

# JUDICIAL SUMMIT ON MENTAL HEALTH

MOODY GARDENS, GALVESTON TEXAS



OCTOBER  
18-20, 2023

Anticipated 11.25 Hours Continuing Education Hours  
with an additional 6.25 available post-summit

## Wednesday, October 18, 2023

(Anticipated 3.25 hours CLE)

10:30 – 12:00pm	<b>Commission Meeting</b>
1:00 – 1:15pm	<b>Summit Welcome</b> Hon. Jane Bland, <i>Justice, The Supreme Court of Texas, JCMH Chair</i> Hon. Barbara Hervey, <i>Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, JCMH Chair</i> Kristi Taylor, J.D., <i>Executive Director, Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health</i> Emcee: Hon. Bill Boyce, <i>Partner, Alexander, Dubose, and Jefferson, JCMH Vice-Chair</i>
1:15 – 2:30pm	<b>“I’m not sick, I don’t need help”</b> Xavier Amador, Ph.D. M.A., <i>President, The LEAP Institute</i>
2:30 - 2:45pm	<b>Living with Serious Mental Illness</b> Matt Rutan, <i>Lived Experience Expert</i>
2:45 – 3:00pm	Break
3:00 – 3:45pm	<b>Resource-Based Decision Making</b> Hon. Stephanie Sawyer, <i>Founder and Board Chair, The Sentencing Foundation</i>
3:45 – 4:00pm	Break
4:00 – 5:00pm	<b>Mental Health Law Legislative Updates</b> Hon. David Newell, <i>Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals</i> Hon. Ryan Turner, <i>Executive Director, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center</i>
5:00 – 6:00pm	<b>Networking Reception</b>

