

2025 SUMMIT AGENDA

Thursday, June 26

Bridging Tradition and Innovation: Public Protections & Workforce Expansion

7:30–8:30 Breakfast

8:30–8:45 Welcome..... Kylie Dotson-Blake, Tammi Lee

Regulatory Knowledge Focus

8:45–9:45 ***Regulatory Keynote*** Nahale Kalfas, Rick Masters
Role of Regulators in Workforce Expansion:
Bridging Tradition and Innovation for a Stronger Economy

9:45–10:15 ***Home State/Jurisdiction Highlights*** Cristina De Luna, Robert Romig
Regulation and Workforce Expansion in Texas

10:15–10:30 Break

10:30–11:30 ***Legislation, Regulation, and Professional Practice Panel***
Expanding Workforce Capacity Through Regulation and Legislation..... Kelly Duncan
Counselor Trainee Recognition Brian Carnahan
Investments in Infrastructure Robert Romig
Telehealth Access Ashleigh Irving

11:30–noon ***Technical Process Review*** Harry Samit
Expanding the Workforce, Protecting the Public: Exam Security

noon–1:00 Lunch

1:00 **RECONVENE**

Thursday, June 26 (continued)

Intersections & Innovations

- 1:00–2:00 ***Innovations for Access***..... Unber Ahmad, Suzette Mirabal
 Workforce Expansion by Reducing Barriers to Access in Assessment
- 2:00–3:00 ***Insights for Innovation***.....David Fye, Laura Shaughnessy
 Research to Illuminate Workforce Capacity:
 Moving Beyond Licensee Counts for Capacity Conceptualization
- 3:00–3:15 Break
- 3:15–3:45 ***Data-Driven Workforce Expansion: Research Tools and Partnership Opportunities***
 Brian Banks, Kelly Duncan, Holly Moorhead
- 3:45–4:15 ***Data System Workshop (Part I)***.....Isabel Eliassen, Stacy Griffin, Brad Weber
- 4:15–5:00 ***Case Studies and Conversation: Ponder. Present. Perplex.***
- 5:00 Adjourn
- 5:30 **Evening Recharge:** Happy Hour and dinner on your own. Enjoy Austin!

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Friday, June 27 Innovations in Preparation and Tools

8:00–9:00	Breakfast	
9:00–9:15	<i>Reconvening and Opening Remarks</i>	Kylie Dotson-Blake, Tammi Lee
9:15–10:15	<i>Impact and Innovation Keynote</i>	Jeff Rosa
	Blurred Lines and Public Protections: Jurisprudence Assessments for a Connected World	
10:15–10:30	Break	
10:30–11:00	<i>Vital Intersections: Ethics & Regulation</i>	Brenden Hargett
11:00–noon	<i>Networks of Support for Healthy, Safe Communities</i>	Patricia Dobratz
	Disciplinary Hearings: Actionable Offenses, Adverse Actions, and Complex Cases	
noon–1:00	Lunch	
1:00	RECONVENE	
1:00–2:00	<i>Data System Workshop (Part II)</i>	Isabel Eliassen, Stacy Griffin, Brad Weber
2:00–3:00	<i>Innovations in Assessments</i>	Unber Ahmad, Callie Marino
	Reports for Better Information	
3:00–3:15	Break	
3:15–4:00	<i>Counseling Compact Commission Report</i>	Kim Speakman, Greg Searls
4:00–5:00	<i>Innovations in Community</i>	Tobi Zavala
	Looking Forward, Learning Together	
5:00	<i>Closing and Adjourn</i>	Tammi Lee
6:00	<i>Counseling Summit Closing Event at Lamberts Downtown Barbecue</i>	

FRIDAY: TASTE OF AUSTIN

Join us Friday from 6–9 pm for a lively evening of food, music, and connection at Lamberts Downtown Barbecue!

Just a short 3-minute walk from the Austin Proper, Lamberts is set in the beautifully restored, historic Schneider Brothers Building and serves up award-winning slow-smoked BBQ, local craft beers, classic cocktails, and a curated wine list. It's the perfect setting to unwind, mingle, and celebrate together.

Bring your dancing shoes (or boots)! A live DJ will keep the energy high as we enjoy great music and even better company. Whether you're on the dance floor or just soaking up the atmosphere, it's an evening you won't want to miss.

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