

JUDICIAL SUMMIT ON MENTAL HEALTH

GREAT WOLF LODGE, GRAPEVINE, TEXAS



NOVEMBER
2-4, 2022

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2022 Summit Agenda

Day 1 – Wednesday, November 2, 2022

Noon–1:00 p.m.	Registration & Check-in
1:00–1:30 p.m.	Welcome from the High Courts <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Hon. Jane Bland</i>, Justice, The Supreme Court of Texas, JCMH Chair- <i>Hon. Jesse F. McClure, III</i>, Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, JCMH Deputy Liaison, on behalf of <i>Hon. Barbara Hervey</i>, Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, JCMH Chair
	<i>Emcee: Hon. Pam Liston</i>
1:30–2:15 p.m.	Access to Care is Access to Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Andy Keller, Ph.D.</i>, President & CEO, Linda Perryman Evans Presidential Chair, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute <p>Mental health care across the United States is plagued by insufficient and inequitable access to effective resources and treatments. To fill these gaps, the Meadows Institute is focusing on behavioral health parity and the integration of behavioral and physical health treatment. To kick off the Summit, Dr. Andy Keller will share the targeted efforts of the Meadows Institute at the national, state, and local levels to improve access to mental health services.</p>
2:15–2:30 p.m.	Break
2:30–3:30 p.m.	Assisted Outpatient Treatment Courts <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Daniella Chisolm, J.D.</i>, AOT Policy Advisor, Treatment Advocacy Center, Attorney ad- litem, El Paso County- <i>Hon. Oscar Kazen</i>, Judge, Probate Court No. 1, Bexar County- <i>Hon. Milton L. Mack, Jr.</i>, State Court Administrator Emeritus, Michigan Supreme Court- <i>Prof. Brian Shannon, J.D.</i>, Horn Distinguished Professor, Texas Tech University School of Law <p>Join this nation- and state-wide discussion of Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Courts. Learn about two Texas AOT Courts and how each program can be adapted to the LMHA's existing structure while still promoting healing and protecting the client's due process rights. Lastly, explore the pathways that exist to take a case from the criminal justice system into an AOT court.</p>

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<p>3:30–3:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Assisted Outpatient Treatment Court Saved My Life - <i>Eric Smith</i>, M.S.W., Mental Health Advocate</p> <p>Graduating from Judge Kazen’s AOT court changed Eric’s life forever. His time in court helped him to stabilize and recover from bipolar disorder; afterward, he earned a master’s degree in social work and now advocates nationally for others with serious mental illness.</p>
<p>3:45–4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>4:00–5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Trauma-Responsive Approach to the Justice System - <i>Scott LePor</i>, D.O., Medical Director, Texas Juvenile Justice Department</p> <p>Become a part of a riveting discussion with Board-certified physician, Dr. Scott LePor, who found life-changing personal and professional success through Trust-Based Relational Intervention, which heals the brains of children with a history of complex developmental trauma.</p>

Day 2 – Thursday, November 3, 2022

	Track 1: Adult	Track 2: Children, Youth, & Young Adult
<p>8:30–8:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Welcome from Hon. Jesse F. McClure, III, Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, JCMH Deputy Liaison</p>	<p>Welcome from Hon. Rebeca Huddle, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas, JCMH Deputy Liaison</p>
	<p><i>Emcee: Beth Lawson</i></p>	<p><i>Emcee: Hon. Renee Betancourt</i></p>

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<p>8:45–9:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Mental Health Stigma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Joe Stephens, J.D.</i>, Chief Public Defender, Concho Valley Public Defender’s Office <p>Did you know that the children’s Pixar Movie, <i>Cars</i>, uses the word “crazy” eight times? Mental health slang to describe non-mental health issues is so ingrained into our culture and entertainment that it is no surprise that the stigma of mental health continues. Join Chief Public Defender Joe Stephens as he gives a poignant presentation on the prevalence of stigma and the consequences that follow.</p>	<p>From Soulless to Wholeness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Jennifer Toon</i>, Mental Health Peer Policy Fellow, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities <p>After being told as a child that she was in TYC because she had no soul, Jennifer’s mental health concerns went unsupported for 27 years as she cycled through the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems. While stigma set this course in motion, person-centered practices, peer support, and trauma-informed approaches helped Jennifer build resilience and change the trajectory of her life.</p>
<p>9:15–10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Pretrial Fundamentals for MH and IDD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Aaron Johnson</i>, Director, Personal Bond, Magistrate Court and Collections, Galveston County <p>Learn how to effectively use pretrial services, personal bonds, bond conditions, and risk assessments to connect justice-involved individuals to services and address Mental Health and IDD concerns early in their case.</p>	<p>Children’s Mental Health in Texas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Luanne Southern, M.S.W.</i>, Executive Director, Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium, University of Texas System <p>Tune in for an important update on the groundbreaking work of Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium and how it is changing the landscape of children’s mental health in Texas.</p>
<p>10:00-10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Break</p>	

