



## **Symposium Unplugged: Innovating for Behavioral Health Care Access**

8 AM      **Registration and Networking Breakfast**

9 AM      **Welcome**

Karen McNeil-Miller, President and CEO, Colorado Health Foundation

9:30 –

10:30 AM    **Sparking Meaningful Change through Community Collaboration**

*A number of regional leaders and public health officials elevated behavioral health challenges as a foremost community priority, resulting in increased access to behavioral health resources throughout northwest Colorado. Attendees will learn how community dialogue has led to action in bringing behavioral health resources to Coloradans in the region.*

- Tamara Drangstveit, Executive Director, Family & Intercultural Resource Center
- Karen Koenemann, Public Health Director, Pitkin County
- Lin Wilder, Director, Community Impact Team, Health District of Northern Larimer County

**Facilitator:** Dustin Moyer, Program Officer, Colorado Health Foundation

10:30 AM    **Break**

10:45 –

11:45 AM    **A Vision for Tomorrow: Behavioral Health Innovations Catalyzing Impact**

*Disparities in behavioral health access exist on the basis of race and for other marginalized groups. This conversation brings together leaders who have a collective vision for a brighter tomorrow with a focus on eliminating inequities. Attendees will learn how behavioral health innovation in northwest Colorado can catalyze increased behavioral health resources for the state and beyond.*

- Janina E. Fariñas, Director, Community and Health Equity Partnerships, One Health Institute at Colorado State University
- Ernest House, Jr., Senior Policy Director, Keystone Policy Center
- Chris Lindley, Public Health Director, Eagle County

**Facilitator:** Chris Bui, Senior Program Officer, Colorado Health Foundation

11:45 AM    **Networking Lunch**

12:45 –

1:30 PM    **Keynote: Addiction and Recovery**

Vic Vela, Weekend Host and Reporter, Colorado Public Radio

1:30 – **Karen McNeil-Miller joins Vic Vela for a Keynote Q & A Session**  
1:45 PM

1:45 PM **Break**

2 – 3 PM **Breakout Sessions: Please select one of the following afternoon sessions to attend.**

### **Lifecycle of a Ballot Measure | Location: Library Classroom**

*Colorado is one of the 14 states that allow citizens to change local and state policy by using a ballot measure. Based on community needs, Colorado voters have passed several measures to finance mental health and substance use programs. During this session, attendees will learn about key strategic decisions that can lead to a successful ballot measure campaign.*

- Paul W. Reich, Behavioral Health Program Manager, Tri-County Health Network
- Kate Stigberg, Senior Director of Activism, Healthier Colorado

**Facilitator:** Kyle Legleiter, Senior Director of Policy, Colorado Health Foundation

### **How Grassroots Leadership and Cultural Responsiveness Leads to Equitable Behavioral Health Access | Location: Garfield Room (Also available via Livestream)**

*There is a clear intersection between access to behavioral health resources and equity. Leaders across the region are innovating to ensure underrepresented communities and Coloradans have access to the behavioral health resources they deserve. Attendees will learn about grassroots leadership and the role of cultural competency in authentically connecting with communities.*

- Elaine Grossman, Executive Director, Valley Settlement
- Crystal Mariscal, Grassroots Advocate, Community Organizer, New Castle, Colorado Town Councilmember
- Dolores Montanez, Mental Health Counselor, Immigrant Justice Advocate, Hispanic Affairs Project Volunteer

**Facilitator:** Monica Beltran, Program Officer, Colorado Health Foundation

### **Harnessing the Power of Storytelling for Advocacy | Location: Delaplane Room**

*Stories are essential for bringing complex issues to life, especially when advocating for policy issues that matter most to your mission. During this session, attendees will learn more about what it takes to successfully use storytelling to advocate for change and advance policy.*

- Lorez Meinhold, Interim Executive Director, Caring 4 Denver Foundation
- Jace Woodrum, Sr. Officer of Public Opinion Insights, Colorado Health Foundation

**Facilitator:** Taryn Fort, Senior Director of Communications, Colorado Health Foundation

\*Event concludes after the 2-3 p.m. breakout sessions. Be sure to complete the event evaluation survey, which will be emailed to all attendees on **Monday, April 29.**

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