

# JUDICIAL SUMMIT ON MENTAL HEALTH

MOODY GARDENS, GALVESTON TEXAS



OCTOBER  
18-20, 2023

Approved for 11.25 Hours Continuing Education Hours  
(3 hours Ethics; 11.25 board of TBLS) with an additional 4.75 hours available post-summit

## Wednesday, October 18, 2023

3.25 hours CLE (.75 ethics)

10:30 – 12:00pm	<b>Commission Meeting</b>
1:00 – 1:15pm	<p><b>Welcome From the High Courts</b></p> <p>Hon. Jane Bland, <i>Justice, The Supreme Court of Texas, JCMH Chair</i></p> <p>Hon. Barbara Hervey, <i>Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, JCMH Chair</i></p> <p>Kristi Taylor, J.D., <i>Executive Director, Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health</i></p> <p>Emcee: Hon. Bill Boyce, <i>Partner, Alexander, Dubose, and Jefferson, JCMH Vice-Chair</i></p>
1:15 – 2:30pm 1.25 CLE	<p><b>“I’m not sick, I don’t need help”</b></p> <p>Xavier Amador, Ph.D. M.A., <i>President, The LEAP Institute</i></p> <p>Approximately 50% of individuals with mental illness struggle with anosognosia, the inability to recognize their mental health condition. This leads to resistance towards crucial treatment and medication. As a leading expert in the field, Dr. Amador will illuminate the complexities of this lack of insight, often misconstrued as "denial." Join us as he guides attendees through pathways to establish trust, mend relationships, and forge effective partnerships with individuals facing mental health challenges who are resistant to seeking help.</p>
2:30 - 2:45pm .25 CLE	<p><b>Living with Serious Mental Illness</b></p> <p>Matthew Rutan, <i>Lived Experience Expert</i></p> <p>For years, Matthew Rutan’s parents tried to get their son help for his mental illness, but Matthew didn’t think he needed treatment. After his parents implemented the concepts taught by Dr. Amador, Matthew began to engage in treatment. Matthew will discuss his experience with Dr. Amador’s LEAP method and how his life has changed since that time.</p>
2:45 – 3:00pm	Break
3:00 – 3:45pm .75 CLE Ethics	<p><b>Resource-Based Decision Making</b></p> <p>Hon. Stephanie M. Sawyer, <i>Judge, Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas, Founder and Board Chair, The Sentencing Foundation</i></p> <p>Remy DeMarco, R.N., M.P.A., <i>Executive Director, The Accountability Project</i></p> <p>Since 2018, Judge Sawyer has been at the forefront of innovation by utilizing a program she developed: <i>Resource-Based Sentencing &amp; Supervision</i>. In 2022, she furthered her impact by founding a nonprofit organization called <i>The Sentencing Foundation</i> designed to provide the</p>

	logistical support necessary to make the program repeatable in every criminal courtroom in this country. Judge Sawyer will explain useful tools to apply a trauma-informed and resource-based framework to decision-making in a judicial setting.
3:45 – 4:00pm	Break
4:00 – 5:00pm 1 CLE	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mental Health Law Legislative Updates</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon. David Newell, <i>Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hon. Ryan Kellus Turner, <i>Executive Director, Texas Municipal Courts Education Center</i></p> <p>The 88th Legislative Session brought forth new developments in mental health and IDD laws. Join our dynamic duo as they guide you through the intricacies of these changes. Gain comprehensive insights into the latest legal updates, equipping you to navigate the evolving landscape of mental health law with confidence and expertise.</p>
5:00 – 6:00pm	<b>Networking Reception</b>

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<b>Thursday, October 19, 2023</b> 5.5 hours CLE (.75 ethics)		
7:45am	<b>Breakfast</b> <i>Available Outside Each Breakout Room</i>	<b>Specialty Court Group Meet-Up</b> <i>Garden Cay Room</i>
8:45 – 9:00am	<b>Welcome – Track A</b> <i>Expo AB</i> Hon. Rebeca Aizpuru Huddle, <i>Justice, Supreme Court of Texas</i> Emcee: Hon. Brent Carr, <i>Jurist-in-Residence, JCMH</i>	<b>Welcome – Track B</b> <i>Moody DE</i> Hon. Jesse McClure, III, <i>Judge, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals</i> Emcee: Judge Francisco X. Dominguez, <i>Judge 205<sup>th</sup> District Court</i>
9:00 – 9:45am .75 CLE	<b>Solving Complex Issues in Emergency Detentions</b> Prof. Brian D. Shannon, J.D., <i>Horn Distinguished Professor, Texas Tech University School of Law</i>  Emergency Detentions involving individuals with mental health conditions and IDD are a critical concern within the justice system. Balancing the rights and well-being of individuals in crisis while ensuring public safety poses a complex dilemma. This session will delve into multifaceted issues such as timely assessments, appropriate treatment, legal frameworks, and community integration to address the pressing need for innovative strategies to navigate the challenges surrounding emergency detentions.	<b>Peer Support as Early Intervention: <i>How lived experience can provide invaluable guidance from the start</i></b> Parker LaCombe, <i>Director of Peer Support, Austin State Hospital</i>  Alison Engbretson, <i>Executive Manager, Department of Psychiatry &amp; Behavioral Sciences, Dell Medical School, University of Texas at Austin</i>  Imagine witnessing your teenager struggle with concentration, academic performance, and social withdrawal, but the earliest mental health appointment is months away. This presentation explores three personal journeys of mental health care-seeking: a child of concerned parents, an adult in pursuit of treatment, and an individual entangled in the legal system.  By sharing these powerful narratives, attendees will gain invaluable insights into the profound impact of timely peer support. The presenters will demonstrate how early intervention through peer connections can reshape these experiences.
9:45 – 10:00am	Break	

