

Full Agenda

2023 Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health Summit *Sharing Solutions with Kentucky Courts and Communities*

May 30

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Registration Open** (2nd Floor Registration Desk)

May 31

7:00 a.m. **Registration Open** (2nd Floor Registration Desk)

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast** (Grand Ballroom Foyer)

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** (Grand Ballroom)

Chief Justice Laurance B. VanMeter, Supreme Court of Kentucky

*Deputy Chief Justice Debra Hembree Lambert, Supreme Court of Kentucky, 3rd District;
Chair, Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health*

Lieutenant Governor Jacqueline Coleman

Eric Friedlander, Secretary, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Kentucky House Representative

Kentucky Senate Representative

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Painting the National Picture** (Grand Ballroom)

Introduction: Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton Jr. (ret.)

Speaker: Karhlton F. Moore, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Plenary Session – Judicial Leadership: Ending the Criminalization of Mental Illness**
(Grand Ballroom)

*Introduction: Hon. Larry Thompson, Kentucky Court of Appeals, Chief Judge, 7th Appellate
District, Division 2*

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

It is estimated that more than two million arrests in the United States each year involve people with Serious Mental Illnesses – half of which are homeless at the time of their arrest. As a result, untrained and unprepared stakeholders in the criminal justice system have been forced to navigate an increasingly scarce system of care for people with mental illnesses. Jails have become places where a disproportionate number of people with

Serious Mental illness spend significant amounts of time; their ties to the community severed, their treatment needs unmet, and their illnesses made worse. Judge Leifman will discuss his journey into the mental health system, the legal and medical history that led to America's mental health crisis, and the essential elements necessary to create an effective system of care that will transform the mental health and criminal justice systems, making jail the last option for people with Serious Mental Illness and not the first.

10:30 a.m. **Exhibit Hall Opens:** (Grand Hall)

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Session A – Bureau of Justice Assistance Visioning Session (Nunn)

Speakers: Karhlton Moore, Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

Karen Friedman, Director of Criminal Justice Innovation, Development, and Engagement, Bureau of Justice Assistance

Share your experiences working with justice-involved individuals experiencing behavioral health needs with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). Session participants will be asked to discuss barriers, gaps, needs, and promising approaches. Participants will also learn about BJA's priorities and relevant programs for communities as they work with justice-involved persons with behavioral health needs. Summit attendees from all disciplines are encouraged to attend.

Session B – The Judge as a Change Agent: Developing an Effective Local Criminal Justice/Mental Health Community (Breathitt)

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

This session will review changes within the American judicial system and discuss how these changes require judges to adapt their approach towards defendants with serious mental illness and substance use disorders. Additionally, attendees will learn ways to develop diversion programs that will significantly improve outcomes for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring disorders, thereby improving public safety and saving critical tax dollars.

Session C – PANEL: Kentucky's Crisis Response Alternatives (Combs Chandler)

Moderator: Alan Jaques, Program Manager, Promotion, Prevention and Preparedness Branch, Division of Mental Health, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Panelists: Captain Seth Lockard, Community Paramedicine Supervisor, Lexington Fire Department

Scott Helle, Compliance Officer, Perry County Emergency Ambulance Service, Rural Project Manager, Kentucky Office of Rural Health

Mike Rogers, Director, Emergency Services, Boyle County Emergency Medical Services

This panel will introduce participants to three different models of crisis response alternatives in Kentucky, with the focus being on mobile crisis response. Representatives will discuss their program's inception, current state, and plans moving forward.

Session D – Breaking Down Silos: Identifying Links between Interpersonal Violence, Animal Violence, and Substance Misuse (Segell)

Speaker: Joye Keeley, The Kentucky Link Coalition

By breaking down silos, we can begin to identify the links between interpersonal abuse, animal abuse, and substance misuse. These behaviors impinge on the mental health of everyone within the household experiencing them. This session will provide information on how to work together to create a multi-faceted approach to helping the victims of such abuse find safety and empowerment.

Session E – Chaos to Collaboration: How Teamwork Saved My Life (French)

Speaker: Eric Smith, Consultant, Mental Health Advocate, Public Speaker

This session will tell a story of how teamwork between the legal and behavioral health systems helped Eric Smith navigate his diagnosis of serious mental illness, highlighting the value of interdisciplinary collaboration.

Session F – Adolescent Substance Use Trends and Prevention Strategies (Stopher)

Speakers: Steve Cambron, Program Administrator, Prevention and Promotion Branch, Division of Substance Use Disorder, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

John Broadus, Program Administrator, Prevention and Promotion Branch, Division of Substance Use Disorder, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

This session will emphasize data related to justice-involved youth, an overview of prevention in Kentucky, and a discussion of effective prevention strategies and how to apply them to the population of focus.

