



MENDING HEALTH CARE THROUGH COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 | RAINIER TOWER | 2-6 PM PDT

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Northwest Health Law Advocates

WELCOME

Welcome, and thank you for joining us for today's **Mending Health Care Through Community** event. We're honored to gather with our community – legal professionals, advocates, community leaders, and allies – at a time when federal health policy is undergoing dramatic and deeply concerning changes.

We'll learn from Washington's health agency leaders during our CLE how the recent passage of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) and related federal policies will impact Washingtonians, and how the state is responding. According to estimates, OBBBA and related policies will result in 14 million more Americans becoming uninsured in the next decade, including over 400,000 people in Washington state alone. In addition to these coverage threats, many Washingtonians are facing increasing federal attacks on bodily autonomy, privacy, and safety when they access care.

We'll also hear from community advocates about how these changes will have devastating consequences for families, communities, and health systems. But, we aren't giving up hope! Today's panels give us an opportunity to explore how Washington advocates can respond — through legal strategies, policy advocacy, and community partnerships — to protect access to care and uphold health care justice. Working together, we can find opportunities to leverage this crisis for meaningful change.

We're grateful for your presence and your commitment to this work. Let's use this space to learn, strategize, and protect health care for all Washingtonians.

With resolve and solidarity,
Emily Brice & Daphne Smith
NoHLA Co-Executive Directors

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AGENDA

CLE PANEL

2:00–3:15 PM

**Federal Health Care Rollbacks:
Washington Legal Strategies**

3:15–3:30 PM

TRANSITION BREAK

COMMUNITY PANEL

3:30–4:30 PM

**From Rollbacks to Resistance:
A Community Response**

4:30–4:45 PM

TRANSITION BREAK

4:45–6:00 PM

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FEDERAL HEALTH CARE ROLLBACKS: **WASHINGTON LEGAL STRATEGIES**

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CLE COURSE SPEAKERS



William McGinty, Deputy Solicitor General, Office of the Attorney General

William McGinty, J.D. joined the Washington Attorney General's Office in 2013 and the Solicitor General's Office in 2025. He has led major constitutional cases and holds degrees from Deep Springs College, The Evergreen State College, and UC Berkeley School of Law.



Jane Beyer, Senior Health Policy Advisor, Office of the Insurance Commissioner

Jane Beyer, J.D. is Senior Health Policy Advisor to Washington State Insurance Commissioner Patty Kuderer, with over 20 years in health policy. She's held leadership roles in Medicaid, behavioral health, and the State House, and chairs NASHP's Executive Committee.



Evan Klein, Special Assistant, Legislative & Policy Affairs, Health Care Authority

Evan Klein, J.D. is Special Assistant for Legislative and Policy Affairs at the Washington Health Care Authority, leading policy efforts since 2021. He previously served in the Senate and worked on Cascade Care. He holds degrees from Virginia Tech and Gonzaga Law.



Joan Altman, Director of Coverage Strategies & Expansion, Health Benefit Exchange

Joan Altman, J.D., M.P.H. is Director of Coverage Strategies at the Washington Health Benefit Exchange, leading efforts to expand access and equity. She previously worked at CMS and earned degrees from Yale and UW, where she was a Gates Public Service Scholar.



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FROM ROLLBACKS TO RESISTANCE: A COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Scan the QR code below to access links to the organizations represented by our Community Panel speakers.

We invite you to learn more about their work and the powerful contributions they're making to advance health care justice.

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COMMUNITY PANEL SPEAKERS



**Vicki Lowe, Executive Director,
American Indian Health Commission**

Vicki Lowe is Executive Director of the American Indian Health Commission. A descendant of the Jamestown S'Klallam and Bella Coola First Nations, she leads statewide efforts to strengthen Tribal and Urban Indian health systems.



**Lika Smith, Executive Director,
Pacific Islander Health Board of WA State**

Lika Smith is the director of the Pacific Islander Health Board of Washington. She is the mother of six, grandmother to two, and a long-time social justice activist committed to serving the community. She is also a graphic and website designer in her spare time.



**Karina Patel, Public Affairs Manager,
Tubman Center for Health & Freedom**

Karina Patel, M.P.H. is Public Affairs Manager at the Tubman Center for Health & Freedom. She leads communications and policy, helping shape the organization from its founding to clinic launches and advocacy campaigns.



**Luzmila Freese, Director of Community Programs,
Latino Community Fund of WA**

Luzmila Freese is Director of Community Programs at the Latino Community Fund, leading health and economic initiatives to advance equity. With over a decade of experience, she focuses on addressing social determinants of health and driving systemic change.



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