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>> February 11-14 >> Washington, D.C.

Programs and Services Committee

Sunday, February 12, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | Location: Fairchild, Terrace Level

Programs and Services Committee Leadership

Chair: Hon. Phyllis Randall, Chair At-Large, Loudoun County, Va. **Vice Chair:** Hon. Allan Angel, Commissioner, Kent County, Del.

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Vice Chair: Hon. Mike Smith, Calcasieu Parish Police Juror District 2, Calcasieu Parish, La.

Vice Chair: Hon. William Truex, Commissioner, Charlotte County, Fla.

Meeting Agenda

2:00 PM: Call to Order and Welcome

• Hon. Phyllis Randall, Chair At-Large, Loudoun County, Va.

2:10 PM: Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), a skills-based training administered by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, teaches people how to identify, understand and respond to signs and symptoms of mental health and substance use challenges in their peers, friends and colleagues. NACo has partnered with the National Council for Mental Wellbeing to offer crucial MHFA trainings to county employees and the communities they serve.

Brandon Natsuhara, National Program Director of Technology Partnerships, NACo Financial Services
Corporation

2:20 PM: NACo Research and Programs that Support County Behavioral Health Crisis Response

NACo has partnered with the Sozosei Foundation and The Pew Charitable Trusts to study and support county behavioral health crisis response. NACo staff will provide an overview of current work to identify funding streams that support the behavioral health continuum of care and to study the intersection and interoperability of 988 and 911.

- Chelsea Thomson, NACo Senior Program Manager, Behavioral Health and Justice
- Nina Ward, NACo Senior Program Manager, Behavioral Health and Justice

2:30 PM: New NACo Resources on Substance Use Disorder

NACo's Opioid Solutions Center (OSC) empowers local leaders to invest resources in effective treatment, recovery, prevention and harm reduction practices that save lives and address the underlying causes of substance use disorder. Committee members will receive an update on OSC resources and a preview of workshop, Paving a Path through the Overdose Epidemic: Enhancing Health and Safety through Harm Reduction, held directly following the committee meeting.

• Sammy Karon, NACo Senior Program Manager, Substance Use Disorder

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2:35 PM: Suicide as a Key Public Health Concern

Suicide is a major public health concern and is among the leading causes of death in the United States. Based on recent mortality data, suicide in some populations is on the rise. This short session will feature a briefing on national suicide rates and prevention strategies and discussion on county observations on suicidality.

• Ashleigh Holand, NACo Director, Counties Futures Lab

2:50 PM: NACo's Mental Health Summit

Our nation's mental health policies, programs and practices – across all levels of government and the private sector – are insufficient to meet the scale of the growing mental health crisis and direct service responsibilities are falling increasingly to America's counties, as the nation's safety net for residents in need, first responders, and operators of crisis lines, public hospitals and detention centers. Committee members are encouraged to join NACo's inaugural Mental Health Summit on Monday, February 13, to discuss innovations and solutions for this growing crisis with the nation's leading experts.

• Ashley Hunt, NACo Program Manager, Health

2:55 PM: Committee Business

• Hon. Phyllis Randall, Chair At-Large, Loudoun County, Va.

3:00 PM: Meeting Concludes

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