Session G – Combatting Behavioral Health Issues for Kentucky Veterans (Coe)

Speakers: Commissioner Whitney Allen, Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

Dr. Silas Jermaine Session Jr., D.Ed.Min, Executive Director, Office of Kentucky Veterans Services, MAJ US Army (ret.)

Mental health issues, substance use, and traumatic events from childhood to senior adulthood are possible for anyone. Unfortunately, in addition to these concerns, many veterans experience life-altering events, ranging from exposure during deployments for disaster relief to full-scale war that heightens the need for additional support. There is also difficulty in convincing a veteran to proactively seek and participate in services. This session will explore ways to promote awareness and enhance support for veterans.

Session H – Student Mental Health Initiative (Jones)

Speaker: Heather Dearing, Chief of Staff, Lieutenant Governor's Office

Student mental health has been a growing problem even before the pandemic. This session will provide an overview of the Student Mental Health Initiative and the efforts underway to improve student mental health in Kentucky schools.

Session I – Overview of Available Intellectual and Development Disability Services in Kentucky (Sampson)

Speaker: Abigail Lenfert, ID/DD Regional Crisis Coordinator, Seven Counties Services

This session will review and examine the service system in Kentucky for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, birth through lifespan, that aims to support this population using a community-based approach.

Session J – Kentucky's System of Care: Supporting the Behavioral Health of Children, Youth, and Families (Wilkinson)

Speakers: Dr. Vestena Robbins, Senior Policy Analyst, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Beth Jordan, Program Manager, Children's Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Services, Division of Mental Health, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Kentucky has operated in accordance with the national system of care framework for over 30 years. In this session, presenters will describe Kentucky's operationalization of the philosophy, infrastructure, services, and supports within the framework. Programs, services, and support available through the public behavioral health safety net will be highlighted along with accompanying resources. Presenters will facilitate a brief interactive discussion of the behavioral health crisis and the critical importance of ensuring collaborative responses adhere to the system of care framework. Kentucky's strategies to mitigate the crisis will be shared.

Session K – Unshame KY (Laffoon)

Speaker: Dr. Katie Marks, Project Director, Kentucky Opioid Response Effort, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Kentuckians have the power to end the stigma associated with opioid use disorder (OUD) and reverse the addiction crisis. UNSHAME Kentucky is a public health campaign aimed to reduce the addiction-related stigma held by Kentuckians across the state. The intervention has three main objectives: increase knowledge about opioid use disorder (OUD) and that recovery is not only possible, but probable with proper support; improve attitudes toward those living with and/or in recovery from OUD; and develop Kentuckians' understanding of the disease so people can better support loved ones with OUD.

Session L – Mental Health Challenges in the Judicial System: Judge's Role in Treatment Success (Carroll Ford)

Speakers: Hon. Judge David Certo; Marion County Indiana Probate Court and Indianapolis Veterans Court

Hon. Lisa Jones, Chief Circuit Court Judge, 6th Judicial Circuit, Division 2

John Wernert, M.D., MHA, DLFAPA; Executive Medical Director, Norton Behavioral Medicine, Norton Healthcare

An effective response to the needs of individuals with mental health and co-occurring disorders requires committed stakeholders across a spectrum of services. Judges play a critical role roll in this process. This session will discuss strategies to identify mental illness and substance use in the courtroom and provide techniques to encourage effective treatment.

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Plenary Lunch Session – Leading Change in Your Community: The Path Forward Utilizing the Sequential Intercept Model** (Grand Ballroom)

Introduction: Chief Judge Denise Clayton (ret.)

Speakers: Laurie Givens, Director, Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts

Hon. Cole Maier, Circuit Judge, 25th Judicial Circuit

Rachel Bingham, Director, Office of Statewide Programs, Administrative Office of the Courts

Improving mental health responses in your community requires leadership, a shared vision, and collaboration among multidisciplinary stakeholders. This session will explore the Sequential Intercept Model and provide information on Kentucky's efforts in identifying resources and opportunities to improve local responses to individuals experiencing mental illness, substance use disorders, and/or intellectual and developmental disabilities. This session provides a roadmap for working together to prioritize efforts that focus on early identification, eliminating barriers, providing alternate diversion opportunities, and creating meaningful change.

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **Break with Exhibitors** (Grand Hall)

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Session A – Social Determinants of Mental Health (Nunn)

Speaker: Dr. Danielle King, LP.D., MPH, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, Kentucky Department for Public Health, Office of Health Equity

Social determinants have complex impacts on health and mental health. This session will identify root causes of inequity as drivers of mental health, review the intersectionality of trauma and substance use and mental health outcomes, and explore actionable recommendations that enable equitable mental health access and holistic wraparound services for disenfranchised, underserved and vulnerable populations.