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7:45am	<p><b>Breakfast</b></p> <p><i>Available Outside Each Breakout Room</i></p>	<p><b>Specialty Court Group Meet-Up</b></p> <p><i>Garden Cay Room</i></p>
8:45 – 9:00am	<p><b>Welcome – Track A</b></p> <p>Hon. Rebeca Aizpuru Huddle, <i>Justice, Supreme Court of Texas</i></p> <p>Emcee: Hon. Brent Carr, <i>Jurist-in-Residence, JCMH</i></p>	<p><b>Welcome – Track B</b></p> <p>Hon. Jesse McClure, III, <i>Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals</i></p> <p>Emcee: Judge Francisco X. Dominguez, <i>Judge 205<sup>th</sup> District Court</i></p>
9:00 – 9:45am	<p><b>Solving Complex Issues in Emergency Detentions</b></p> <p>Prof. Brian D. Shannon, J.D., <i>Horn Distinguished Professor, Texas Tech University School of Law</i></p>	<p><b>Peer Support as Early Intervention: <i>How lived experience can provide invaluable guidance from the start.</i></b></p> <p>Parker LaCombe, <i>Director of Peer Support, Austin State Hospital</i></p> <p>Alison Engbretson, <i>Executive Manager, Dell Medical School, University of Texas at Austin</i></p>
9:45 – 10:00am	Break	
10:00 – 10:45am	<p><b>Successful Diversion Centers: Collaborations between Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Defense, &amp; Courts - Part 1</b></p> <p><u>Harris County</u></p> <p>Denise Oncken, <i>Executive Bureau Chief, Harris County District Attorney's Office</i></p> <p>Wayne Young, M.B.A., LPC, FACHE, <i>Chief Executive Officer, The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD,</i></p> <p>Chief Mike Lee, M.A., <i>Chief Deputy, Harris County Sheriff's Office</i></p> <p><u>Lubbock County</u></p> <p>Beth Lawson, C.E.O., <i>StarCare Specialty Health System</i></p> <p>Prof. Brian Shannon, J.D., <i>Board Member, StarCare Specialty Health System</i></p> <p>Marle Antu, <i>Chief of Behavioral Health Operations, StarCare Specialty Health System</i></p>	<p><b>IDD Best Practices for Law Enforcement and Jails</b></p> <p>Brandon S. Wood, <i>Executive Director, Texas Commission on Jail Standards</i></p> <p>Jenny Goode, M.S., C.E.O., <i>Betty Hardwick Center</i></p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Dallas County</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lee Pierson, <i>Chief of the Mental Health Division, Dallas County District Attorney's Office</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Douglas Denton, <i>Executive Director, Homeward Bound, Inc.</i></p>	
10:45 – 11:00am	Break	
11:00 – 11:45pm	<p><b>Successful Diversion Centers: Collaborations between Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Defense, &amp; Courts - Part 2</b></p> <p><i>Speakers continued from session above</i></p>	<p><b>LEAP Method Training – Practical Training When Someone Denies Mental Illness</b></p> <p>Xavier Amador, Ph.D. M.A., <i>President, The LEAP Institute</i></p>
11:45 – 1:00pm	<p><b>LUNCH</b></p> <p>Emcee: Courtney Harvey, Ph.D., <i>Associate Commissioner, Texas Health &amp; Human Services Commission, Office of Mental Health Collaboration</i></p>	
1:00 – 1:45pm	<p><b>Competency Restoration: Best Practices including Court-Ordered Medications</b></p> <p>Jennie Simpson, Ph.D., <i>Associate Commission and State Forensic Director, Office of Forensic Coordination, Texas Health &amp; Human Services Commission</i></p> <p>Hon. Elizabeth Byer Leonard, <i>238<sup>th</sup> District Judge, Midland County</i></p> <p>Nelda Cacciotti, J.D., <i>Assistant Criminal District Attorney, Mental Health, Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office</i></p> <p>Thomas "Jay" Wooten, <i>Chief Mental Health Public Defender, Galveston County Misdemeanor Mental Health Public Defender's Office</i></p> <p>Shana Dallas, L.P.C., L.M.H.C., <i>Competency Restoration Program Manager, StarCare Specialty Health System</i></p>	
1:45 – 2:00pm	Break	
2:00 – 3:00pm	<p><b>Springboards to Transformation: Using County Mental Health Law Planning to Build Momentum in Your County</b></p> <p>Doug Smith, M.S.S.W., A.C.C., <i>Managing Partner, D-Degree Coaching &amp; Training</i></p> <p>Kristi Taylor, J.D., <i>Executive Director, Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health</i></p> <p>Molly Davis, J.D., <i>Staff Attorney, Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health</i></p>	
3:00 – 3:15pm	Break	
3:15 – 4:00pm	<p><b>Breakout Sessions</b></p> <p><i>Deep dives into topics &amp; consultation time with subject matter experts.</i></p> <p><i>Bring your questions on these topics.</i></p>	
4:00 – 4:15pm	BREAK	
4:15 – 5:00pm	<p><b>Breakout Sessions</b></p> <p><i>Stay where you are or discover a new topic</i></p>	

