Tech Renea Bentley — Wellpoint; Russell DuBois — BetterHelp; Justin Coffey, MD — Workit Health; Scott Bender — Health Care Service Corporation		SUSTAINABLE CARE MODELS Centralizing Behavioral Health: A Health System's Strategy to Expand Access to Quality Care CommonSpirit is a leading nationwide health system with over 2,200 care sites and 35,000... Christine Brocato — CommonSpirit; Manish Sapra, MD — CommonSpirit	SUSTAINABLE CARE MODELS The Patient the System Keeps Losing: Reimagining Maternal Mental Health Care Maternal mental health has finally entered the mainstream conversation — but the care system... Moderator: Madonna Delfish — American Psychiatric Association Emma Sugerman — Mavida Health; Sarah Fleury — BCBS of Rhode Island; Rachel Goldberg — NovaOne	

Workshops & Roundtables

8:45 AM–9:45 AM	AI & HIGH TECH Roundtable: From Advisory to Authority: Clinical Leaders Who Build AI, Not Just Bless It. Most behavioral health AI products have a clinical leader somewhere in the org chart. Moderator: Dana Udall — Alette Health Delta Mezzanine 7	1:05 PM–2:35 PM	YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS Youth-Centered Design: Co-Creating Behavioral Health Solutions That Actually Work Young people are the fastest-growing users of digital mental health tools – yet most behavioral health products, services, and AI tools... Alex Nana-Sinkam — IDEO.org; Victoria Yan — IDEO Delta Mezzanine 7
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3:15 PM–5:00 PM

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Measure What Matters: Building an Actionable Measurement Strategy in Youth Behavioral Health

Defining a measurement strategy in youth behavioral health can feel overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be.

Greta McAnany — MCert (Mental Health Certification); Anjlee Joshi — BHT Impact & National Council for Mental Wellbeing; Amber Childs, PhD — The Dr. Amber Childs Advisory & BHT Impact; Lisa Walker — Innovating Impact LLC & MCert; Kay Nikiforova, PhD — Safer AI Use / Violet; Adele Wang, PhD — Surgo Health; Guiying (Angel) Zhong — Vanderbilt University; Nathaan Demers — Hopelab; Amy Pearlman — Carelon

Delta Mezzanine 7

Exhibit Hall, Networking, & Meetings

- 7:00 AM–8:00 AM — Goat Yoga (District Yard)
- 7:00 AM–7:30 AM — All Recovery (Delta Mezzanine 9)
- 7:00 AM–7:30 AM — AI-Anonymous (Delta Mezzanine 7)
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- 7:30 AM–5:00 PM — Exhibitor Registration (Expo Hall Lobby)
- 7:30 AM–5:00 PM — Registration (Delta Lobby BCD)
- 7:30 AM–5:00 PM — Exhibit Hall is open
- 10:50 AM–11:20 AM — Networking Break (Expo Hall)
- 11:05 AM–12:50 PM — Hosted Buyer Meetings (Expo Hall)
- 11:40 AM–1:40 PM — Lunch (Expo Hall)
- 5:00 PM–7:00 PM — Honky Tonk Networking Reception (Foundry Fieldhouse)