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<p>10:15–11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>The Importance of Early Appointment of Counsel in MH & IDD Cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Kathleen Casey-Gamez, J.D.</i>, Senior Policy Analyst, Texas Indigent Defense Commission - <i>Jim Bethke, J.D.</i>, Director, Bexar County Managed Assigned Counsel Office <p>Learn about the right-to-counsel laws in Texas and why the benefits of early assignment of counsel makes a difference in mental health and IDD cases. Discuss how representing a person with mental illness is different from a typical case, and learn how to bring, and pay for, a mental health defender program in your community.</p>	<p>What Courts Need to Know About the TEA and Accessing Appropriate Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Sarah Beebe, J.D.</i>, Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights Texas - <i>Angelita Hunter</i>, Court Supervisor, City of McKinney Municipal Court - <i>Kristin McGuire, MPA</i>, Senior Director, Special Education Programs and Policy, Texas Education Agency - <i>Josette Saxton, MSSW</i>, Director of MH Policy, Texans Care for Children <p>FAPE, 504, IEP, ARD, BIP, FIE, IDEA: What are these acronyms and why are they relevant in the courtroom? Join this panel for a discussion on identification procedures and access to services that schools are required to provide for students, available community services and resources, and why they are relevant in a juvenile, family, or CPS court proceeding.</p>
<p>11:00 –11:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Effectively Utilizing Civil Law in Mental Health and IDD Cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: <i>Kama Harris, J.D.</i>, Staff Attorney, Judicial Commission on Mental Health - <i>Hon. Nelda Cacciotti</i>, Judicial Staff Counsel, Mental Health Magistrate, Tarrant County - <i>Chris Lopez, J.D.</i>, Assistant General Counsel, Texas Health & Human Services Commission <p>Gain vital knowledge to tackle some of the most complicated criminal- to civil-law questions, including when and how to use court-ordered medications; what to do when a defendant is incompetent</p>	<p>The Family Intervention Restorative Services of Texas (FIRST) Diversion Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Wayne Young, M.B.A., L.P.C., FACHE</i>, Chief Executive Officer, The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD; - <i>Arianna Mellinger</i>, Youth Peer Support Specialist, The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD; - <i>Henry Gonzales, M.C.J.</i>, Executive Director, Harris County Juvenile Probation Department - <i>John Jordan, J.D.</i>, Juvenile Division Chief, Harris County District Attorney’s Office <p>This community-based program serves youth who have been charged with misdemeanor</p>

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	but unrestorable; and when and how to use forensic- and civil - commitment laws.	offenses that involve some disruption in the family unit. The FIRST approach focuses on both the juvenile and the family to help address the root causes by equipping the whole family with the coping and communication skills necessary to avoid future criminal justice involvement.
11:45–1:00 p.m.	Networking Lunch	
	<i>Emcee: Hon. Oscar Kazen</i>	<i>Emcee: Hon. Cynthia Wheless</i>
1:00–1:45 p.m.	<p>Lessons learned from HHSC Jail In-Reach Collaborative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Erica Baldwin, MA</i>, Community Diversion, Denton County - <i>Hon. Rebecca DePew</i>, Judge, Bell County Court at Law No. 3 - <i>Hon. Larry Phillips</i>, 59th District Court Judge, Grayson County - <i>Jennie Simpson, Ph.D.</i>, State Forensic Director, Texas Health and Human Services Commission - <i>Felix Torres, M.D., M.B.A., DFAPA, CCHP-MH</i>, Chief of Forensic Medicine, Texas Health and Human Services Commission - <i>Jeffrey Tunnel, CPA Ret.</i>, Executive Director, Gulf Bend Center <p>To reduce the extensive inpatient competency restoration waitlist, HHSC launched the Jail In-Reach Learning Collaborative (JIRLC) to support collaborative and active waitlist monitoring. In this presentation, you</p>	<p>Supporting Youth with Complex Needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Connie Almeida, Ph. D.</i>, Director, Department of Behavioral Health Services, Fort Bend County <p>Young children, especially those in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, often need help to build the resilience that they need to overcome obstacles and adversities that they will encounter throughout their lives. These children need to increase their strength to manage the challenges that they will face as adolescents and adults. By starting early with young children, parents, providers, and community supports can work to build the resilience of our most vulnerable youth.</p>