<b>Breakout Sessions Offered:</b>	
<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Experts</b>
<b>Emergency Detentions &amp; OPCs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prof. Brian D. Shannon, J.D., <i>Horn Distinguished Professor, Texas Tech University School of Law</i></li> <li>- Beth Mitchell, J.D., <i>Litigation Coordinator, Disability Rights Texas</i></li> <li>- Hon. David W. Jahn, <i>Judge, Denton County Probate Court No. 1</i></li> </ul>
<b>Early Interventions (CCP 16.22, 17.032)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lee Pierson, J.D., <i>Chief of the Mental Health Division, Dallas County District Attorney's Office</i></li> <li>- Gilbert Gonzales, L.P.C., L.C.D.C., <i>Director, Bexar County Department of Behavioral Health</i></li> <li>- Elizabeth Groves, <i>Mental Health Diversion Coordinator, Grayson County</i></li> </ul>
<b>Data Collection, Storage, &amp; Sharing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hon. Renee Rodriguez-Betancourt, <i>Judge, 449th State Judicial District Court, Hidalgo County, Texas</i></li> <li>- Connie Almeida, Ph.D., <i>Director, Behavioral Health Services Department, Fort Bend County</i></li> <li>- Brittany Whittington, L.M.S.W., <i>Director of Accountable Care Systems, Integral Care</i></li> </ul>
<b>Long-term Solutions for High Utilizers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sonja Burns, <i>Mental Health Advocate</i></li> <li>- Steve Glazier, <i>Vice President, Business Development and Government Relations, UTHHealth Houston Dunn Behavioral Sciences Center</i></li> <li>- Adrienne Kennedy, <i>National Trainer, National Alliance on Mental Illness</i></li> </ul>
<b>Competency Restoration (CCP 46B)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jennie Simpson, Ph.D., <i>State Forensic Director, Texas Health &amp; Human Services Commission</i></li> <li>- Chris Lopez, J.D., <i>Assistant General Counsel, Texas Health &amp; Human Services Commission</i></li> <li>- Alyse Ferguson, J.D., <i>Of Counsel, Rosenthal Kalabus &amp; Therrian</i></li> </ul>
<b>Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Courts/Dockets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staci Biggar, J.D., <i>Attorney, Biggar Law Firm</i></li> <li>- Hon. Mark Ellis, <i>Judge (Fmr.), 351st District Court</i></li> <li>- Anne McGonigle, M.S.W., <i>Deputy Associate Commissioner of IDD Services &amp; PASRR, Texas Health &amp; Human Services Commission</i></li> <li>- Erica Winsor, J.D., <i>Assistant DA, Harris County DA's Office</i></li> </ul>
<b>Mental Health Courts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hon. Brent Carr, <i>Jurist-in-Residence, JCMH</i></li> <li>- Hon. Yolanda Huff, <i>Judge, Bexar County Court 12, and Mental Health Court</i></li> <li>- Hon. Elizabeth Byer Leonard, <i>Judge, 238<sup>th</sup> District Court</i></li> </ul>
<b>Securing Grant Funding for your Program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anita Carpenter, M.A., <i>Consultant, Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center</i></li> <li>- Dr. Kristen DeVall, Ph.D., <i>Co-Director, National Drug Court Resource Center</i></li> <li>- Andrew Friedrichs, M.A., <i>Administrator, Public Safety Office, Texas Office of the Governor</i></li> <li>- Christina Lanier, Ph.D., <i>Co-Director, National Drug Court Resource Center</i></li> </ul>
<b>**VIRTUAL &amp; Interactive Sessions**</b> Bring your questions about the above topics to discuss with other online attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lynda Frost, J.D., Ph.D., <i>Principal Consultant, Lynfro Consulting</i></li> <li>- Doug Smith, M.S.S.W., A.C.C., <i>Managing Partner, D-Degree Coaching &amp; Training</i></li> </ul>

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8:30am	<b>Breakfast Available</b>	
8:45 – 9:00am	<b>Welcome &amp; Emcee</b> Hon. Cynthia M. Wheless, <i>Judge, 417<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court</i>	<b>Welcome &amp; Emcee</b> Hon. Camile DuBose, <i>Judge, 38<sup>th</sup> District Court</i>
9am – 10:00am	<b>The Kids are Not Alright!</b> Hon. Cyndi Porter Gore, <i>Presiding Judge, Allen Municipal Court</i>	<b>Grant Writing Workshop</b> Anita Carpenter, M.A., <i>Consultant, Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center</i> Kristen Devall, Ph.D., <i>Co-Director, National Drug Court Resource Center</i> Andrew Friedrichs, M.A., <i>Administrator, Public Safety Office, Texas Office of the Governor</i> Christina Lanier, Ph.D., <i>Co-Director, National Drug Court Resource Center</i>
10:00 – 10:15am	Break	
10:15 – 11:00am	<b>Education Justice: Ensuring Educational Success for Justice-Involved Youth</b> Sarah Beebe, J.D., M.S.W., <i>Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights of Texas</i>	<b>Depression, Anxiety, and Substance Use Disorders: What Every Lawyer and Judge Should Know</b> Michelle Fontenot, <i>Director, Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program</i>
11:00 – 11:15am	Break	
11:15 – Noon	<b>Diversion Opportunities for Justice-Involved Youth</b> Susan Palacios Ph.D., L.P.C., <i>Community Mental Health Program Administrator, Texas Juvenile Justice Department</i> Ashley Kintzer, <i>Director of Probation, Texas Juvenile Justice Department</i>	<b>Zealous Advocacy for People with IDD</b> Meredith Shyyles Parekh, J.D., <i>Supervising Attorney, Foster Care, Disability Rights Texas</i>
Noon – 12:15pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Hon. Brent Carr, <i>Jurist-in-Residence, JCMH</i>	