<p>10:00 – 10:45am .75 CLE</p>	<p><b>Successful Diversion Centers: Collaborations between Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, LMHA, Defense, &amp; Courts - Part 1</b></p> <p><u>Dallas County</u></p> <p>Lee Pierson, J.D., <i>Chief of the Mental Health Division, Dallas County DA's Office</i></p> <p>Douglas Denton, M.A., L.C.D.C., <i>Executive Director, Homeward Bound, Inc.</i></p> <p><u>Harris County</u></p> <p>Denise Oncken, J.D., MBA, <i>Executive Bureau Chief, Harris County DA's Office</i></p> <p>Wayne Young, M.B.A., L.P.C., F.A.C.H.E., <i>Chief Executive Officer, The Harris Center for Mental Health and IDD</i></p> <p>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 D. Shannon, J.D., <i>Horn Distinguished Professor, Texas Tech University School of Law</i></p> <p>Marle Antu, M.A., L.P.C., L.C.D.C., <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>In the 87th Regular Session (2021), H.B. 2831 mandated the establishment of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee (IDDAC) by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards (TCJS). This committee is tasked with providing guidance on matters concerning individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) in county jail settings.</p> <p>Join us as we delve into a vital discussion on fostering a more inclusive and informed approach to handling IDD within the justice system. Discuss best practices that will not only uphold the rights and well-being of individuals with IDD but also enhance the efficacy of law enforcement and jail procedures.</p>
<p>10:45 – 11:00am</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>11:00 – 11:45pm .75 CLE</p>	<p><b>Successful Diversion Centers: Collaborations between Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, LMHA Defense, &amp; Courts - Part 2</b></p> <p><i>Speakers continued from session above.</i></p> <p>This two-part presentation will provide you with an overview of three Texas counties at different stages of creating diversion centers. The discussions will focus on structures, creation, operations, goals, and outcomes used by each center. Additionally, presenters will discuss factors in planning a diversion program and lessons learned after years of operation.</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> <p>Learn about Dr. Amador's LEAP (Listen-Empathize-Agree-Partner) Method, which provides tools to persuade someone who doesn't recognize their mental illness to accept treatment and services. It is for anyone seeking to break through an impasse with someone who is convinced they are right, and you are wrong.</p>
<p>11:45 – 1:00pm</p>	<p><b>LUNCH</b> <i>Expo AB</i></p> <p>Emcee: Courtney Harvey, Ph.D., <i>Associate Commissioner, Texas Health &amp; Human Services Commission, Office of Mental Health Collaboration</i></p>	