Session B – Transforming Families: Implementing Family Recovery Courts (Breathitt)

Speakers: Hon. Clint Harris, Family Court Judge, 41st Judicial Circuit, Division 2

Jennifer Hancock, President and CEO, Volunteers of America

Learn how Kentucky has successfully developed and implemented family recovery courts for families affected by substance use disorder. This model program began in Jefferson County and has been replicated in Clay and Lincoln counties with plans for future expansion.

Session C – PANEL: Youth Voice Colloquia: Youth Perspectives on Improving Mental Health in the Courts (Combs Chandler)

Moderator: Dr. David Finke, CEO, Jewish Family and Career Services

Panelists: Youth with Lived Experience, Coordinated by Kentucky Youth Advocates

Intentionally lifting up youth and young adult voices is especially pertinent to recognizing how systems can impact the mental health for those in our communities. Hear perspectives from young adults who have been directly impacted by the juvenile justice or child welfare systems to understand how mental health can be impacted by the courts in many ways, hear how trauma can impact the way we respond to situations, and discover ways the court system can better serve young people and their families.

Session D – The Fundamentals of Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) and Kentucky’s Expansion of Tim’s Law (Segell)

Speakers: Hon. Stephanie Burke, District Court Judge, 30th District

Koleen Slusher, LCSW, Director, Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

David Susman, PhD, Executive Advisor for Clinical Services, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) provides community-based mental health treatment under civil court commitment to adults with serious mental illness. AOT participation improves voluntary treatment adherence and greater engagement in recovery. Enacted in 2017 as "Tim's Law," AOT is funded through a SAMHSA grant to serve individuals discharged from Central State Hospital (Louisville) and Western State Hospital (Hopkinsville). Additional state funding provides AOT to incarcerated individuals in Jefferson County and in the Eastern State Hospital (Lexington) and Appalachian Regional Hospital (southeastern Kentucky) regions. It is hoped that the General Assembly will provide full funding for statewide AOT implementation in 2024.

Session E – California CalAIM 1115 Demonstration: Justice-Involved Reentry Initiative (French)

Speakers: Jacey Cooper, California State Medicaid Director

Tyler Sadwith, Deputy Director of California Behavioral Health

California will discuss its approach to designing, securing federal approval, and preparing to implement the CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiative, a first-in-the-nation Medicaid section 1115 demonstration to cover a targeted set of Medicaid services to youth and adults in state prisons, county jails, and youth correctional facilities for up to 90 days prior to release. The goals of the CalAIM Justice-Involved initiative include increasing and

continuing Medi-Cal coverage; improving coordination and communication among correctional systems, Medicaid systems, and community-based providers; and providing appropriate health care interventions at earlier opportunities.

Session F – Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation: An Overview of Consumer Services (Stopher)

Speakers: Jonathan White, MRC, CRC, Assistant Director of Field Services, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Kristen Gray Beach, MRC, CRC, CPM, Assistant Director of Field Services, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Attendees will learn about the purpose of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. This session will also provide an overview on how eligibility is established and the services that are available for individuals with disabilities, including those with mental illness, cognitive impairments, and substance use disorders.

Session G – Serving Youth with High Acuity Needs: System of Care Challenges and Opportunities (Coe)

Speakers: Dr. William David Lohr, Medical Director, Department for Community Based Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Dr. Allen Brenzel, Medical Director, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

This session will identify and address the systematic challenges and opportunities facing youth in our society with emotional and behavioral problems who are confronting problems accessing the right intensity of care for the right amount of time.

Session H – Kentucky State Police Crime Victim and Community Resource Services (Jones)

*Speakers: Danielle Sandlin Perkins, Justice Program Administrator, Kentucky State Police
David Trimble, Operational Support Troop Major, Kentucky State Police*

Law enforcement is the first, and often only, contact an individual has with the criminal justice system. An agency's ability to develop programs, policies and procedures that recognize, support, and assist in addressing the special needs of crime victims, individuals struggling with a substance use disorder, as well as adults and children involved in a traumatic incident is an integral part of service to the community. The Kentucky State Police created its Victim Advocacy and Support Services to assist in meeting the needs of crime victims and those involved in traumatic events.

Session I – Exploring the Prism: When Intellectual Disability, Mental Health, and the Judicial System Intersect (Sampson)

Speaker: Dr. Brandy Koch, PhD, Director of Psychology, Hazelwood and Bingham Garden

This session will provide an overview of intellectual disability (ID) and mental health conditions, discuss disparities in mental health care for individuals with intellectual

disabilities and identify when more specialized care is needed. This session will also discuss the intersection of ID and the judicial system, a brief overview of the legal process for treatment of individuals with ID (KRS 202B) and what Intermediate Care Facilities (ICF) for individuals with ID do and how they help.

