

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POLICY FORUM: MEETING THE MOMENT AND PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE



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404 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles

This conference will bring together federal leaders, elected officials, and leadership and staff from behavioral health agencies, counties, people with lived experience, and allied state advocacy organizations. The conference allows attendees to engage with leaders, community organizations, and providers in the behavioral health arena while focusing on national and state trends in behavioral health systems and how we can mobilize to build a comprehensive and more equitable behavioral health system for all.

Hear from leading experts on behavioral health on issues, including:

- CARE Act
- Proposition 1
- Medicaid
- Substance Use Disorder Expansion
- CalAIM
- Health Equity
- Technology in Behavioral Health
- Private Attorneys General Act
- Federal Updates



Keynote Speaker
Monica Oss
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Monica E. Oss, MS, is the founder of OPEN MINDS and serves as its chief executive officer, executive editor of its publications and websites, and executive lead of its consulting engagements. For the past three decades, Ms. Oss has led the OPEN MINDS team and its research on health and human service market trends and its national consulting practice. She is well known for her numerous books and articles focused on the strategic and marketing implications of the evolving health and human service field – and its focus on the verticals of the field serving consumers with chronic conditions and complex support needs.



Learn from leaders and experts in behavioral health!



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