



2022 KANSAS MENTAL HEALTH SUMMIT

Improving court and community response
to behavioral health issues

Wednesday, April 13th

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00-9:45 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Governor Laura Kelly, State of Kansas
President Ty Masterson, Kansas Senate
Speaker Ron Ryckman, Kansas House of Representatives
Chief Justice Marla Luckert, Kansas Supreme Court

9:45-10:35 a.m.

Judicial Leadership: The Story of Miami-Dade County, Florida*

Hon. Steven Leifman, Associate Administrative Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida

Judge Leifman will open the Summit with an inspiring keynote address of what judicial leadership can accomplish to improve the community and court response to those 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 those with mental illness.

10:35-10:50 a.m.

Break

10:50-11:00 a.m.

Personal Impact Testimony

11:00-Noon

Stepping Up Kansas *

Audra Goldsmith, Senior Policy Analyst, The Council of State Governments Justice Center

Stepping Up is a national initiative that reduces the number of people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders in local justice systems. Jail data are tracked to measure progress as communities develop policy and programs to address this cross section of people with behavioral health needs in the justice system. Stepping Up assists counties in creating cross-systems collaborative teams that utilize data to identify effective policies and strategies to bring to scale and track their progress in this effort.

The August 2021 Leading Reform report from the National Center for State Courts highlighted 10 recommendations for competency to stand trial systems. The 10th

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recommendation discussed the development of “robust community-based treatment services and supports for diversion and re-entry.” Recommendations in this report also incorporated the crucial need for partnership between court systems, mental health providers, law enforcement, and treatment providers for collaborative solutions and positive outcomes. Stepping Up provides the framework for counties to work across collaborative teams and understand progress as they implement strategies such as crisis response and diversion programs, reentry case management services including jail liaisons, and peer supports and specialized supervision caseloads to support the court system and increase success for people with behavioral health needs in the justice system.

The Stepping Up Initiative works with county level leadership and community stakeholders to uplift and enhance community-based services, such as those that would provide diversion from the legal system, serve as alternative programs to the state hospital, and amplify connections to jail and community-based mental health services.

Noon-12:45 p.m.

Lunch break

12:45-1:00

Afternoon Opening Remarks

Dr. Shaun Tyrance, Team Clinician, Kansas City Chiefs

1:00-2:15 p.m.

National and Local Initiatives to Improve the Justice System Response to Mental Illness*

There is a growing recognition there is a national mental health crisis from the White House to Congress to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). This panel will highlight the significant Kansas initiatives underway to improve court and community responses to youth, children, and adults with behavioral health needs. Attendees will also learn about the national judicial task force to examine state courts’ response to mental illness and resources available now and expected in the future.

Moderator – Patti Tobias, Principal Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts

Panel

Rep. Brenda Landwehr – Chairperson, Special Committee on Mental Health Modernization and Reform

Hon. Michael Russell – Wyandotte County District Court

Marc Bennett, Sedgwick County District Attorney, Chair Criminal Justice Reform Commission

Dr. Shawna Wright – Subcommittee Chair, Governor’s Behavioral Health Services Planning Council (also works at KU Center for TeleHealth and TeleMedicine)

2:15-2:30 p.m.

Personal Impact Testimony

2:30-2:45 p.m.

Break

2:45-4:00 p.m.

After Arrest: From Intercept 2 (Initial Detention) to Intercept 5 (Community Corrections) including competency exams*

This panel will discuss the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) as a framework, highlighting the effective practices and models within the justice system. More

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specifically addressing the points from arrest and initial appearances through behavioral health assessments, pretrial release programs and competency to stand trial issues. This panel will provide perspectives from Larned State Hospital, specialty court dockets and community-based alternatives and treatment both from an adult and juvenile perspective. This panel will also discuss critical aspects of diversity and equity considerations for individuals and populations.

Moderator – Dr. Debra A. Pinals, Professor, University of Michigan, Psychiatry, Medical School; Clinical Adjunct Professor, Law School

Panel

Hon. Sally Pokorny, Douglas County District Court

Shanelle Dupree, Regional Director DCF and Chair, Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Lesia Dipman, Superintendent Larned State Hospital

Patti Tobias, Principal Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts

4:00-5:00 p.m. District team meetings

Optional Activity

7:00 p.m. Documentary: *The Hidden Pandemic*

Filmmaker Michael Price will screen his documentary for summit attendees. The film captures the lives of local people navigating mental illness, a task even more difficult since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Hidden Pandemic exposes the cracks in an already strained healthcare system. Following the screening, Mr. Price will host a Q&A session.

8:15-8:30 ***Morning Opening Remarks***
Ryan Lefebvre, Kansas City Royals Broadcaster

8:30-9:30 a.m. ***The Ideal Crisis System: Strategies for Mental Health and Law Enforcement Collaboration to Prevent Justice Involvement***

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

Dr. Balfour is a psychiatrist and national leader in quality improvement and behavioral health crisis services. In her role at Connections Health Solutions in Tucson, she helps provide 24/7 access to mental health and substance use care throughout Arizona. Dr. Balfour was named the Doctor of the Year by the National Council for Behavioral Health for her work at the Crisis Response Center in Tucson. Dr. Balfour will speak about the ideal crisis system including services, collaborations and the use of data to drive decisions.

9:30-9:45 a.m. Break

9:45-10:45 a.m. ***Early Intervention, Deflection, and Diversion. From the Public Health System to Intercept 0 (Community Services) and 1 (Law Enforcement)***

Using the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) as a framework, this multidisciplinary panel will share practical solutions and evidence-based practices, within Kansas communities with the preferred strategies of early Intervention, deflection, and diversion of individuals with a serious mental illness from the criminal justice system. This includes law enforcement partnerships, a continuum of crisis services, civil commitment practices and assisted outpatient treatment as well as the role of Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHC) and 988 Call Centers across Kansas.

Moderator – Tim DeWeese, Director of Johnson County Mental Health and member of the National Task Force to Examine State Courts' Response to Mental Illness

Panel

Sheriff Jeffrey Easter, Sedgwick County Sheriff

Lane Mangels, Police Instructor, Kansas University Law Enforcement Training Center

Brynne Haverkamp, Pawnee Mental Health Services/ Riley County Police Department

Dr. Margie Balfour

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11:45 a.m. Closing Remarks and Adjourn