Session J – Autism 101: How to Support Individuals with Autism (Wilkinson)

Speaker: Mary Helen Richer, CEO, Autism Connections

In this session, attendees will learn about autism and the typical characteristics associated with the diagnosis. The session will also offer tips and strategies for first responders, state and county officials, and mental health professionals to better interact and support individuals with autism.

Session K – Any Positive Change: Harm Reduction is Public Health (Laffoon)

Speaker: Chris Smith, Program Manager, Statewide Overdose Prevention, Division of Public Health Protection and Safety, Department for Public Health, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Individuals and communities are struggling to address the ongoing epidemic of drug-related harm. While some progress has been made, efforts to initiate, expand, and sustain evidence-based and promising initiatives to reduce this harm are often hindered by laws and policies that reflect an outdated, punitive-focused approach to drugs and individuals who use them. This session will explore evidence-based harm reduction measures such as naloxone distribution, syringe access programs, and linkage to evidence-based, HIV, hepatitis, and substance use disorder treatment.

Session L – Legal Implications of Sexting and Screen Addiction (Carroll Ford)

Speaker: Michael Eiden, LCSW, LCADC, CSAT, Eiden Integrated Counseling Louisville, KY

This session will provide an overview on the signs and symptoms of screen addiction (internet gaming disorder and compulsive sexual behavior disorder) with a focus on attachment, the legal implications of behaviors like compulsive pornography use and sexting, and a brief description of treatment methods related to these issues.

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Break with Exhibitors** (Grand Hall)

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Session A – Social Determinants of Mental Health (Nunn) Repeated Session

Speaker: Dr. Danielle King, LP.D., MPH, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer, Kentucky Department for Public Health, Office of Health Equity

Social determinants have complex impacts on health and mental health. This session will identify root causes of inequity as drivers of mental health, review the intersectionality of trauma and substance use and mental health outcomes, and explore actionable recommendations that enable equitable mental health access and holistic wraparound services for disenfranchised, underserved and vulnerable populations.

Session B – Right to Mental Health Treatment for Trafficking Survivors and Culturally Specific Approaches (Breathitt)

Speakers: Gretchen Hunt, Director of Louisville Metro Office for Women

Danielle Mpalirwa, Tabara Initiative Manager, Gate to Hope

This session will discuss Kentucky's Trafficking Victims Rights Act which ensures that child victims receive services rather than punishment. The session will also provide information on approaches to mental health among immigrant communities and how that affects trafficking education and prevention efforts.

Session C – PANEL: Current Kentucky Initiatives (Combs Chandler)

Moderator: Hon. Foster Cotthoff, District Court Judge, 3rd Judicial District, Division 2

Panelists: Deputy Chief Justice Debra Hembree Lambert, Supreme Court of Kentucky, 3rd District Chair, Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health

Dr. Katie Marks, Project Director, Kentucky Opioid Response Effort, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Laurie Givens, Director, Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts

Jennifer Hancock, President and CEO, Volunteers of America

This panel will provide an overview of current Kentucky initiatives focusing on improving outcomes for justice-involved individuals including the Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health, Kentucky Opioid Response Effort, Behavioral Health Conditional Dismissal Pilot Program, and Recovery Ready Communities.

Session D – An Introduction to Trauma-Informed Care for Professionals Working with Justice-Involved Individuals (Segell)

Speaker: Dr. Tracy Clemans, AWARE Project Coordinator, Clinician, University of Kentucky

This presentation will provide professionals with an overview of trauma-informed care as it applies to the criminal justice system and working with justice-involved individuals. Participants will learn about trauma-informed care principles, types of trauma exposure, the effect of trauma on an individual's cognitive, social, emotional, and behavioral functioning, the impact of trauma on the brain, and will gain an understanding of the relationship between trauma and violence. Participants will have an opportunity to learn simple, yet effective strategies that can be utilized with individuals who are experiencing symptoms or behaviors related to trauma exposure. Resources will be provided to participants that relate to being trauma-informed with justice-involved individuals.

Session E – Chaos to Collaboration: How Teamwork Saved My Life, Repeated Session (French)

Speaker: Eric Smith, Consultant, Mental Health Advocate, Public Speaker

This session will tell a story of how teamwork between the legal and behavioral health systems helped Eric Smith navigate his diagnosis of serious mental illness, highlighting the value of interdisciplinary collaboration.