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8:00 AM	YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS Addressing Drivers of Youth Mental Wellbeing Through Digital Tools, Community, and Prevention Youth mental health is no longer a future issue; it's a present-day business, clinical, and... Moderator: Lorena Roth — Kaiser Permanente Shairi Turner, MD — Crisis Text Line; Caren Howard — Mental Health America; Pam Jenkins — Shatterproof; Freya Bajaj	DATA & INTEROPERABILITY What Community Providers Actually Need from Tech – and What Gets in the Way Community provider leaders pull back the curtain on how they evaluate and adopt technology ... Moderator: Matt Schappell — Frist Cressey Ventures Ibukan Odutola, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC, CGNC — DIL Organization-Health Tech Innovation Corporation; Daniel Caridi — Kibu; Cisco Skanson — Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation; Khurum Shafi — Twilio	CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT Coverage Isn't Access: Reaching Behavioral Health's Hardest-to-Engage Populations For millions of Medicaid members and safety-net populations, behavioral health coverage exists... Moderator: Cheryl Healy — McKinsey Shruti Gurudanti — Televeda; A. Polly Jessen — Fairview Housing Management Corporation; Zachary McGeorge, DSW, LCSW — AdventHealth; Jaffer Traish — Findhelp	PAYER-PROVIDER PARTNERSHIPS The Behavioral Health VBC Gap: Where Contracts Break Down and How to Build Past It From shared savings to full risk, most behavioral health VBC arrangements stall somewhere... Moderator: Adam Stoler — Aligned Solutions LLC Katherine Hobbs, MD — Author Health; Dr. Gregory Harris, MD, MPH, DLFAPA, CHIE — BlueCross and BlueShield of Massachusetts; Carmen Parker-Bradshaw — Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas; Inderpreet Dhillon, MD, MBA — Grow Therapy
8:55 AM	POLICY & ADVOCACY Partnering for Progress: Perspectives from Governors' Offices on YMH Technology Join the National Governors Association for a conversation about how state policy leaders and... Moderator: Jess Kirchner — National Governors Association Rebecca Sterling — California Department of Health Care Services; Nakia Jones — Alabama Department of Mental Health; Kelly Perry — Oklahoma Human Services	SCALING ACCESS Where Evidence Meets What's Next: Lessons From Leaders Bridging MH and IDD Care Proven frameworks remain the foundation of good care, but they were not built for the... Moderator: Stacy DiStefano — Consulting For Human Services Maurice Washington, DNP — Elwyn; Crystal Taylor-Dietz, PsyD — Devereux	HIGH ACUITY CARE Diagnosis Is a Starting Point, Not a Care Plan Behavioral health systems have long organized care around diagnosis — but for people with... Moderator: Pooja Sikka, MD — Meridian Health Ventures Joe Parks, MD — firsthand; Nicholas Carson, MD, DFAACAP, DFAPA — Cambridge Health Alliance; Mike Franz, MD, DFAACAP, FAPA — Regence Health Plans	
9:50 AM	POLICY & ADVOCACY From Boardroom to Capitol Hill: How Strategic Governance Accelerates Behavioral Health Policy Wins As behavioral health organizations navigate an increasingly complex policy landscape,... Lauren Conaboy — Centerstone; Deborah Taylor Tate — Centerstone; Jonathan Morphett — Avondale Partners & Centerstone's Institute; Reed Farley — Centerstone	WORKPLACE BENEFITS Beyond Benefits: Tackling Upstream Stressors to Build Thriving Workplaces Employers have rapidly become one of the largest – and most underleveraged – access points for... Moderator: Clayton Lord — SHRM Foundation Suzi Craig — Mental Health America; Cynthia Hutchins — Bank of America	YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS Schools Can't Do This Alone – But They Can't Opt Out Either The youth mental health crisis has landed in classrooms, hallways, and counselors' offices... Moderator: Alison Malmon — Active Minds Alicia Ead — The Bradley Learning Exchange; Lauren Carson — Black Girls Smile; Gabi Green; Yatee Budhiraja — Youthline	
10:45 AM	YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS From Stadiums to Schools: New Pathways to Youth Mental Health Access Youth mental health awareness has never been higher—but access to care remains one of the... Moderator: Olivier Williams, JM, LSSGB — Kindbridge Alexandra Miles — PROJECT BLACKBIRD Inc; Craig Mason — Myndset; Andrew Givens — National Junior College Athletic Association	SUSTAINABLE CARE MODELS The Unlicensed Workforce Is Already Running Behavioral Health Behavioral health systems are built around licensed clinicians, but that model alone is not... Moderator: Evan Strother — Acadia Healthcare Shrenik Jain — Marigold Health; Robert McAlonan, LCSW — VNS Health; Sarah Fleury — BCBS of Rhode Island		

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