



GLOBAL ALLIANCE
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Global Mental Health (GMH) Committee

Co-Chairs: Kirby Magid, Evelyn Tomaszewski

The Global Mental Health (GMH) Committee is focused on promoting positive mental health and well-being for all. We are committed to an equitable, holistic, inclusive, and respectful approach in our practice, research, education, advocacy, and policy efforts. Working from a human rights and community-based lens, the GMH Committee endeavors to improve the health and well-being of individuals across the lifespan by ensuring mental health and behavioral health issues are at the forefront in domestic and global health equity work.

Check out these sessions at CT4A:

- Individual Paper: Global Alliance at 100: Lessons from Young Adult Engagement in Shaping America's Mental Health Policies – Friday, September 27th, 11:20 AM-12:15 PM, Location: SCW 206AB
- Individual Paper: The Promise of Prevention: Moving Beyond a Passive System of Mental Healthcare – Friday, September 27th, 2:20-3:15 PM, Location: SCW 218/219
- Roundtable: Equitable Advancement of Support for Everyone – EASE - Friday September 27th, 3:45-4:40, Location: SCW 213AB
- Panel- Individual Papers - Saturday, September 28th, 10:00 AM – 10:55 AM, Location: SCW 218/219
 - IP: Using an Immersive Mental Health Course in Ghana to Address Bias and Promote Equity
 - IP: Ripe for Mental Health Diplomacy: Multi-case study of nations implementing the WHO's Mental Health Action Plan
 - IP: Ensuring the Competency of Non-Professionals to Provide Mental Health Support: The WHO-UNICEF EQUIP Initiative
- Spotlight: Reception & Presidential Address: The Future of Global Mental Health; Shekhar Saxena Friday September 27; 6-7:30pm; Location: UIC College of Nursing, 845 S. Damon
- Roundtable: Fostering Health Equity: Highlighting Mental Health in Healthy People 2030 – Saturday, September 28th, 11:00 AM – 11:55 AM, Location: SCW 213AB
- Individual Paper: Social Prescribing for Health Equity: Key Considerations and Examples from the Field – Saturday, September 28th, 1:00 PM – 1:55 PM, Location: SCW 218/219



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- Roundtable: Community-Based Mental Health Support as a Catalyst for National and Global Peace building: Insights from Central Mali – Saturday, September 28th, 1:00 – 1:55 PM, Location: SCW MM Thompson-C

Priorities for 2024-2025:

- Looking Forward: Next Administration and GMH Committee Recommendations for priorities for 2025. See the 2021 document: [Recommendations for the New Administration - Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice \(bhjustice.org\)](https://www.bhjustice.org)
- Building on current publications: GMH Committee hopes to expand framing regarding the global mental health workforce to look at peer support and task sharing. See 2022 document: [Reconceptualizing the Mental Health Workforce: A Principle-based White Paper with Strategies for Operationalization \(bhjustice.org\)](https://www.bhjustice.org)

Webinars/Live Conversations Proposed Ideas:

- Explore mental health stigma and destigmatization programs, policies, and other efforts to prioritize and promote mental health and well-being
- ACA and Preventative Services Mandate: what it is, impact, and necessary advocacy to preserve.

Check out past efforts: <https://www.bhjustice.org/task-forces/gmh/>

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- Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, October 17th, 1:30 – 2:30 PM ET