



Mending Health Care *with* Community

September 25, 2026
1:00 - 5:30 PM

Seattle and
Virtual

Welcome!

Thank you for joining Northwest Health Law Advocates' (NoHLA's) signature annual event, Mending Health Care with Community!

Washington's health care access and affordability challenges have no quick fix. But **together, we can make a difference** for Washingtonians.

About

NoHLA is a non-profit consumer health advocacy organization that's served Washingtonians since 1999.

Our mission is to **achieve a health care system that enables all people to receive quality, affordable health care** on an equitable and timely basis and ensures they have basic rights and protections.



Without community,
there is no liberation.

- Audre Lorde



We hope you find value in this afternoon of cross-community learning and connection. Whether you're joining us in person or virtually, **we're glad you're here!**

Warmly,
Daphne & Emily
NoHLA Co-Executive Directors

Health equity is our purpose, and **we believe all people have a fundamental right to pursue health.** We use legal and policy advocacy to challenge the inequities in our health care system.

Program

Location: Inatai Event Space (or Virtual)

1:00 PM **Welcome**

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Daphne Smith
*Co-Executive Director,
Northwest Health Law Advocates*

1:10 PM **From Federal Health Law and Policy Changes to State Action**

Hear from state agency leaders about how federal health care changes are being implemented in Washington and what they may mean for access, eligibility, and coverage.

Moderator



Susan Kas
*Senior Attorney,
NoHLA*

Panelists



Shirley Prasad
*Director of Government Affairs,
Washington Health Benefit Exchange*



Will McGinty
*Deputy Solicitor General,
Washington State Attorney General's Office*



Trinity Wilson
*Washington State Medicaid and CHIP Director,
Washington State Health Care Authority*



Amy Freeman
*Outside Counsel to WA State Long-Term Care
Ombudsman Program, Freeman Law Office*

2:30 PM **Health Law Changes on the Ground**

Nonprofit leaders will share what communities are experiencing, the challenges they're preparing for, and how organizations are helping people navigate change in real time.

Moderator



Lee Che P. Leong
Senior Policy Advocate, NoHLA

Panelists



Alizeh Bhojani
Policy Director, Legal Voice



Janice Deguchi
Executive Director, Neighborhood House



Cathy Murahashi
Public Policy Specialist, The Arc of Washington

3:30 PM **Advocacy in a Changing Health Care Landscape**

NoHLA’s legal and policy team will close the afternoon with reflections on what we’ve heard and thoughts on the future. Panelists will look ahead to the advocacy, partnerships, and continued attention that will be needed as changes move forward.

Moderator



Daphne Smith
Co-Executive Director

NoHLA Panelists



Vanessa R. Saavedra
Senior Attorney



Emily Brice
Co-Executive Director



Lee Che P. Leong
Senior Policy Advocate



Ann Vining
Senior Attorney

Reception

Location: The Fonté Bar, 2nd Floor

4:30 PM Reception

Join us downstairs for continued conversation and connection. In-person tickets include small bites and beverages. Additional food and drinks available for purchase.



Resources



Program Materials

Access today's slides and relevant links

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For attorneys and legal professionals.

The Mending Health Care with Community program (WSBA Activity ID: 2090900) is approved for **3.5 Washington Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credits**:



- From Federal Health Law and Policy Changes to State Action - **1.5 Law & Legal credits**
- Health Law Changes on the Ground - **1.0 Other (Improving the Legal System) credit**
- Advocacy in a Changing Health Care Landscape - **1.0 Law & Legal credit**

Requirements

To receive MCLE credit, all of the following must be true:

- I am a Washington-licensed legal professional
- I'm participating live, in person or virtually. (Credit is *not* available for recordings or on-demand viewing.)
- I registered for a Continuing Legal Education Credit (CLE) ticket and provided my WSBA license number.

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- NoHLA will report attendance to WSBA within 30 days of the event.
- Please complete the evaluation survey following the program. See page 5 or visit NoHLA.org/learn-2026.

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