

# COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON THE INTERSECTION OF MENTAL HEALTH & Social Justice/Equity

Updated first line to: Join local leaders and experts as they discuss how mental illness impacts social justice/equity and programs that address these challenges.

*Moderated by Doyle Forrestal, CEO of Colorado Behavioral Health Care Council*

**FREE AND VIRTUAL**  
Tuesday, October 27 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Register on Eventbrite:  
[bit.ly/mhccboulder](https://bit.ly/mhccboulder)

## FEATURED EXPERTS



**Tatiana Hernandez**  
CEO of Community  
Foundation of Boulder

Ms. Hernandez joined Community Foundation Boulder County as CEO in July 2020. Previously, she served as President of the Emily Griffith Foundation, where she raised funds to support the students and programs of Emily Griffith Technical College; she also served as a Senior Program Officer at the Kresge Foundation. In Boulder, Ms. Hernandez served as Arts Director for the Hemera Foundation where - in partnership with the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation and Colorado Creative Industries - she developed Arts in Society, Colorado's largest private-public funding program for the arts. Ms. Hernandez began her philanthropic career at the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, where she led the Knight Arts Challenge, supporting artists and arts organizations in eight cities. She oversaw a portfolio of more than \$100M in investments and distributed \$10M annually.



**Eliberto Mendoza**  
Project Coordinator for  
City of Longmont

Mr. Mendoza has served as Project Coordinator for the City of Longmont since 2018. Prior to this role, he was part of Boulder County as Director - Community Action Programs and Circles Campaign Coordinator. His experience is rooted in being a case worker and in faith communities. He graduated from The University of Texas-Pan American (History) and Fresno Pacific University (Theology/Church Leadership). He also has a Certificate in Nonprofit Organizational Capacity from Regis University.



**Amy Nelson**  
BVSD Coordinator of  
Equity and Partnerships,  
Southwest Network

Currently serving as the BVSD Coordinator of Equity and Partnerships for the Southwest network, Ms. Nelson is also a scholar-activist, racial justice advocate, and youth organizer. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from California State University, Bakersfield, and a Master of Arts in Special Education from the University of Northern Colorado. Ms. Nelson is currently pursuing a Doctoral degree from the University of Northern Colorado in Educational Studies, Innovation, and Reform, with a focus on social justice and equity in education.

A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BY MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERS AND THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) OF BOULDER COUNTY

*The goals of these conversations are to share with the community the breadth and depth of work being done within these systems to address and accommodate mental health, build community awareness regarding the impact of mental illness in our region, and explore how we can better address these challenges in the future. Learn more about MHP at [www.mhpcolorado.org](http://www.mhpcolorado.org) and NAMI - Boulder County at [www.namibouldercounty.org](http://www.namibouldercounty.org)*