2026 NASVH Summer Conference
July 27th - July 31st, 2026
Omni Oklahoma City Hotel
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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Day	Date	Time	Item / Topic	SPEAKER	CEU's
MONDAY			Travel day for Members		
7/27/2026	1:00 PM	4:30 PM	Registration Opens		
	9:30 AM	11:30 AM	Executive Committee Meeting Open to all Association Members	Diane Lynch-deCombhs, LNHA, MBA President National Association of State Veterans Homes	
	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Executive Committee Lunch		
	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	VA Liaison Committee Meeting Open to all Association Members	Melissa A. Jackson, MBA, LNHA, FACHCA Chairman, NASVH Liaison Committee Rhonda L. Toms, DNP, RN, CMGT-BC, GERO-BC National Director, Facility Based Care Programs Office of Geriatrics & Extended Care (12GEC) US Department of Veterans Affairs Lauren Crotts, MSN, MBA, RN, CLNC, GERO-BC, FNP-C Chief, State Veterans Homes Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care (12GEC) Veterans Health Administration U.S Department of Veteran Affairs	

	3:00 PM	4:30 PM	VA Workshop - The New VA Survey Corrective Action Plan Process	Lauren Crotts, MSN, MBA, RN, CLNC, GERO-BC, FNP-C Chief, State Veterans Homes Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care (12GEC) Veterans Health Administration U.S Department of Veteran Affairs	1.5
	4:30 PM	4:45 PM	Break		
	4:45 PM	5:45 PM	NASVH Administrator's Update	Ryan Engle 1st Vice President National Association of State Veterans Home	1
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	NASVH Networking Event - Basin Bar. OMNI Hotel Lobby Sponsored by Powerlink Healthcare Support Services		

TUESDAY					
7/28/2026	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	HOSTED BREAKFAST		
	7:30 AM	4:00 PM	Conference Registration		
	8:00 AM	8:15 AM	Welcome & Opening Ceremony	Diane Lynch-deCombhs, LNHA, MBA President National Association of State Veterans Homes	
	8:15 AM	8:45 AM	NASDVA President Address to NASVH - Coordinating the Care for our Veterans	Terry Prince President National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs	0.5
	8:45 AM	9:15 AM	VA Leadership Keynote Address to NASVH Membership - VA Initiatives	Catherine McVearry Kelso, MD, MS Deputy Executive Director VA Office of Geriatrics & Extended Care U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	0.5
	9:15 AM	9:30 AM	Regional Meetings		
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	NASVH Business Meeting (Members Only)	Diane Lynch-deCombhs, LNHA, MBA President National Association of State Veterans Homes	

	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	Exhibitor Lunch - Trade Show / Vendor Education		2
	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	VA Updates: 1. State Home Per Diem Program Update 2. State Home Construction Grant Program Update 3. State Veterans Homes VA Survey Review	Dr. Rhonda Toms, National Director - Facility Based Care Programs Lauren F. Crotts, Chief of State Veterans Homes Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	1
	3:00 PM	3:15 PM	Break		
	3:15 PM	4:15 PM	Latest concepts in State Veterans Home Construction	Mike Kolejka – Grace Design Studios, Managing Partner Tom Payton – Grace Design Studios, Project Manager Morgen Woodford – Grace Design Studios, Interior Designer	1
	4:15 PM	5:15 PM	Engage, Empower, Excel: Building & Sustaining High-Performing Teams	Pamela Truscott, DNP/HSL, MSN/Ed, RN Director of Quality Improvement American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living	1
	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Networking Event - Cowboy Museum		
WEDNESDAY					
7/29/2026	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	HOSTED BREAKFAST		
	7:30 AM	4:00 PM	Registration		

	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Sticking Points: How to Get the 4 Generations Working Together in the 12 Places They Come Apart	Haydn Shaw Leadership Consultant	1.5
	9:30 AM	9:45 AM	Break		
	9:45 AM	10:45 AM	Stop the Chaos – Proactive Management Strategy	Pamela Truscott, DNP/HSL, MSN/Ed, RN Director of Quality Improvement American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living	1
	11:00 PM	2:00 PM	Exhibitor Lunch - Trade Show / Vendor Education		2

	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Latest Innovations in Food Service	Charlotte Rath Aramark Emerge Digital Experience Specialist Joseph Viviano Client Advisor Aramark Senior Life	1
	3:00 PM	3:15 PM	Break		
	3:15 PM	4:15 PM	Utilizing Digital Marketing to Increase Brand Awareness In a Competitive Market	Diane O'Doherty Senior Account Manager Connoisseur Media	1
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Installation Reception		
	7:00 PM	10:00 PM	NASVH Installation Banquet		
THURSDAY	8:00 AM	12:00 PM	Registration Desk		
7/30/2026	7:00 AM	8:00 AM	HOSTED BREAKFAST		

	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Developing a BiPap Respiratory Program at your SVH	Russell Rozensky, MS, RT, RRT-SDS, CPFT, RPSGT, CCSH Clinical Associate Professor Department of Respiratory Care School of Health Professions Stony Brook University Long Island Regional Director, New York State Society for Respiratory Care (NYSSRC) Former Board Member of the New York State Education Department Licensure Board for Respiratory Therapy	1.5
	9:30 AM	9:45 AM	Break		
	9:45 AM	10:45 AM	Optimizing Cost of Care Reporting Process – Insights and Best Practices	Olga Gross-Balzano, MS, NHA, CPA, PMP Principal Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, LLC Healthcare Group Lisa Trundy-Whitten, CPA Principal Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, LLC	1
	10:45 AM	11:45 AM	NASVH Quality Enhancement Committee Panel - Trauma Informed Care	Tara Pray Chair NASVH Quality Enhancement Committee Niki Wheeler, RN, BSN Director of Regulatory Compliance & Clinical Outcomes Michigan Veterans Home	1
	12:00 PM	1:30 PM	Sponsored Lunch		

	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Substance Abuse Disorder: Strategies for Prevention, Treatment and Long-term Recovery	Hope Scheppelman, MSN, AGACNP-BC Senior Advisor U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration	1
	2:30 PM	2:45 PM	Break		
	2:45 PM	3:45 PM	More Than Bingo: How Therapeutic Recreation Drives Quality of Life, Resident Satisfaction, and Survey Success	Michelle Cheslak, CTRS, BS, MBA, CLT Director of Therapeutic Recreation Long Island State Veterans Home	1
	3:45 PM	4:45 AM	Managing Behaviors in the Presence of Dementia	Kimberly Curyto, PhD. Geropsychologist Community Living Center VA Western NY Healthcare System VHA Office of Mental Health & Geriatrics and Extended Care Geritatric Mental Health Field SME	1
	4:45 PM	5:00 PM	Closing Ceremony	Diane Lynch-deCombhs, LNHA, MBA President National Association of State Veterans Homes	
FRIDAY					
7/31/2026			Travel Day		21.5