

National Latino Behavioral Health Association **NLBHA**

National Latino Behavioral Health Conference – September 9th – September 11th
Day 1 AGENDA - Wednesday, September 9, 2026

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Begins at 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Embassy Suites Foyer
La Feria – Exhibit Hall (All 3 days)
Altar/Ofrenda to be displayed (All 3 days)

- I. **7:00am – 8:30AM** Breakfast – Embassy Suites Foyer
- II. **8:30am – 10:00AM [Plenary Session – Sandia Ballroom]**
 - *Opening Welcome* – **Dr. Yolanda Rodriguez**, NLBHA Board President
 - *Invocation and Blessing* – **Father Michael Garcia**
 - *Land Acknowledgement* – **Rebecca Moore Maldonado, PhD, LMSW, Professor, New Mexico Highlands University, Facundo Valdez School of Social Work**
 - *Co-Emcee commences conference program* **M. Christina Montoya, LCSW, CJSOT, BSC, NLBHA Vice-President and Conference Planning Chair** and **Dr. Adam Amador, Chief Academic Officer, Alma d'Arte Charter High School**
 - *Opening Remarks* - **Fred Sandoval, NLBHA CEO**
 - *Welcoming Remarks* – **Nick Boukas, State of New Mexico Behavioral Health Division Director**
 - *Special Remarks* – **Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce**
 - *Introduction of Ofrenda/Altar* - **Dr. Manuel Zamarripa, Founder of Chicano/X Institute**
 - **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** – **Daniel H. Gillison, Jr. Chief Executive Officer (CEO), National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**
 - *Introduction of Wellness Room* - **Alicia Kormick, CCHW, Children's Services Liaison: Schools and SBHC's, UHC Community and State New Mexico**
 - *Conference logistics check-in* – **Dr. Susie Villalobos, NLBHA Sr. Director**
- III. **10:00AM - 10:15AM Morning Break** – Sandia Ballroom Lobby area
- IV. **10:15AM – 11:45AM**
 - **AM (8) Conference workshops** – English/Spanish
 - Sierra I, Sierra II, Sierra III, Ocotillo I, Ocotillo II
 - **Special Event Session** - La Ventana Room
 - **Film Screening Event** - **"The Power of Positive Stories to Inspire Recovery"** Rio Arriba Recovery: Addressing the opioid crisis in Rio Arriba County, Presented by Diego Lopez and Dr. Ahmed Dadzie
- V. **12:00PM – 1:00PM** Lunch Buffet – Sandia Ballroom
 - Raffle Drawings – NLBHA Affiliate – **Dr. Ana Chavez-Mancillas, NLBHA Sr. Director**
- VI. **1:00PM – 2:30PM**
 - **PM (6) Conference workshops** – English/Spanish
 - Sierra I, Sierra II, Sierra III, Ocotillo I, Ocotillo II
 - Special Event Session - La Ventana Room
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 - **Johnson and Johnson Foundation - "The Treatment of Mood Disorders"**, **This industry-sponsored product theater is promotional/non-accredited and is not eligible for CE, CME, or other continuing education credit. The session is separate from the accredited conference program, and content is developed and presented by the sponsor**
- VII. **2:30PM – 2:45PM Afternoon Break** – Sandia Ballroom Lobby area
- VIII. **2:45PM – 4:00PM**
 - **PM (6) Conference workshops** – English/Spanish

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- Sierra I, Sierra II, Sierra III, Ocotillo I, Ocotillo II
- **Special Event Session** - La Ventana Room
 - **Caring for the Behavioral health Workforce: Healing Grounded in culture and Collectivism**, Presented by Haner Hernandez, Ph.D., CPS, CADCII, LADCI

- IX. 4:15PM – 5:00PM .5 CE Available - Closing Plenary & Day 1 Reflections** – Sandia Ballroom
Co-Emcees – **M. Christina Montoya, LCSW, CJSOT, BSC, NLBHA Vice-President and Conference Planning Chair** and **Dr. Adam Amador, Chief Academic Officer, Alma d'Arte Charter High School**
CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Jennifer Gomez-Chavez, Vice-President Excelencia in Education - Latino student well-being, and the behavioral health impact of systemic challenges
Announcement of NLBHA JTR Dr. Jennifer Gomez-Chavez Tribute Scholarship

[LAUNCHING OF HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH – INFORMATION INVITATION TO REGISTRANTS 6:00-8:00PM, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, LOCATION: OLD TOWN ALBUQUERQUE]

Day 2 AGENDA

Thursday, September 10, 2026

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION Begins at 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Embassy Suites Foyer Altar/Ofrenda to be displayed (All 3 days)

