

# Annual Behavioral Health Training Conference

**October 1-3, 2026**

**Pre-Conference on September 30, 2026**

## **CALL FOR SPEAKERS & PROPOSALS**

On behalf of the Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council (CBHC), the Conference Planning Committee is requesting proposals for conference sessions. The 2026 CBHC Annual Training Conference will be held September 30 – October 3, 2026 in Breckenridge, CO at the Beaver Run Resort and Conference Center.

### Conference Theme:

***Meeting the Moment for Communities.*** This theme centers on the urgent challenges and opportunities facing behavioral health providers, leaders, and community partners, and highlights innovative, collaborative, and actionable solutions that respond to the needs of communities right now.

### Suggested Breakout / Workshop Topics:

Suggested topics may include, but are not limited to:

**Clinical Topics:** MAT, Zero Suicide, Transition Age Youth, TBI, Geriatric Issues, Veterans Services, Substance Abuse Programs, Criminal Justice Programs, Peer Services, LGBTQ+ Care, DEI Initiatives, Crisis Care, Trauma Informed Care, Innovative Programs, Integrated Care & Whole-Person Health, Co-Occurring Disorders, Severe Mental Illness (SMI) & Complex Care Coordination, Youth & Family Systems of Care, Culturally Responsive & Community-Led Clinical Models, Harm Reduction Strategies, Digital Therapeutics & Virtual Clinical Interventions

**Board/Upper Management Topics:** Philanthropic Efforts, Revenue Streams, Generational Differences, Board Health, Diversity and Inclusion, Change Management, Stakeholder Engagement, Public Policy Topics, Leading Through Change, Creating Partnerships, Financial Sustainability in Uncertain Funding Environments, Value-Based Care & Alternative Payment Models, Workforce Recruitment, Retention & Succession Planning, Risk Management & Organizational Resilience, Mergers, Acquisitions & Strategic Alliances, Ethical Leadership & Organizational Accountability, Measuring Impact & Outcomes for Funders and Policymakers

**Business Topics:** Telehealth, Technology, Cybersecurity, Data Collection, Current Business Practices, Accounting, Innovative Programs, Automation & Workflow Optimization, Digital Equity & Access to Technology, Compliance, Audits, & Regulatory Readiness, Change Fatigue & Operational Readiness, AI Governance, Ethics & Practical Use Cases



**Social Determinants:** Public Health, Human Services, Law Enforcement/First Responder Issues, Social Exclusion, Urbanization, Food Insecurity, Housing, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Community Violence Prevention & Intervention, Immigration, Refugee & New American Services, Rural & Frontier Behavioral Health Challenges, Transportation Access & Mobility Barriers, Environmental Stressors & Climate-Related Mental Health Impacts

**Additional Topic Areas:** Burnout Prevention, CCBHC Initiatives, Wellness Activities, Mental Health First Aid, State and Federal Initiatives, Applicable Skills Trainings, Secondary Traumatic Stress & Compassion Fatigue, Psychological Safety in the Workplace, Peer Workforce Development & Career pathways, Policy Implementation at the Provider Level, Evaluation, Continuous Quality Improvement & Data-Driven Decision Making

**\*You can also look at last year's conference program for other examples and ideas:**

<https://www.cbhc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/CBHC-2025-Program.pdf>

### Conference Program & Webinar Series:

Due to the high quality and volume of proposals received each year, CBHC may select some sessions to be offered as virtual/webinar presentations separate from the in-person conference (either before or after via a distinct learning series). Webinars are not to be offered as a virtual conference session during the in-person live conference. These sessions are considered an extension of the conference program and allow CBHC to broaden access, deepen learning, and continue timely conversations throughout the year.

Presenters will be asked to indicate their willingness to participate in a post-conference webinar as part of the submission process.

### Proposal Timetable:

Timely submission is critical to inclusion in the program. The procedures and timetable enumerated below will apply.

1. *Deadline for Proposals*

All session proposals must be submitted by 11:59 pm on **April 15, 2026**. Early submissions are encouraged.

2. *Acceptance of Proposals*

Presenters will be notified by **May 1, 2026** if their session has been selected. The number of accepted proposals is limited to the current available session slots. The Planning Committee will contact the primary presenter for each proposal.

### Submission Guidelines:

Session proposals should be prepared in accordance with the guidelines below. Please use [THIS ONLINE FORM](#) to submit your proposal. If you experience issues using the online form, you may download and complete this [WORD FORM](#) and email it to Brittany Langevin at [blangevin@cbhc.org](mailto:blangevin@cbhc.org).



All submissions should include the following:

- Name, email address, phone number, and physical mailing address of the presenter
- Up to a 50-word bio of the presenter
- Presenter's CV/Resume
- Proposed session title
- 50-word session abstract/description
- Preferred session length (45 minutes, 60 minutes, 90 minutes, or two 90-minute sessions)
- Full description of the proposed session (including outline or PowerPoint, if available)
- Intended outcomes and learning objectives for session attendees
- Description of presentation style and delivery format (e.g., lecture, panel, interactive, skills-based; in-person, or virtual/webinar)\*
- Indication of whether the presenter is willing to present the session as a virtual/webinar offering at a later date if not selected for the in-person conference program
- Requested compensation, if applicable\*

Though a video or audio recording of the presenter is not required, it is strongly encouraged to help the selection committee better understand presentation style and delivery.

#### Submission Links:

We request that you utilize [THIS ONLINE FORM](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFmBz9eVdT_W59CMsF2GnChCfmPBI3X9fkvk1gKM-1enMFIA/viewform?usp=publish-editor) to submit your proposal:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFmBz9eVdT\\_W59CMsF2GnChCfmPBI3X9fkvk1gKM-1enMFIA/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScFmBz9eVdT_W59CMsF2GnChCfmPBI3X9fkvk1gKM-1enMFIA/viewform?usp=publish-editor)

For multiple speakers, please complete a separate form for each presenter or submit individual information for each speaker using the Word form.

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#### Please note:

\*CBHC will determine compensation, including honorarium and travel reimbursement, based on available funding. Submission of a request does not guarantee reimbursement or payment, and support may vary by presenter and session type.

\*Presenters who are employees of CBHC member organizations will not receive speaking fees, and any related costs (including travel and lodging) are the responsibility of the speaker or their organization. Conference registration for the day of presentation will be provided to selected presenters.

\*The session description submitted is expected to reflect the content presented. If changes are requested after acceptance, they must be submitted in writing to Brittany Langevin as soon as possible.

The Planning Committee will review all requested changes and determine whether the session may proceed as revised.

The Conference Planning Committee looks forward to receiving proposals for the **2026 CBHC Annual Training Conference**. Thank you for your interest and participation.

**Questions may be directed to:**

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