Session F – Review of KRS 504 and KRS 202C (Stopher)

Speakers: Koleen Slusher, Director, Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Jenna Davis, Office of Legal Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

This session will provide information on the legal requirements under both KRS Chapters 504 and 202C, as well as the procedural processes involved as it pertains to the courts and the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center.

Session G – Kentucky Medicaid Behavioral Health Initiatives (Coe)

Speakers: Dr. Vestena Robbins, Senior Policy Analyst, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Leslie Hoffmann, Deputy Commissioner, Department for Medicaid Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

This session will provide information about Medicaid innovations and new/or expanded behavioral health initiatives through a lens of cultural humility.

Session H – Youth and Suicide (Jones)

Speaker: Beck Whipple, Kentucky State Suicide Prevention Coordinator, Division of Mental Health, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

This session will provide an overview of youth suicide, including rates and trends. Attendees will learn best practices that individuals, families, and communities can use to address suicidal drivers and promote protective factors.

Session I – An Alternative First Responder Model (Sampson)

Speaker: Jean Romano, Vice President of Adult Services, Seven Counties Services

This session will provide an overview of the Louisville 911 Deflection Pilot Program, which began in March 2022 in the Louisville Metro Police Department's 4th Division. It will also identify the differences between a co-responder model, an alternative responder model, and how the program has expanded in the first year of operations.

Session J – Recovery-Oriented System of Care and Mental Health Diversion (Wilkinson)

Speaker: Hon. Kevin Mullins, District Court Judge, 47th Judicial District

This session will provide an overview regarding the evolution of the recovery-oriented system of care model and how it positively impacts justice-involved individuals, the court system, and communities. This continuum of care modality in communities must include a

robust set of services, including deflection and diversion opportunities, that meet the needs of individuals with behavioral health and substance use disorders.

Session K – Person-Centered Justice (Laffoon)

Speakers: Hon. John Tackett, District Court Judge, 22nd Judicial District, Division 5

Connie Milligan, Clinical Director, Fayette County Mental Health Court, NAMI Lexington

Traditional criminal case processes are not meeting the needs of the individuals we serve, and a new comprehensive, collaborative approach is necessary to ensure public safety, control costs, and create fair and effective criminal justice and case flow management systems that meet the challenges of individuals with behavioral health needs. This session will explore the four pillars of the National Center for State Court's new person-centered model, which include strengthening community responses, promoting early intervention, institutionalizing alternative pathways to treatment, and managing post-adjudication events effectively.

Session L – Opioid/Stimulant Use: Effective Interventions for the Dually Diagnosed (Carroll Ford)

Speakers: John Wernert, M.D., MHA, DLFAPA; Executive Medical Director, Norton Behavioral Medicine, Norton Healthcare

Kelly Cooper, M.D., MPH, FASAM, Director of Addiction Services, Norton Behavioral Medicine, Norton Healthcare

This session will provide an overview of co-occurring issues related to substance use and mental health disorders. Attendees will be provided with information on topics including diagnosis, evidence-based treatments, and management while learning how harm reduction can be utilized to help prevent death and overdoses. The session will also discuss the role that courts and judges can play to improve care and reduce morbidity in the offender populations.

***Please note, this is an extended session scheduled to end at 5:00 p.m.**

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Exhibit Hall Open:** Grand Hall

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Welcome Reception** (Archibald, West Tower)
Hors D'oeuvres will be served.

Entertainment: Jordan Lee King, Singer-Songwriter
Country / Folk / Americana
Hometown: Middlesboro, Kentucky

June 1

7:00 a.m. **Registration Open** (2nd Floor Registration Desk)

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast** (Grand Ballroom Foyer)

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Morning Announcements** (Grand Ballroom)
Deputy Chief Justice Debra Hembree Lambert, Supreme Court of Kentucky, 3rd District Chair, Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health

8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Plenary Session – Prevent the Trauma: Diverting from the System** (Grand Ballroom)
Introduction: Stacy Bruner, President, Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks, Trimble County Circuit Court Clerk

Speaker: Dr. Sarah Vinson, Morehouse College of Medicine

This session will discuss the role of trauma in justice system involvement, highlighting the importance of considering family and children, as well as formal and informal support systems in any engagement strategy. This session will also highlight the impact of history on equity in system involvement and access to tools for system navigation.

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Break with Exhibitors** (Grand Hall)

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Session A – Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Panel (Nunn)

Speakers: Hon. Melissa Murphy, District Court Judge, 22nd Judicial District, Division 4

Hon. Libby Messer, Family Court Judge, 22nd Judicial Circuit, Division 1

A fatality or near fatality of a child often impacts the wider community, with everyone left wondering what could have been done differently to prevent the untimely death or near death of a child. Judges Melissa Murphy and Libby Messer investigate what can be done institutionally to handle abuse and neglect cases where child fatality and near fatality occur, and how mental health and substance use may factor into the situation.