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	will learn about the JIRLC, lessons learned and outcomes from the first cohort, opportunities to engage future cohorts, and have access to new tools developed to support JIRLC participants.	
1:45-2:00 p.m	Break	
2:00–2:45 p.m.	<p>Year Two of Eliminate the Wait</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Moderator: Kristi Taylor, J.D.</i>, Executive Director, Judicial Commission on Mental Health - <i>Catherine Bialick, M.P.Aff.</i> Senior Advisor, Office of State Forensic Director, Texas Health & Human Services Commission - <i>Colleen Davis, J.D.</i>, First Assistant, Burnet County Attorney’s Office - <i>Adrienne Kennedy, M.A.</i>, Past NAMI President <p>The Eliminate the Wait initiative was announced at last year’s Summit; join us as we explore what is in store for year 2. This panel will highlight newly launched creative solutions to the inpatient competency restoration crisis including ideas specifically for rural communities.</p>	<p>Ethical Prosecution and Defense of Juvenile Justice Cases</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Kameron Johnson, J.D.</i>, Chief Juvenile Public Defender, Travis County Public Defender’s Office - <i>Riley Shaw, J.D.</i>, Criminal Division Deputy Chief, Tarrant County District Attorney’s Office <p>Join the discussion of best practices for collaborative efforts between defense and prosecution of children who are referred to juvenile court, as well as strategies for using evidence of mental health and IDD in juvenile delinquency cases and trials.</p>
2:45–3:15 p.m.	<p>Re-entry Peer Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Sandra Smith, Ph.D.</i>, Peer Programs Manager and Consultant, Via Hope <p>To meet the growing demands for the peer specialist workforce, Via Hope has expanded high-quality professional training programs in Texas with certified Reentry Peer Specialist and Registered Apprenticeship Program. Join us in this</p>	<p>Addressing Childhood Trauma and Grief in Schools: The Handle with Care Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Marisa Nowitz, MSW, LCSW-S</i>, Senior Director of School & Community Engagement, The Trauma & Grief Center at The Hackett Center for Mental Health - <i>A.J. Williams</i>, Lieutenant, Traffic Investigations Unit, Handle with Care Coordinator, Fort Worth Police Dept. - <i>Thomas Dromgoole</i>, Team Lead, Full Stack

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	<p>session to learn more about the benefits of this training and curriculum, which was recently approved by the National Mental Health of America.</p>	<p>Development, Education Service Center, Region 11</p> <p>The Handle with Care Program assists law enforcement officers in proactively identifying students who have witnessed potentially traumatic events that may lead to academic, behavioral, or school attendance-related issues in order to connect the student and family with appropriate interventions.</p>
<p>3:15-3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>3:30-4:15 p.m.</p>	<p>The Creation, Implementation, and Impact of an IDD Docket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Staci Biggar, J.D.</i>, Partner, Biggar Law Firm, L.L.C., Houston, Texas - <i>Hon. Mark Kent Ellis</i>, Co-Presiding Judge for Mental Health/IDD docket - <i>John Gonzalez, J.D.</i>, Attorney, Texas Health & Human Services Commission - <i>Erica Robinson-Winsor, J.D.</i>, Harris County Assistant District Attorney, Mental Health Division <p>Come learn about a new innovative practice-- an Individualized-Disposition Docket--which admits individuals who have been diagnosed with an intellectual disability, charged with a nonviolent criminal offense, found incompetent and unrestorable, and have been civilly committed to the State Supported Living Centers.</p>	<p>Incorporating Trauma-Informed Care into Juvenile Probation & Courtrooms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Moderator: Molly Davis, J.D.</i>, Staff Attorney, Judicial Commission on Mental Health - <i>Hon. Stacey Mathews</i>, Judge 277th District Court, Williamson County - <i>Matt Smith, MPC, LPC-S, JPO</i>, Assistant Executive Director, Williamson County Juvenile Services - <i>Greg Sumpter, Ph.D.</i>, Assistant Director, Grayson County Juvenile Services <p>Adverse childhood experiences have been linked to poor health outcomes, substance use, problematic behaviors, and other poor outcomes. Panelists will share how, by incorporating trauma-informed practices into their juvenile courts and juvenile probation departments, they promoted healing, decreased recidivism, and minimized the use of out-of-home placements.</p>

