

Innovation-Focused WHA Mental Health and Addiction Care Conference on Oct. 18; Registration Closing Soon

Registration is ending soon for the WHA Mental Health and Addiction Care Conference on Wednesday, Oct. 18, in Wisconsin Dells. To register for the conference, go to www.wha.org/Mental-Health.

This conference provides an opportunity for WHA members and their invited community partners, such as local crisis service agencies, local county human service departments, local law enforcement and others, to hear and discuss mental health care delivery opportunities and innovations occurring in Wisconsin and in other states that could serve as models in Wisconsin's diverse communities.

Developed through the WHA Mental Health and Addiction Care Member Forum, the innovation-focused agenda includes presentations on:

- Development of the new Milwaukee Mental Health Emergency Center serving as a dedicated psychiatric emergency department,
- Health Partners' telehealth crisis service serving western Wisconsin hospitals and their post-acute crisis beds operating in eastern Minnesota,
- Opportunities to expand access to buprenorphine treatment in emergency departments and other settings,
- Review of Wisconsin's emergency detention, crisis services, and mental health and substance use disorder reimbursement statutes and rules to help set a foundation for identifying opportunities for local service delivery innovation,
- Experiences from Missouri's regional community mental health system which includes 28 contracted regions providing comprehensive community behavioral health services utilizing a retrospective cost-based Medicaid reimbursement funding model, and
- A multi-stakeholder panel discussion focusing on strengths of each component of Wisconsin's mental health system and building on those strengths to reshape Wisconsin's mental health system at a local and statewide level.

Additionally, there are sponsorship and exhibiting opportunities available for WHA members and corporate members. If you would like more information, contact WHA's Vice President of Education and Marketing [Leigh Ann Larson](#).

For additional information about the conference, including the current agenda and registration, click [here](#).

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