Session B – Breaking Down Barriers: Reentry and Recovery Housing in Kentucky (Breathitt)

Speakers: Kristin Porter, Division Director, Kentucky Department of Corrections

Johnathan Philpot, Recovery Housing Program Administrator, Adult Treatment and Recovery Services, Division of Substance Use Disorder, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

This session will focus on reentry services and housing for the justice-involved population. In many cases, housing can be one of the largest barriers someone can have to overcome. During this session, hear from Jonathan Philpot with the Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Development and Intellectual Disabilities speak about the Kentucky Recovery Housing Network, the recently passed HB 248, and explain the certification process required for recovery residences within the Commonwealth. Kristin Porter with the Kentucky Department of Corrections will highlight the justice-involved population in the state and give an overview of services they are providing to assist the population in becoming successful citizens in the Commonwealth.

Session C – PANEL: Diverting the Justice System: Identifying Strategies to Overcome Challenges of Placement, Services, and Funding for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness (Combs Chandler)

Moderator: Jessica Wayne, Division Director, Division of Guardianship, Department for Aging and Independent Living, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Panelists: David O'Daniel, Program Administrator, Adult Mental Health Treatment and Recovery, Division of Mental Health, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Andrea Mayberry, Unit Manager III, Specialty Division, Adult Services Engagement Team, Homeless Outreach Team, Seven Counties Services

Hon. Denise Deberry Brown, Family Court Judge, 30th Judicial Circuit, Division 7

Chief Jeremy Thompson, Elizabethtown Police Department, Vice President, Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police

Hon. Stacy Tapke, President, Kentucky County Attorneys Association, Kenton County Attorney

Finding residential placement, individualized services, and funding are major barriers for individuals living with serious mental illness. These factors increase encounters individuals have with the criminal justice system. The panel will discuss the barriers in Kentucky and strategies that can be utilized to reduce recidivism.

Session D – Non-Opioid Pain Management (Segell)

Speaker: Dr. Kelly Cooper, M.D., MPH; Director of Addiction Services, Norton Behavioral Medicine, Norton Healthcare

This session will review non-opioid options to manage pain, including medications, holistic approaches, and other interventions. Limitations and additional considerations regarding non-opioid approaches to pain management will also be addressed.

Session E – Kentucky's Opioid Epidemic: KYOAAC's Strategy (French)

Speaker: Bryan Hubbard, Chair and Executive Director, Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission, Special Counsel, Office of Medicaid Fraud and Abuse Control, Kentucky Office of Attorney General

This session will focus on the historic evolution and ongoing impacts of the opioid epidemic in Kentucky as well as the strategic plan of the Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission (KYOAAC) designed to combat it with funds obtained through settlements negotiated by Attorney General Daniel Cameron with opioid manufacturers and distributors.

Session F – Strategies for De-Escalation of Agitated Behaviors (Stopher)

Speaker: Lesanne Story, LCSW, Social Worker, Norton Behavioral Medicine

This session will inform participants on causes of escalated behaviors, how our brains and bodies react and how to utilize effective de-escalation strategies to prevent further escalation and to resolve conflict with agitated individuals. Participants will learn calming strategies to utilize with agitated individuals to prevent unnecessary escalation which may lead to physical intervention.

Session G – Trauma-Informed Practices in Schools (Coe)

Speaker: Ericka McComas-Church, LCSW, District Mental Health Counselor, Warren County Schools

This session will introduce attendees to the concept of trauma-sensitive schools and explain why it is important to adopt a trauma-sensitive approach and utilize trauma-sensitive practices in the classroom and schoolwide.

Session H – Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and the E-Crisis Report: Using Data to Drive Decisions (Jones)

Speakers: Denise Spratt, Executive Director, Kentucky Crisis Intervention Team

Ryan Wilfong, Assistant Director, Kentucky Crisis Intervention Team

Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) help to sustain more effective interactions among law enforcement, mental health care providers, individuals with mental illness, their families and communities and reduce the stigma of mental illness. This session will provide an overview of CIT and how utilization of enhanced reports can assist in decision-making.

Session I – Primer of the DSM-V and Mental Illness Diagnoses (Sampson)

Speaker: Dr. Timothy Allen, Forensic Psychologist, Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center

This session will provide an overview of the classification system used in the DSM 5 to diagnose mental illness. Common diagnoses will be discussed in depth to include criteria required to meet the diagnoses as well as the prognosis and treatment of these diagnoses.

