

NATIONAL JUDICIAL TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE STATE COURTS' RESPONSE TO MENTAL ILLNESS

2022 CCJ/COSCA Southern Region Summit

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Improving the Court and Community Response to Individuals with Mental Illness

April 20-22, 2022

Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol | 701 E 11th St, Austin, TX 78701 | Austin, Texas

Agenda

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Registration – Ballroom Foyer

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Welcome and Reception – Creekside

Hon. Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
Megan LaVoie, Director, Texas Office of Court Administration

Chief Justice Hecht and Director LaVoie will welcome the state teams, guests, and faculty to Texas and make brief remarks.

Many thanks to the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for sponsoring this evening's reception: Mr. John Petrila and Ms. Yolanda Lewis.



Evening

Dinner on Your Own

Thursday, April 21, 2022

7:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Registration – Ballroom Foyer

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Breakfast – Capitol View Terrace Foyer

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks – Capitol View Terrace

Hon. Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas, will welcome the attendees, along with representatives from the State Justice Institute (SJI), the



National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Courts' Response to Mental Illness, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Plenary Session – *Judicial Leadership: The Story of Miami-Dade County, Florida* – Capitol View Terrace

Judge Steve Leifman will open the Summit with an inspiring keynote address of what judicial leadership can accomplish to improve the community and court response to individuals with mental illness. Miami-Dade County, with a population of 2.8 million is the seventh largest county in the nation and is a leader in addressing the complex community challenges involving law enforcement, behavioral health, and the justice system, and in devising evidence-based, cost-effective solutions for individuals with mental illness.

Speaker:

Hon. Steven Leifman, Associate Administrative Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida (Miami-Dade County)

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Plenary Session – *The Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health* – Capitol View Terrace



Justice Rebecca A. Huddle will moderate this session describing the important work of the Commission to engage and empower court systems through collaboration, education, and leadership, thereby improving the lives of individuals with mental health needs, substance use disorders, or intellectual and developmental disabilities. Commission members will identify and share their challenges, opportunities, accomplishments, and resources with Summit attendees.

Regional Panelists:

- Hon. Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
- Hon. Jane N. Bland, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
- Hon. Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
- Hon. Oscar J. Kazen, Judge, Bexar County Probate Court, Texas

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Brief Remarks– *Institute for Well-Being in Law*

Ms. Bree Buchanan will highlight progress made in the well-being in law movement, with special focus on the promotion of well-being and prevention of behavioral health concerns among judges and court personnel.

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Lunch and State Team Meetings



1:15 PM – 2:30 PM

Plenary Session – *Early Intervention, Deflection, and Diversion: From the Public Health System to Intercepts 0 (Community Services) and 1 (Law Enforcement)* – Capitol View Terrace

Using the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) as a framework, this multidisciplinary panel will share practical solutions and evidence-based practices pre-arrest in the public health system and communities in the Southern Region, including law enforcement alternatives, a continuum of crisis services, and involving civil commitment practices and assisted outpatient treatment. Early intervention with and diversion from the criminal justice system are the preferred strategies for as many persons with serious mental illnesses as feasible. 988 implementation strategies will also be addressed.

Moderator:

Dr. Margie Balfour, Chief of Quality and Clinical Innovation, Connections Health Solutions; Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Arizona

Regional Panelists:

- Hon. Jacqueline Belton, Associate Probate Judge, Richland County, South Carolina
- Yolanda Lewis, Executive Vice President, Justice and Health, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute
- Stan Standridge, Chief of Police, San Marcos Police Department, Texas
- Marie Williams, Commissioner, Tennessee Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Plenary Session – *After Arrest: From Intercept 2 (Initial Detention) to Intercept 5 (Community Corrections)* – Capitol View Terrace

Building on the earlier panels, and again using the SIM as a framework, this panel will highlight effective practices and models within the justice system if a defendant with mental illness is arrested, ranging from behavioral health assessments in the jail, pretrial release programs, to competency determinations and restoration treatment, court calendars and dockets, and community-based alternatives and treatment.

Moderator:

Dr. Debra A. Pinals, Director of the Program in Psychiatry, Law, and Ethics and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of Michigan; Medical Director, Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Regional Panelists:

- Kristi Taylor, Executive Director, Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health
- Renee Rader, Interim Deputy, North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services
- Dr. Jennie M. Simpson, Forensic Director, Texas Health and Human Services
- Dr. Kenneth Rogers, State Director, South Carolina Department of Mental Health



4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

State Team Meetings

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Come Join Us for the Evening! (Optional program) – Reception buffet in Creekside, followed by film back in Capitol View Terrace



**MATTHEW ORNSTEIN
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**

The Matthew Harris Ornstein Memorial Foundation is privileged to host the documentary “Definition of Insanity” describing the Miami-Dade County court and community response to mental illnesses, followed by a panel discussion featuring Judge Steve Leifman, Judith Harris Ornstein, President and Matthew’s mom, and Norman Ornstein, Matthew’s dad.

We are very grateful to the Foundation for providing a complimentary Texas tacos buffet before the screening. Please join us in the Creekside rooms at 6:30 PM on Thursday and then, after tacos and a cash bar, we will return to the Capitol View Terrace (the main meeting room) for the screening.

Friday, April 22, 2022

- 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Registration** – Ballroom Foyer
- 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **Breakfast** – Capitol View Terrace
- 8:25 AM – 8:30 AM **Welcome and Morning Announcements** – Capitol View Terrace
- 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM **Plenary Session – Social and Structural Context: The Key to Understanding the Mental Illness & Justice Interface**– Capitol View Terrace

Though often viewed at the individual level, nearly every criminogenic risk factor can be traced to familial, neighborhood or structural origins. Further, the social determinants of mental health are shaped by societal systems - and in turn by the systemic inequities that permeate them. Approaches and interventions that fail to account for this context and its myriad, ubiquitous 'isms are primed to perpetuate inequity. This panel will explore criminogenic and mental illness risk factors in social and structural context and describe key principles in considering - and accounting for - these issues in justice-involved individuals living with mental illness, with a particular focus on improving responses to children, youth and families, and our communities.

Moderator:

Dr. Sarah Vinson, Associate Professor, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences and Pediatrics, Morehouse School of Medicine

Regional Panelists:

- Hon. Sheila Calloway, Judge, Juvenile Court, Davidson County, Tennessee
- Dr. Quianta Moore, Executive Director, Hackett Center for Mental Health
- Ms. Nora E. Sydow, Principal Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts

- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM **State Team Meetings**
- 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM **State Team Reports and Closing Remarks** – Capitol View Terrace
Each of the state teams will report back to the full group on action plans.

Facilitators:

- Patti Tobias
- Rick Schwermer

- 12:00 Noon **Adjourn**

On behalf of the SJI-supported CCJ/COSCA National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Courts' Response to Mental Illness, we are so grateful to our partners for the support to facilitate and maximize this event. Special thanks to the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, the Matthew Harris Ornstein Memorial Foundation, the Institute for Well-being in the Law, and the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health.