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<p>4:15–5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Developing OCR & JBCR Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Shana Dallas, L.P.C., L.M.H.C.</i>, Competency Restoration Program Manager, StarCare Specialty Health System - <i>Jonathan Lemuel</i>, Director of Forensic Services, Bluebonnet Trails Community Services - <i>Michele Oncken, J.D.</i>, Division Chief, Mental Health and Child Fatality Division, Harris County District Attorney’s Office - <i>Krystin Holmes, PhD, LPC, LMFT, NCC</i>, Program Manager, Jail Based Competency Restoration Program and Competency Restoration Assessment Unit <p>What is Outpatient Competency Restoration (OCR) and Jail Based Competency Restoration (JBCR)? What benefit can these programs provide to my county? This panel will share the challenges and successes of multiple OCR and JBCR programs from three Texas local mental health authorities.</p>	<p>Dignity of Risk: Decision Making Supports for People with IDD or Cognitive Impairment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: <i>Clair Benitez, M.A.</i>, Director of Disability Services Coordination, Texas Health & Human Services Commission - <i>Kent Allen</i>, Manager, IDD Services Training and Curriculum Development Unit, Texas Health & Human Services Commission - <i>Cicely Reid, J.D., M.B.A.</i>, Senior Staff Attorney, Pro-Bono Coordinator, Disability Rights Texas - <i>Teresa “TK” Reynolds</i>, Regional Operations Manager, Office of Guardianship, Texas Health & Human Services Commission <p>Discover what judges need to know when ruling on decision making supports for people with IDD. The panel will share educational resources, examine critical legal considerations and processes, and promote person-centered practices.</p>
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Day 3 – Friday, November 4, 2022

<p>8:30–8:35 a.m.</p>	<p>Welcome from Hon. Bill Boyce, Vice-Chair, JCMH</p>
	<p><i>Emcee: Hon. John J. Specia</i></p>
<p>8:35–9:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Eliminating Barriers to Reentry by Building Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: <i>De’Borah Jones, M.A.</i>, Vice-President, On Point Reentry Consortium - <i>Mary Moran</i>, Master Instructor Reentry Workforce Development Specialist, President, On Point Reentry Consortium

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Frankie Torres</i>, Treasurer, On Point Reentry Consortium - <i>Rochion Gregg</i>, Offender Workforce Development Specialist Facilitator, Vice-President, On Point Reentry Consortium <p>This informative presentation will examine the unique needs of justice-involved individuals from youth to adulthood. It includes family-centered practices that drive family dynamics resulting in judicial involvement and how these practices have a profound effect on the trajectory of a person's life.</p>
9:15–10:00 a.m.	<p>Stump the Experts on Mental Health Courts and Dockets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Hon. Brent Carr</i>, Judge, Tarrant County Criminal Court No. 9 - <i>Hon. Elizabeth Leonard</i>, 238th District Court Judge, Midland County - <i>Hon. Cyndi Wheless</i>, 417th District Court Judge, Collin County <p>Mental Health Courts are collaborative, problem-solving courts that can change lives. This panel features three seasoned mental health court judges who started adult and juvenile mental health courts and dockets on shoestring budgets. Bring your most basic questions or your most difficult issues!</p>
10:00–10:15 a.m.	Break
10:15–11:00 a.m.	<p>An Attorney's Biggest Foe is Not Opposing Counsel: Understanding Secondary Trauma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Terry Bentley Hill, J.D.</i>, Attorney and Counselor-at-Law, The Law Office of Terry Bentley Hill <p>Attorney Terry Bentley Hill will share how substance-use disorders and mental illness changed her life and led her to devote her career to representing defendants experiencing mental health challenges and helping end the stigma surrounding mental illness.</p>
11:00–11:15 a.m.	Break
11:15–Noon	<p>Senate Bill 6 & Changes in Texas Bail Reform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Megan LaVoie, J.D.</i>, Administrative Director, Texas Office of Court Administration, Executive Director, Texas Judicial Council <p>Enjoy the opportunity to ask questions and hear updates from the Office of Court Administration's Administrative Director as she describes what OCA is doing to comply with Senate Bill 6 and help Texas counties achieve the intended goals of the statute.</p>

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Noon–12:15 p.m.	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Hon. John J. Specia</i>, Jurist-in-Residence, Judicial Commission on Mental Health Judge John Specia will close out the Summit with themes from the past three days and sage advice from a Senior District Judge and the JCMH Jurist-in-Residence.
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