

## NCSL's Health Innovations Task Force

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### THURSDAY | MAY 14, 2026

TIME / LOCATION	SESSION DESCRIPTION
5– 6:30 p.m. <i>The Omni King Edward Hotel - Crystal Ballroom</i>	<b>Legislative Staff Coordinating Committee (LSCC) Reception (Optional)</b> Attendees are invited to attend the LSCC reception at The Omni King Edward Hotel in the Crystal Ballroom for welcome drinks.

### FRIDAY | MAY 15, 2026

TIME / LOCATION	SESSION DESCRIPTION
8 a.m. <i>Chestnut Room</i>	<b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast will be available starting at 8:00 a.m.
8:30-9 a.m. <i>Chestnut Room</i>	<b>Welcome and Overview of the Day</b> Task Force Co-Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assemblyperson Tracy Brown-May, Nevada</li> <li>• Sen. Bo Watson, Tennessee</li> </ul>
9-9:45 a.m. <i>Chestnut Room</i>	<b>Mapping the AI Chatbot Landscape</b> This session will provide a high-level overview of how AI-enabled chatbots are being used in behavioral healthcare, including mental health support chatbots, companion chatbots and other tools used by behavioral health providers. Speakers will distinguish between key chatbot types and use cases to establish a shared foundation for subsequent discussions.  Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kacie Kelly, chief innovation officer, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute</li> </ul>
9:45-10 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10 – 10:45 a.m. <i>Chestnut Room</i>	<b>Behavioral Health, AI Chatbots and the Role of State Policy</b> This session will explore how existing legal and regulatory frameworks apply to the use of AI chatbots, including in behavioral health settings. The discussion will examine legal considerations, regulatory approaches and potential policy considerations for states as they address emerging technologies.

	<p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Michelle Mello, professor of law and professor of health policy, Stanford University</li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:15 a.m. <i>Chestnut Room</i>	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <p>This panel discussion and Q&amp;A will invite audience questions and discussion with these experts, including opportunities to explore recent federal developments, broader issues related to AI in behavioral health and insights from task force members and attendees.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kacie Kelly, chief innovation officer, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute</li> <li>Michelle Mello, professor of law and professor of health policy, Stanford University</li> </ul>
11:15 – 11:30 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
11:30 a.m. – Noon <i>Chestnut Room</i>	<p><b>AI &amp; Health: State Legislative Update</b></p> <p>This session will provide an update on the 2026 legislative session and recent state activity related to AI and healthcare broadly, including legislation related to AI chatbots and behavioral health.</p> <p>Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sarah Jaromin, policy specialist, NCSL</li> </ul>
Noon – 1 p.m. <i>Chestnut Room</i>	<b>Lunch</b>
1-1:30 p.m.	<b>Travel to Site Visit</b>
1:30 - 4 p.m. <i>CAMH</i>	<p><b>The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH)</b> 1025 Queen St. W, Toronto, ON M6J 1H1, Canada</p> <p>Task force members and sponsors will participate in a site visit at CAMH, Canada’s largest mental health teaching hospital, in collaboration with SickKids, a pediatric teaching hospital. The visit will feature a brief campus tour, along with a series of presentations and interactive demonstrations on the use and governance of artificial intelligence in behavioral health, including both research and clinical applications. Task force members will have time at the closing to debrief and reflect on next steps.</p>
4 - 4:30 p.m.	<b>Travel Back to Hotel</b>
5 – 6:30 p.m.	<p><b>Executive Committee Reception at the Ontario Legislative Assembly</b></p> <p>Task Force members are invited to join NCSL’s Executive Committee Reception at the Ontario Legislative Assembly</p> <p><i>Transportation will be provided from the Sheraton Hotel on the Queen Street side leaving at 5 p.m. For those who prefer to walk, the venue is approximately 1.2 miles from the hotel, weather permitting.</i></p>
6:45 p.m.	<p><b>Dinner: 360 Restaurant at the CN Tower</b> 290 Bremner Blvd, Toronto, ON M5V 3L9, Canada</p>

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