- I. 7:30AM – 8:30AM Breakfast** – Embassy Suites Foyer
- II. 8:30AM – 10:00AM [Plenary Session – Sandia Ballroom]**
Welcome/Keynote addresses
 - Emcee – **Fred Sandoval, NLBHA CEO** – Welcome and Recap of Day 1
 - NLBHA Scholarship Recipient Spotlight Recognition - **Fred Sandoval, NLBHA CEO, and Rose Nelson, Vice-President Molina Health Care**
 - NLBHA Affiliates Spotlight (new and present) - **Dr. Susie Villalobos, NLBHA Sr. Director**
- III. 10:00AM – 10:15AM Morning Break** – Sandia Ballroom Lobby area
- IV. 10:15AM – 11:45AM**
 - **AM (6) Conference workshops** – English/Spanish
 - Sierra I, Sierra II, Sierra III, Ocotillo I, Ocotillo II
 - **Special Event Session** - La Ventana Room
 - **Intersectional Perspectives on Latino Behavioral Health: Navigating Cultural Norms, Systemic Stressors, and Community Needs, Moderated by Mariana Sanchez, PhD, MSW**, Panelists: Miracle Macias Burgos, PhD Student, Yajaira Cabrera Tineo, PhD, MS, Gira J. Ravelo, PhD, MSW, MBA
- V. 12:00PM – 1:00PM Lunch Buffet** – Sandia Ballroom
 - Raffle Drawings – NLBHA Affiliate – Dr. Ana Chavez-Mancillas, NLBHA Sr. Director
- VI. 1:00PM – 2:30PM**
 - **PM (6) Conference workshops** – English/Spanish
 - Sierra I, Sierra II, Sierra III, Ocotillo I, Ocotillo II
 - **Special Event Session** - La Ventana Room
 - **Platica III – Latino Male Mental Health with “Little Joe” Hernandez**, along with Fred Sandoval, NLBHA Chief Executive Officer
- VII. 2:30PM – 2:45PM Afternoon Break** – Sandia Ballroom Lobby area

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VII. 2:45PM – 4:00PM

- **PM (6) Conference workshops – English/Spanish**
 - Sierra I, Sierra II, Sierra III, Ocotillo I, Ocotillo II
- **Special Event Session - La Ventana Room**
 - **New Mexico Behavioral Health Reform in Action: Senate Bill 3**, Presented by Pamela Trujillo, MBA, MSW and Stacey Boone, AOC Program Manager

VIII. 4:15PM – 5:00 PM - *Closing Plenary & Day 2 Reflections – Sandia Ballroom*

Emcee – Fred Sandoval, NLBHA CEO

CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dolores Huerta, Co-Founder United Farm Workers - Introduction by M. Christina Montoya, LCSW, CJSOT, BSC, NLBHA Vice-President and Conference Planning Chair

***** 8:00PM – 10:00PM Evening Event – *Jenny Perez Sotolongo (Selena Tribute – Music and Dance) – Sandia Ballroom******

Day 3 AGENDA

Friday, September 11, 2026

(Altar/Ofrenda to be displayed for the 9/11 healing ceremony)

- I. 7:30AM – 8:30AM Breakfast – Embassy Suites Foyer
- II. 9:00AM – 10:00AM - Day 3 Plenary Session – Sandia Ballroom
Co-Emcees – Dr. J. Rocky Romero and Dr. Susie Villalobos, NLBHA Sr. Directors'
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. Manuel Zamarripa, Co-Director and Co-Founder of the Institute of Chicana/o/x Psychology
- III. 10:00AM – 10:15AM Morning Break – Sandia Ballroom Lobby area
- IV. 10:15AM – 11:45AM - Sandia Ballroom
 - **Special Event Session – Merging Traditional Medicine and Modern Medicine**, Dr. Cheo Torres and Dr. Mario Del Angel Guevara, Ph.D., Assistant Professor/SHRI Research Faculty
- V. 12:00PM – 1:00PM Raffle Drawings – NLBHA Affiliate – Dr. Ana Chavez-Mancillas, NLBHA Sr. Director
- VI. 1:00PM – 2:30PM – Sandia Ballroom
 - **Special Event Session - Therapeutic Drumming - A Community Defined Evidence Practice - An experiential and facilitated drumming session**, Presented by Elizabeth Lucero
- VII. 2:30PM - 2:45PM Afternoon Break – Sandia Ballroom Lobby area
- IX. 2:45PM – 4:00PM
 - **PM (5) Conference workshops – English/Spanish**
 - Sierra I, Sierra II, Sierra III, Ocotillo I, Ocotillo II, Ventana Room
 - **Special Event Session - La Ventana Room**
 - **Panel Perspectives on the Intersection of Naturopathic Care, Traditional Healing Practices and Medical Interventions** - Dr. Manuel Zamarripa, Dr. Estrella Sandoval-Becker, and Cuco Rodriguez, Moderated by Dolores Roybal
- VIII. 4:00PM – 4:30PM
Closing Plenary Healing Ceremony – Maestra Elizabeth Robles, MSMHC, LPC, CT, FT
 - **Co-Emcees – Closing Comments - Dr. Rocky Romero and Dr. Susie Villalobos, NLBHA Sr. Directors' ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT YEAR'S CONFERENCE LOCATION**
 - **Closing Evaluation Instructions – Dr. Susie Villalobos, NLBHA Sr. Program Director**

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