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The Behavioral Health System and Its Response to COVID-19: A Snapshot Perspective

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Presented by Debra A. Pinals, MD, Brian Hepburn, MD, and Joseph Parks, MD



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Description

Debra A. Pinals, MD, Brian Hepburn, MD, and Joseph Parks, MD will be speaking on the response of behavioral health systems and facilities to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Their presentation will cover preparedness and response for state hospitals, crisis services, residential & community treatment services, and the criminal & civil justice interface. They will also speak about the challenges regarding financing for community providers, providing medication, adapting to changing technology, and special behavioral health populations such as people experiencing homelessness, children, and older adults.

About the Presenters

Dr. Debra A. Pinals is a clinical adjunct professor at the University of Michigan Law School. She also serves as the director of the Program in Psychiatry, Law, and Ethics and as a clinical professor of psychiatry at the University of Michigan Medical School. She is the medical director of behavioral health and forensic programs for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. **Dr. Brian Hepburn** is the current executive director of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. **Joe Parks, M.D.**, currently serves as medical director for the National Council and is a distinguished Research Professor of science at Missouri Institute of Mental Health with the University of Missouri, St. Louis.

