

2021 Douglas County Mental Health Summit

Sept. 23, 2021 – 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

9 a.m. – Invocation by Pastor Mike Polhemus, The Rock Church

9:10-9:15 a.m. – Summit Overview
Barbara Drake, Deputy County Manager, Douglas County

Commissioner Lora Thomas – Remarks and Speaker Introductions

9:15-9:45 a.m. – *The Power of Community Collaboration*
Shannon Breitzman, Principal, Health Management Associates; Laura Ciancone, DCMHI
Coordinator

Commissioner Abe Laydon – Remarks and Speaker Introduction

9:45-10:30 a.m. – *Behavioral Health System Reform – A Look Forward*
Dr. Robert Werthwein, Director, Colorado Office of Behavioral Health

10:30-10:45 a.m. – Wellness Break

Commissioner George Teal – Remarks and Panel Introduction

10:45-11:45 a.m. – *Suicide Prevention, a Focus on Veterans' Mental Health*
Dr. Brittany Musicaro, Clinical Psychologist and Local Recovery Coordinator; Benjamin Kremer,
LCSW, Acting Suicide Prevention Program Manager; Crystal Tabor, Peer Support Specialist, VA
Eastern Colorado Health Care System

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Wellness Break - Visit the Mental Health Summit [Virtual Resource Fair!](#)

Laura Ciancone - Speaker Introduction and Remarks

12:30-1 p.m. – *Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder and Crisis Services*
Daniel Darting, CEO, Signal Behavioral Health Network

Austin Good – Panel Introduction and Remarks

1-1:45 p.m. – Lone Tree Youth Council Panel
Facilitated by Austin Good, Assistant City Manager, City of Lone Tree
Youth Council members: Madeline Gieser, Hannah Park, Laura Pulido

1:45-2 p.m. – Wellness Break

2 p.m. – Closing Remarks
Barbara Drake, Deputy County Manager, Douglas County