Session J – 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: Transforming Crisis Response in Kentucky (Wilkinson)

Speakers: Angela Roberts, 988 Program Administrator, Promotion, Prevention and Preparedness, Division of Mental Health, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Service

Darcy Miller, Regional Director of Emergency Response and Client Engagement, New Vista

Marcie Timmerman, Executive Director, Mental Health America of Kentucky

This session will inform participants on mental health in Kentucky and introduce the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline as a resource for Kentuckians. With the launch of 988 in 2022, the transformation of crisis response for those Kentuckians experiencing a behavioral health crisis began. Attendees will learn about the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and how individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis can connect with trained crisis counselors for support and additional services, if needed.

Session K – Carrying Care: Enhancing Staff Well-Being and Resilience (Laffoon)

Speaker: Miriam Silman, Project AWARE/Trauma and Resilience Advisor, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Working in the justice system carries inherent challenges for well-being and increases the risk of staff burnout, secondary traumatic stress, and moral distress. Understanding and addressing these risks are essential for successful workforce recruitment and retention, and maintenance of high-quality programs and services. This session explores the effects of this cumulative toll and provides strategies and resources for individuals and organizations in the justice system to promote awareness, reduce risk and mitigate impact.

Session L – Recovery Ecosystems: What are they and how can you build one in your community? (Carroll Ford)

Speaker: Michael Meit, Director, ETSU Center For Rural Health Research

Recovery ecosystems provide an environment where individuals can access substance use disorder treatment and recovery support services. This presentation will describe resources to support the development of community recovery ecosystems.

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Break with Exhibitors** (Grand Hall)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Plenary Lunch Session – The Least of Us: True Tales of America and Hope in the Time of Fentanyl and Meth** (Grand Ballroom)

Introduction: Deputy Chief Justice Debra Hembree Lambert, Supreme Court of Kentucky, 3rd District Chair, Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health

Speaker: Sam Quinones, Author and Journalist

Join author and journalist Sam Quinones for a discussion regarding the nationwide spread of illegal synthetic drugs, fentanyl, and methamphetamine, and how that impacts cities, counties, and behavioral health.

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Break with Exhibitors** (Grand Hall)

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

Session A – iHope: First Episode Psychosis (Nunn)

Speakers: Allison Paul, First Episode Psychosis Program Administrator, Division of Mental Health, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Donnah Clark, MS, NCCC, CCMHC, LPCC-S, iHope Project Director, Pathways

Shanalee Applegate, Clinical Director, Pathways

The Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities supports increased access to specialized evidence-based services for youth and young adults between the ages of 15-30 with, or at risk of, early psychosis symptoms and their families. In collaboration with Pathways, Inc., The Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities will provide an overview of Kentucky's First Episode of Psychosis Coordinated Specialty Care Program, also known as iHOPE (Helping Others Pursue Excellence). Participants will learn about the program model, data outcomes, success stories, and opportunities to build better services for this population.

Session B – Alternatives to Guardianship using Supported Decision-Making (Breathitt)

Speakers: Laura Butler, Project Director, Human Development Institute, University of Kentucky

Camille Collins, MPH, Federal Specialist, Kentucky Protection and Advocacy

Austin Nugent, Project Coordinator, Human Development Institute, University of Kentucky

It is often assumed that legal guardianship is the only option for people who need help making decisions. Increasingly, professional organizations, legislative bodies, court systems, and others are recognizing the value and importance of alternatives to guardianship. In this session we will present a variety of decisional support options with a focus on supported decision-making. We will share stories of people in Kentucky who have used these alternatives to guardianship to take control of their decision-making.

Session C – PANEL: Recovery Advocacy (Combs Chandler)

Moderators: Hon. John Tackett, District Court Judge, 22nd Judicial District, Division 5

Marcie Timmerman Executive Director, Mental Health America of Kentucky

Panelists: Individuals with lived experience, Coordinated by Mental Health America of Kentucky

Recovery happens! Join this session to hear a facilitated discussion where individuals with lived experience who are now in recovery tell their stories about treatment, illness, and the justice system.

Session D – Kentucky Incentives for Prevention: An Overview of Youth Mental Health Trends, Risk and Protective Factors (Segell)

Speaker: Dr. Patti Clark, MBA, CPS, Director, Division of Mental Health, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

This session will provide an overview of the current status of youth mental health by reviewing the data trends of prevalence of serious psychological distress, suicide plan and suicide attempt. Intervention strategies that align with data will be offered. Prevalence data will be correlated with risk and protective factor data, including youth who are involved in the court system.

Session E – Medicaid 101 (French)

Speaker: Commissioner Lisa Lee, Department for Medicaid Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Medicaid currently covers 1.7 million Kentuckians. As such, the program is vital to providing behavioral health services to citizens throughout the Commonwealth. This session will give a high-level overview of the Medicaid program including covered populations, covered services, and billing for services.

