

# Federation of State Physician Health Programs

## **FSPHP** Insights

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## FSPHP & FSMB Webinar: *Protecting Health, Privacy & Patient Safety - The Role of Physician Health Programs and State Medical Boards*

Now more than ever, our regulatory environment and healthcare system need to support physicians in seeking care for their health conditions. The pressures and demands on healthcare professionals continue to grow, making it crucial for them to prioritize their health. Studies estimate that 10% to 14% of medical professionals will develop a substance abuse problem at some point in their careers, and approximately 400 physicians die by suicide each year—double

📅 March 14, 2025

### FSPHP 2025 Conference to Feature FSPHP & FSMB Joint Session: *Confidentiality, Safety, Collaboration, and Care: A Physician's Journey* Friday, April 25

## - 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Join us for an in-depth exploration of Model Physician Health Programs (PHPs) through firsthand experiences and expert discussions. This session will highlight the transformative impact of PHPs on physician health, emphasizing rehabilitation over discipline, the significance of confidentiality, and the essential role of adequate funding for PHPs and participant treatment. Faculty will provide actionable insights for enhancing collaboration between PHPs and medical boards to support physician recovery and public safety.

# Register by Friday, February 28th and save \$100 with discounted rates!

FSPHP 2025 Conference & Annual Membership Meeting Conference Agenda

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#### 🚫 1:00 - 2:30pm ET

the rate of the general population. A "safe haven" in a medical board regulatory system is essential because it encourages healthcare professionals to seek help for mental health issues, substance use disorders, burnout, or other impairing conditions without fear of immediate disciplinary action. This approach promotes early intervention, reduces stigma, supports physician well-being, improves patient safety, and balances confidentiality with public safety. Authorizing Physician Health Programs (PHPs) as safe haven systems encourages greater utilization of PHPs, which are uniquely positioned to provide this support in partnership with their medical boards.

 FSMB designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits<sup>™</sup>.

#### **LEARN MORE & REGISTER NOW**

#### Speakers & Moderator:



Mary A. Azzarito, Esq.



**Courtney Barrows** 

McKeown, MD



Arthur Hengerer, MD



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# Register Now - Open Forum Leadership Series is Today!

#### FSPHP Open Forum Leadership Series February 25, 2025 at 3-4pm Eastern Time

Facilitator: Dr. Chris Bundy, FSPHP CMO and Washington Physicians Health Program's Executive Medical Director Open-forum discussions open to FSPHP PHP Members that identify as part of their leadership team, including executives, directors, and department heads. These will be held via Zoom and will not include agendas, PowerPoint presentations, or the taking of minutes.

#### **Click here to register**

Member log-in required.



### Over 50 Members Participate in the February 12th Info Session

We were delighted to see such an excellent turnout at the February 12th FSPHP Member Information Session. We sincerely hope attendees found the meeting enjoyable and valuable. The session was attended by FSPHP staff, leaders, and both new and existing members. It featured reports from FSPHP President Dr. Michael Baron, FSPHP Executive Director Linda Bresnahan, FSPHP Chief Medical Officer Dr. Chris Bundy, as well as Committee Reports from FSPHP Committee Chairs.

FSPHP Members can access the info session slides via the FSPHP Member Portal.

- Download the slides. (Member log-in required.)
- Download the slides preview (Available to all.)

*Info Session Attendees: We want to hear from you!* Your feedback will help FSPHP plan future meetings!

• Complete the meeting feedback survey.



### It's Not Too Late to Send Us Your News!

The incredible work you do at your Physician and/or Healthcare Professional Program (PHP) is truly making a difference, and we want to celebrate your achievements.

From major initiatives to small yet meaningful successes, we are eager to showcase the outstanding efforts happening in PHPs nationwide. Share your story and let us shine a spotlight on your program's contributions!

Send a few sentences, up to 500 words, or a link. Your contributions may be featured in *Physician Health News* or *Insights*.

#### SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS TO: <a href="mailto:ssavage@fsphp.org">ssavage@fsphp.org</a>

• Content due March 3rd.



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The Spring 2025 issue of *Physician Health News* is the conference issue! It will be emailed to all state programs, state licensing boards, available on the FSPHP website, and <u>distributed onsite at the FSPHP 2025 Conference in Seattle this April.</u>

For more information visit <u>Newsletter Advertisement</u> or email <u>ssavage@fsphp.org</u>.

• Ad reservations due March 3rd.

#### COMING UP!

Funding Development Committee February 26 at 1pm Eastern

> **Research Committee** February 26 at 4pm Eastern

**Task Force to Support Safe Haven** February 28 at 12:30pm Eastern

Finance & Membership Committees Joint Meeting March 3 at 1pm Eastern

> Program Planning Committee March 5 at 3pm Eastern

Visit the <u>FSPHP Calendar</u> for a full list of upcoming meetings and events!

#### JOIN FSPHP FOR ACCESS TO MEMBER-ONLY CONTENT



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