

## This Week at AMHCA

### Advocacy

#### Counseling Organizations Propose New Portability Process

A new collaborative effort of four major professional counseling organizations aimed at improving access to quality mental health care nationwide has resulted in a proposed uniform portability plan called the – National Counselor Licensure Endorsement Process - or “NCLEP 2.0.”

The four organizations – the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB), the Association of Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES), the American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA), and the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) – believe that a uniform licensure endorsement process will:

- Significantly increase public access to qualified care.
- Establish minimum standards for safe practice.
- Reduce administrative burdens for state regulatory boards and licensees.
- Create consistency in licensure standards across state lines.
- Ensure protection of the public and the continued development of the profession.

An overarching goal of the initiative is to move the counseling profession toward unified education standards, exam requirements and years of post-graduate experience.

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### Town Hall with President Eric Beeson

#### Join AMHCA President, Dr. Eric Beeson, for a Town Hall on October 17

Join us for a town hall discussion with 2019-2020 AMHCA President, Dr. Eric Beeson on October 17, from 4-5pm Eastern.

During this town hall we will discuss a recap of the last few months as well as what comes next for the future of our association. We hope to see you there! Click "Register" below to reserve your spot!

Register

### Federal Advocacy

#### Senate Dear Colleague Letter on Medicare Improvements & Call to Action

Recently, three U.S. Senators -- Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) sent a "Dear Colleague" letter to all Senators encouraging their fellow Senators to significantly modernize, strengthen and add benefits to the traditional Medicare Program. They have described their rationale in their communication and a key legislative piece -- S. 286, the Medicare Mental Health Access Improvement Act -- is one of the bills they are requesting the Senate pass so the Medicare program continues to provide value to current and future enrollees. Senator Stabenow is the co-sponsor of S. 286 with John Barrasso (R-WY).

The U.S. Senate will be going back into session after the Labor Day Holiday. This is the time to engage your elected officials. To contact your Senators and request their support for S. 286 -- the Medicare Mental Health Access Improvement Act

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### 2020 Conference

#### Save the Date for Las Vegas, Nevada, June 24-26, 2020!

Save the date for the 2020 AMHCA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada! We will be going to Vegas for the annual conference June 24-26, 2020. More information is coming soon. Hope we see you there!

#### Call for Reviewers

Do you want to serve as a proposal reviewer for the 2020 AMHCA Conference? Conferences are not possible without volunteers, and one way to get involved is to serve as a reviewer of conference proposals. With numerous submissions each year, we rely on a cadre of professionals, like YOU, to help create the most relevant and useful program content that will be presented at the conference. Reviews will begin in October and continue for about 1 month. Each reviewer can expect to spend about 5-10 hours on reviews over this period.

Apply to Be a Reviewer

#### Call for Proposals

The Call for Proposals is now live! The Call for Proposals is now OPEN and will be open through October 31, 2019. This year's theme is Energized, Empowered & Unified: Shaping the Future of Mental Health. We hope you will take this opportunity to share your expertise with colleagues from across the country.

Submit a Proposal

#### Call for Posters

Interested in presenting a poster at the 2020 AMHCA Annual Conference? We are holding a separate 'Call for Posters' that will be open until the end of the year. Submit a poster proposal to be considered for our poster presentations at the conference.

Submit a Poster

### Governance

#### Website Construction: New 'About Us' Sections

The AMHCA website is undergoing a bit of reconstruction. In an effort to make the website more user friendly we are moving a few things around. Please bear with us as we rebuild our hub and feel free to reach out to Whitney Meyerhoeffer (wmeyerhoeffer@amhca.org) at AMHCA if you have any questions or concerns.

Take a moment to check out AMHCA.org's new 'About Us' sections.

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### Member Benefits Added in 2019

#### AMHCA Partners with Driven: Become one of the first neuroscience-based resilience coaches in the US

Building collaborative relationships is a core strength of AMHCA. We are happy to announce that AMHCA has forged with international innovators in the field of neuroscience and resilience, Hello Driven (<https://home.hellodriven.com/>). AMHCA continues to be a leader in promoting our understanding of the role of neuroscience in the training, research, and practice of clinical mental health counseling.

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#### AMHCA is excited to announce that we have added an expert search feature to our website!

Members and the public are able to search by location, topic or expertise, and by name. Get a personal URL that you can market to others. Select a fee for speaking and upload presentations, book titles and link to articles you've written. Members can adjust their privacy settings to make areas public or private. You decide how much detail to fill out and who you would like to see it.

Fill Out Your Expert Profile

### Latest Jobs

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