Session F – Review of Kentucky’s Involuntary 202A and 202B (Stopher)

Speakers: Koleen Slusher, Director, Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Blake Vogt, Assistant Counsel, Office of Legal Services, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

This session will focus on involuntary commitment under KRS Chapter 202A and Chapter 202B including the process and requirement for commitment under each, the differences between the two and common issues that the cabinet sees arise.

Session G – Upstream: Strengthening Children and Families through Prevention and Intervention Strategies (Coe)

Speakers: Michelle O'Brien, Principal Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts

Teri Deal, Principal Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts

Discover Upstream, a court and community-based approach that enhances collaboration through coordination, mapping, and action planning. Join the National Center for State Courts as they present how Upstream is making a difference in Kentucky.

Session H – Kentucky Opioid Response Effort: State Services Across the Sequential Intercept Model (Jones)

Speaker: Adam Trosper, State Opioid Response Coordinator, Kentucky Opioid Response Effort, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

There are points across the continuum of criminal justice through which individuals with mental and/or substance use disorder can be identified and connected with appropriate services. According to SAMHSA, the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) details how these individuals come into contact with and move through this system. This session will discuss each point along SIM and review the KORE funded programs that intersect.

Session I – Just and Well: Rethinking Competency to Stand Trial (Sampson)

Speakers: Hallie Fader-Towe, J.D., Interim Director, Behavioral Health, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Ryan Carlino, MPP, Senior Policy Analyst, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Across the country, courts and hospitals are increasingly becoming overburdened by the competency to stand trial (CST) process. Often, evaluators and state hospitals are forced to make difficult decisions about how to dedicate scarce hospital beds and forensic resources. This session will introduce the 10 strategies for rethinking the CST process outlined in the *Just and Well: Rethinking How States Approach Competency to Stand Trial* report, as well as recommendations from the National Judicial Task Force to Examine State Courts' Response to Mental Illness.

Session J – Aging with Serious Mental Illness (Wilkinson)

Speakers: Victoria Elridge, Commissioner, Department for Aging and Independent Living, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Marnie Mountjoy, Director, Division of Aging and Physical Disabilities, Department for Aging and Independent Living, Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Kentuckians with Serious Mental Illness and their caregivers physiologically age faster than their counterparts. Learn how the aging process impacts individuals with severe mental illness, how to support caregivers, and identify positive impact strategies.

Session K – Carrying Care: Enhancing Staff Well-Being and Resilience, Repeated Session (Laffoon)

Speaker: Miriam Silman, Project AWARE/Trauma and Resilience Advisor, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Working in the justice system carries inherent challenges for well-being and increases the risk of staff burnout, secondary traumatic stress, and moral distress. Understanding and addressing these risks are essential for successful workforce recruitment and retention, and maintenance of high-quality programs and services. This session explores the effects of this cumulative toll and provides strategies and resources for individuals and organizations in the justice system to promote awareness, reduce risk and mitigate impact.

Session L – Understanding Race-Based Trauma (Carroll Ford)

*Speakers: Chief Judge Denise Clayton (ret.)
Patrick Carrington, Diversion and Inclusion Coordinator, Kentucky Administrative Office of the Courts*

Race-based trauma is a complex issue that many people are unfamiliar with. It has the potential to impact individuals in a variety of different ways and can be a significant barrier for those who seek mental health treatment. During this training, we will take the time to define race-based trauma and explore how it impacts different populations throughout the nation. We will also discuss some unique challenges associated with this particular issue, and cover key ways that those serving individuals with race-based trauma can be more effective.

- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Break with Exhibitors** (Grand Hall)
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Local Action Planning** (Grand Ballroom)
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Optional Film: *Tipping The Pain Scale*** (Carroll Ford)

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- 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast** (Grand Ballroom Foyer)
- 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Morning Announcements** (Grand Ballroom)

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8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Plenary Session – Early Intervention, Deflection, and Diversion** (Grand Ballroom)

Introduction: Linda Avery, Immediate Past President, Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks, Calloway County Circuit Court Clerk

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

Using the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) as a framework, this session will share practical solutions and evidence-based practices for prearrest in the public health system and communities, 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.

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Break with Exhibitors** (Grand Hall)

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Local Action Planning/Reports** (Grand Ballroom)

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Closing Session – Moving Forward Together** (Grand Ballroom)

*Deputy Chief Justice Debra Hembree Lambert, Supreme Court of Kentucky, 3rd District;
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Hon. Larry Thompson, Kentucky Court of Appeals, Chief Judge, 7th Appellate District, Division 2

Eric Friedlander, Secretary, Cabinet for Health and Family Services