



# Federation of State Physician Health Programs

## FSPHP Insights

February 13, 2026



### FEATURED SPEAKERS

**George M. Abraham, MD, MPH, MACP, FIDSA, FRCP (Lon.)**  
Chair, Federation of State Medical Boards

**Michael Baron, MD MPH, DFASAM, FAPA**  
FSPHP President  
Tennessee Medical Foundation Medical Director

**Edwin Kim, MD, FAPA**  
FSPHP President-Elect  
Pennsylvania Physicians' Health Program Medical Director,

**Lisa Merlo, PhD, MPE**  
FSPHP Research Committee Co-Chair  
Professor of Psychiatry, University of Florida  
Director of Research, Professionals Resource Network, Inc.

### FSPHP 2026 Conference Announces Joint Session with FSMB!



FSPHP is pleased to highlight a collaborative session with the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) that brings together national leaders in physician health - ***Strengthening Physician Health Programs: Insights from Experience and New National Data***

 Friday, May 1

 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM

 Baltimore Marriott Waterfront | Baltimore, MD

This session will **share findings from a new national survey** examining trends in PHP scope, organizational models, funding models and referral pathways, and the characteristics associated with strong and effective programs.

Speakers will discuss how data and experience from PHP operations can **inform programmatic and regulatory improvements** that enhance clinician recovery while maintaining confidentiality and patient safety.

The session will also examine opportunities to **strengthen collaboration between PHPs and state medical boards** to ensure consistent, high-quality support for clinicians in need.

 [View the full lineup of sessions and speakers.](#)

 [Full conference details & registration](#)



## Celebrating Our Growing List of Accredited Entities

The [FSPHP Evaluation and Treatment Accreditation™ \(FSPHP-ETA™\)](#) program sets the gold standard for evaluation and treatment programs, and FSPHP is proud to recognize the evaluation and treatment services that are qualified to specialize in the care of medical students, residents, career physicians, and other healthcare workers in safety-sensitive occupational roles.

The entities referenced below have demonstrated **full compliance with FSPHP-ETA™ objective standards** through a valid, reliable, and rational assessment process and have **achieved full accreditation**.

### [Bradford Health Services](#)

Accreditation period February 9, 2026 – February 8, 2029

### [Florida Recovery Center \(UF Health\)](#)

Accreditation period October 25, 2024 – October 24, 2027

### [Pavillon International](#)

Accreditation period December 18, 2025 – December 18, 2028

### [Windrose Recovery Chicago, LLC dba Positive Sobriety Institute](#)

Accreditation period October 25, 2024 – October 24, 2027

Showcase your program as a leader in the field with the **FSPHP-ETA™!**

 [Purchase the FSPHP-ETA™ Standards](#) and take the next step toward enhanced excellence.

 Learn more and apply now: <https://www.fspHP.org/fspHP-eta->



## Join Us at the 3rd Annual Healthcare Leadership Collaborative – Open to All, March 24 in DC

This year, the Collaborative is moving beyond the “what” to focus on the operational “how” of championing health worker well-being. Together, participants will work to close the implementation gap through deep-dive sessions and hands-on workshops centered on **bi-directional communication**—a critical driver of a thriving workforce.

[Register now!](#)

Join FSPHP President Elect **Dr. Edwin Kim** and FSPHP Executive Director **Linda Bresnahan** for:

### **Operational Deep Dives**

Explore real-world examples of implementation, including lessons learned and pitfalls to avoid.

### **Skills Workshops**

Master the bi-directional communication skills required to lead your team through cultural change.





### 👉 Meaningful Connection

Connect with a community of peers who are committed to a sustainable and thriving healthcare workforce.

Lasting systems change requires a unified effort from every level of an organization. Bring a delegation of **3-5 leaders from your organization** and help turn strategic vision into a sustainable reality for our healthcare workforce!

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## The Lorna Breen Act Has Been Extended to 2030 – Urge Congress to Fund It Now



Reauthorizing the **Dr. Lorna Breen Act** strengthens the very systems that physician health programs rely on to prevent burnout, support recovery, and protect patient safety—core to FSPHP's mission every day.

### **HUGE NEWS!**

👉 The Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Reauthorization Act has officially been signed into law, securing the future of critical health worker wellbeing programs through September 2030.

Join us in urging Congress to provide \$45 million for Lorna Breen Act programs in fiscal year 2027.

