



# Participant Agenda

## Meeting Information

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August 20, 2024 at 11:00 – 12:30 pm CT

\*Please [register](#) in advance\*

## Facilitators and Presenters

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### Facilitators

- Jill Kemper (HMA)
- Boyd Brown (HMA)
- Paul Fleissner (HMA)

### Presenters

- Megan Loew, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)
- [Anthony Carter](#) and [Rachel Kessler](#), National Council of Mental Wellbeing

## Minnesota Substance Use Disorder Community of Practice Meeting Overview

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The Minnesota Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Community of Practice (CoP) consists of people who are engaged in the field of SUD treatment and prevention in any capacity including, but not limited to, people with lived experience, providers, family members, researchers, recovery peers, state agency and county health and human service representatives, health plan representatives and advocates. The group will issue reports and recommendations to the stakeholders throughout Minnesota.

During the CoP, Megan Loew, MDH, will present on the current behavioral health workforce crisis in Minnesota. Following the presentation, [Anthony Carter](#) and [Rachel Kessler](#) from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing will present on recent work centered around developing levers to strengthen the behavioral health workforce. Prior to the meeting, members are invited to review the [Crosswalk of National Behavioral Health Workforce Recommendations](#) developed by the Center for Workforce Solutions which cross walked more than 400 recommendations from published reports to develop a framework for the levers of change required to drive action. Attendees will also have the opportunity to discuss workforce challenges and solutions they are experiencing in their systems of practice.

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- Welcome, Introductions, and Updates
- Presentation: Minnesota Behavioral Health Workforce
- Presentation and Facilitated Discussion: Behavioral Health Workforce Improvement Models
- Wrap Up and Next Steps

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