

AGENDA AT A GLANCE		
2025 PHSA Conference October 19-22, 2025 Reno, NV		
Schedule, speakers and room assignments subject to change		
Sunday, October 19		
11:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Table Top Set Up	Naples South, North Foyer
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Registration and Information Desk	Naples Welcome Center
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	First Time Attendees Meet Up	Naples 1
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	General Session	
	General Welcome Karen Godnick Barber, PHSA Chair, General Counsel, VT Department of Mental Health	Naples 6-7
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM	General Session	
	Federal Updates on Benefits Philip Peisch, Caroline Brown, Paige Jennings	Naples 6-7
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	General Session	
	Federal Updates on Protective Services Chris Hempfling, Melissa Carter	Naples 6-7
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Break	
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	General Session - Wellness	
	Wellness Session - Resilience	Naples 6-7
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception	TBD
Monday, October 20		
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Registration and Information Desk	Naples Welcome Center
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast	
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Table Tops Open	Naples South, North Foyer
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	General Session	
	Opening General Session Welcome to PHSA 2025 Karen Godnick Barber, PHSA Chair, General Counsel, VT Department of Mental Health Reggie Bicha, President and CEO, APHSA	
	Opening Keynote Brian Cuban, Mental Health and Recovery Advocate, Best-Selling Author	Naples 6-7
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Break	

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (1.0 CLE)	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session
	Defending Human Service Agencies in Organizational Depositions Harry Wilson, Lauren Blaesing, David Fauria Naples 1	Multiple Masters and Many Agendas: Unique Quandaries and Dilemmas encountered by the Public Sector Attorney (Part IV of the PHSA Build Your Toolkit Series) Ron Baze Naples 2	Compassionate Lawyering Naples 3	
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Break (Transition Break)			
11:45 AM - 1:45 PM (1.5 CLE)	General Session - Ethics			
	The Ethical Use of AI Aleine Cohen Lunch will be provided Naples 6-7			
1:45 PM - 2:30 PM	Break			
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (1.0 CLE)	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session
	Finding A Way Forward: Creating Strong Legal Frameworks for Data Integration Deja Kemp Naples 1	Discovery Challenges Facing State Agencies Julia Siegenberg, Kendra Doty, Rajeev Premakumar Naples 2	Immigrant Family Well-Being: Recent Updates and Considerations in Cases with Detained or Deported Parents Rachel Konrad Naples 3	IT Tools for Lawyers: How to Use IT to Make Your Job Easier Naples 4-5
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Break (Transition Break)			
3:45 PM - 5:15 PM (1.5 CLE)	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session
	Quality Assurance as a Defense to Class Action Lawsuits Cammie Chapman, Philip Peisch, Lisa Roberts Naples 1	Decriminalizing Mental Illness: The Miami Model Hon. Steve Leifman, Richard Schwermer, Judge Walker Naples 2	Red Tape, Real Talk: A Practitioner's Guide to Legal Risk and Operational Reality Sondra Shelby Naples 3	Enhancing Children's Voice in Court Through Questioning and Preparation Rebecca Nathanson, Ph.D. Naples 4-5
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Networking Reception, Sponsored by Brown & Peisch, PLLC Off Site			
Tuesday, October 21				
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Registration and Information Desk Naples Welcome Center			
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast			
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Table Tops Open Naples South, North Foyer			
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (1.5 CLE)	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session
	Expanding Mobility: Legal Foundations of Linked Administrative Data & Integrated Data Systems Deja Kemp Naples 1	Competency Restoration Waitlists: Strategies for Systemic Changes You Need to Avoid Getting Sued Hon. Steve Leifman, Richard Schwermer Naples 2	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) in 2025: The Current Landscape and What's Next Lori Follett, Susannah Vance Gopalan Naples 3	
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Break			

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (1.5 CLE)	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session
	Preventing Institutional Reform Litigation Andrea Sanders, Clint Pentecost Naples 1	Reforming Child Support in Child Welfare: From Penalizing to Supporting Meredith Pindar, Clarence Whittaker Naples 2	Don't Be Afraid of AI! Naples 3	
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Networking Lunch			
	Naples 6-7			
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (1.0 CLE)	Hot Topics		Hot Topics	
	Hot Topics in Benefits Naples 6-7		Hot Topics in Protective Services Naples 1	
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Break (Transition Break)			
2:15 PM - 3:15 PM (1.0 CLE)	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session
	KPMG Legal Naples 1	Building a Culture of Hope in Human Services Bob Anderson Naples 2	Supported Employment: It's Not Just A Program – It's The Law Vivian Turner Naples 3	
3:15 PM - 3:45 PM	Break			
3:45 PM - 5:15 PM (1.5 CLE)	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session
	Private Rights of Action in Federal Funding Statutes After Medina v. Planned Parenthood Kendra Doty Naples 1	Immigrant Family Well-Being: Safety & Legal Status for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Trafficking and Other Crimes Rachel Konrad Naples 2	Preparing Your Witness to Testify Jathan McLaughlin, Jessica Kokal Naples 3	
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Chill & Spill			Lakeview 1747 (Hospitality Suite)
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Dinner on Your Own - Limited Dine Around Options Available			
Wednesday, October 22				
7:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Registration and Information Desk			Naples Welcome Center
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast			
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM (1.5 CLE)	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session	Breakout Session
	Class Actions in Medicaid, Child Welfare, and Juvenile Justice Paige Jennings, Cammie Chapman, Lauren Blaesing, Neil Giovanatti Naples 1	Ethical Considerations in Guardianship & Supported Decision-Making (SDM) Julia Althoff Naples 2	Advancing Family-Centered Child Support Services: Lessons from a Multi-State Initiative Shaneen Moore, Ellen Rutledge, Dr. Andre Lockett Naples 3	
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Break			

10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	General Session - Ethics	
	Closing Remarks	
	Karen Godnick Barber, PHSA Chair, General Counsel, VT Department of Mental Health	
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Closing Ethics Session	
	Joel Oster, President and General Counsel, Comedian at Law, LLC	
	Naples 6-7	
12:30 PM - 2:00 PM	PHSA Meeting with Executive Advisory Council and Committee Chairs (invitation only)	
	Executive Boardroom 1735	
	See you at next year's Conference!	