### **HERE'S HOW:**

👉 [Click here to fill out the form to send the message directly to your Representative and Senators.](#) If you have a personal story to share, include it in the personal message box to let them know why this work matters to you.

👉 Share this action alert with your community.

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**Awesome Humans  
Foundation**

## **Help Spread the Word! FIGS Awesome Humans Foundation Grants for PHPs & PHP Participants**

The FIGS Awesome Humans Foundation is now accepting applications for grants and scholarships that support healthcare professionals.

Through four distinct grants (and more to come), the Foundation will meet Awesome Humans where they are:

- **Rapid Relief for Awesome Humans** – Fast, flexible financial support when life takes an unexpected turn.

*Open year-round to those who live or study within the U.S.*

- **Future Icons Grant** – \$10,000 scholarships to help tomorrow’s healthcare leaders focus on what really matters. *Applications open December 2, 2025 - February 28, 2026. Open to those who live or study within the U.S.*
- **Ubuntu Grant** – Funding for mission-aligned nonprofits building innovative programs that strengthen and support healthcare professionals. *Applications open July 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026. Open to U.S. and registered international non-profits.*
- **Healthcare is Human Award** – Honoring those changing the system from within through courage, leadership, and advocacy. *Nominations open July 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026. Nominations accepted for U.S. and international healthcare professionals and students.*

[!\[\]\(2bdfe261b986065ee0ac76460d6528c9\_img.jpg\) \*\*APPLY HERE!\*\*](#)

**We encourage all PHPs to:**

1. Proactively share the Rapid Relief for Awesome Humans information with PHP participants who may be experiencing sudden financial hardship.
2. Consider applying for an Ubuntu Grant for nonprofit initiatives that strengthen and support healthcare professionals in your state or region.
3. Identify healthcare professionals affiliated with your PHP who embody “Healthcare is Human” and submit nominations during the open period.



## Secure Your Spot at Next Week's Member Info Session

### FSPHP Membership Information Session

 **Date:** Wednesday, February 18, 2026

 **Time:** 12:00pm - 1:30pm Eastern Time

 **Audience:** Open to both new and existing members of FSPHP. This event will be attended by the FSPHP Board of Directors and will provide you with an opportunity to make connections with other FSPHP members.

 [Click here to register.](#)



## Buy Tix for the FSPHP 2026 Social Event at Camden Yards in Baltimore by March 20

### Orioles Game & All-Inclusive Picnic Perch

 **Date:** Wednesday, April 29, 2026

 **Time:** 6:35 PM

 **Baltimore Orioles vs. Houston Astros**

Enjoy **all-inclusive ballpark favorites**—hot dogs, nachos, ice cream, and Pepsi beverages—along with **Club Level seating** that offers fantastic views and access to exclusive bistro tables.

**\$ Tickets: \$65**  
**! Purchase by: March 20, 2026**  
[Learn more and buy your tickets!](#)



## Help Shape the Next Issue of *Physician Health News* - Be Featured in Our Spring Edition – Submit Your Article or Sponsorship

The Spring 2026 issue of *Physician Health News* will be emailed to all state programs and state licensing boards, posted on the FSPHP website, and **distributed onsite at the FSPHP 2026 Education Conference in Baltimore** this April.

Submit your news, stories, and sponsorships today—help us highlight the great work happening across our community.

 **Content Submission Due March 2nd.**  
[Learn more and submit your article](#)

 **Sponsorships Due March 16.**  
[Learn more and reserve your newsletter sponsorship](#)

Email [ssavage@fsphp.org](mailto:ssavage@fsphp.org) with questions.

## COMING UP!

 **Member Information Session**  
Wednesday, February 18 at 12:00pm Eastern  
[Register](#)

**Public Policy Committee Toxicology Group**  
Tuesday, February 24 at 11am Eastern

 **Open Forum Leadership Series**  
Tuesday, February 24 at 1pm Eastern  
[Register](#)

**Funding Development Committee**  
Wednesday, February 25 at 1pm Eastern

**Task Force to Support Safe Haven**  
Friday, February 27 at 12:30pm Eastern

 **FSPHP New Member Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 31 at 12:00pm Eastern  
[Register](#)

February 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 ● Membership Committee	3	4 ● Program Planning Committee	5 ● Finance Committee Meeting	6	7
8	9 ● FSPHP-ETAC Committee (ETAC)	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 ● Member Information Session...	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 ● Funding Development Committee...	26 ● (PEER) Committee (PEER)	27 ● Task Force to Support Safe Haven...	28

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