<p>1:00 – 1:45pm .75 CLE Ethics</p>	<p align="center"><b>Competency Restoration: <i>Best Practices including Court-Ordered Medications</i></b></p> <p>Moderator: Jennie Simpson, Ph.D., <i>Associate Commissioner &amp; State Forensic Director, Office of Forensic Coordination, Texas HHSC</i></p> <p>Moderator: Matthew Lovitt, M.S.W., <i>Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Forensic Coordination, Texas HHSC</i></p> <p>Hon. Nelda Cacciotti, J.D., <i>Acting Chief, Mental Health Crossover Unit, Tarrant County Criminal District Attorney's Office</i></p> <p>Shana D. Donati Dallas, M.A., L.P.C., L.M.H.C., <i>Competency Restoration Program Manager, StarCare Specialty Health System</i></p> <p>Hon. Elizabeth Byer Leonard, <i>Judge, 238<sup>th</sup> District Court</i></p> <p>Thomas "Jay" Wooten, J.D., <i>Chief Public Defender, Galveston County Misdemeanor Mental Health Public Defender's Office</i></p> <p>Join us as we explore the intricate landscape of competency restoration, where tough questions demand astute answers. This session will equip you with insights on pivotal matters such as the judicious use of court-ordered medications, effective approaches for defendants deemed unrestorable, and streamlined methods to expedite competency restoration services within your county.</p>
<p>1:45 – 2:00pm</p>	<p align="center">Break</p>
<p>2:00 – 3:00pm 1 CLE</p>	<p align="center"><b>Springboards to Transformation: <i>Using SIM Mapping and County Mental Health Law Planning to Build Momentum in Your County</i></b></p> <p>Molly Davis, J.D., <i>Staff Attorney, Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health</i></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>Are you interested in building systemic change in your county but don't know where to start? This interactive presentation will introduce actionable steps for Texas counties looking to make positive change. The instructors will lead discussions on creating a Mental Health Law Collaborative Workgroup, participating in mapping according to the Sequential Intercept Model, developing action plans, and following through to keep momentum going. Finally, the JCMH will lay out how to use the Texas Mental Health Law Plan Checklists to clarify legal roles and create a more efficient, cost-saving, and even life-saving mental health law plan.</p>
<p>3:00 – 3:15pm</p>	<p align="center">Break</p>
<p>3:15 – 4:00pm .75 CLE</p>	<p align="center"><b>Breakout Sessions</b></p> <p align="center"><i>Deep dives into topics &amp; consultation time with subject matter experts.</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Bring your questions on these topics.</i></p>
<p>4:00 – 4:15pm</p>	<p align="center">BREAK</p>
<p>4:15 – 5:00pm .75 CLE</p>	<p align="center"><b>Breakout Sessions</b></p> <p align="center"><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> Moody Ballroom ABC	<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> Vine 1 & 2	<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 Gonzalez, 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> Floral AB (2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hon. Renee Rodriguez-Betancourt, <i>Judge, 449<sup>th</sup> District Court</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> Expo AB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sonja Burns, <i>Mental Health Advocate</i></li> <li>- Steve Glazier, M.B.A., F.A.C.H.E., <i>Vice President, Business Development and Government Relations, UTHHealth Houston Dunn Behavioral Sciences Center</i></li> <li>- Adrienne Kennedy, M.A., <i>Past President, National Alliance on Mental Illness</i></li> </ul>
<b>Competency Restoration (CCP 46B)</b> Moody DE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jennie Simpson, Ph.D., <i>Associate Commissioner &amp; State Forensic Director, Office of Forensic Coordination, Texas HHSC</i></li> <li>- Chris Lopez, J.D., <i>Assistant General Counsel, Texas HHSC</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> Moody FGH	<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, Chief Program and Services Office, Texas HHSC Commission</i></li> </ul>
<b>Mental Health Courts</b> Garden Cay Room (near lobby)	<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> Ivy 1 & 2	<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>- Kristen DeVall, Ph.D., <i>Co-Director, National Treatment Court Resource Center</i></li> <li>- Christina Lanier, Ph.D., <i>Co-Director, National Treatment Court Resource Center</i></li> <li>- Alyssa Smith, M.A., <i>Justice Programs Administrator, Texas Office of the Governor</i></li> </ul>
<b>**Interactive VIRTUAL Sessions**</b> Expo A4 3:15- Bring your questions about the above topics to discuss with other online attendees 4:15- Gain insight from peers on the way to address local diversion challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lynda Frost, J.D., Ph.D., <i>Principal Consultant, Lynfro Consulting</i></li> <li>- Ann Blocker, M.B.A., <i>Principal Consultant, Coddie Advisors</i></li> </ul>

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<b>Friday, October 20, 2023</b> 2.5 hours CLE (1.5 Ethics available)		
8:30am	<b>Breakfast Available</b>	
8:45 – 9:00am	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome &amp; Emcee</b> <i>Expo AB</i></p> <p>Hon. Cynthia M. Wheless, <i>Judge, 417<sup>th</sup> District Court</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Welcome &amp; Emcee</b> <i>Moody DE</i></p> <p>Hon. Camile DuBose, <i>Judge, 38<sup>th</sup> District Court</i></p>
9am – 10:00am 1 CLE	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Kids are Not Alright!</b> Hon. Cyndi Porter Gore, <i>Judge, Allen Municipal Court</i></p> <p>Judge Gore facilitates a specialized juvenile municipal court docket addressing mental health and substance use issues. This presentation helps Judges and practitioners to “think outside the box” to address common issues that arise in the juvenile justice system and to engage youth, parents, and other stakeholders while providing support and local resources.</p> <p>Judge Gore will give tips on community service credit toward fees and implementing programs with minimal or no budget, and how these can be implemented individually or together by a court at any level of the criminal justice system. As an added benefit, these tools are widely applicable outside the juvenile context. Concepts utilized include: Trauma-Based Care, family- and person-based practices, people-first language, and incentives and sanctions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Grant Writing Workshop</b> Anita Carpenter, M.A., <i>Consultant, Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center</i></p> <p>Kristen Devall, Ph.D., <i>Co-Director, National Treatment Court Resource Center</i></p> <p>Christina Lanier, Ph.D., <i>Co-Director, National Treatment Court Resource Center</i></p> <p>Alyssa Smith, <i>Justice Programs Administrator, Texas Office of the Governor</i></p> <p>This dynamic session is tailored to equip mental health advocates, legal professionals, and community leaders with the essential skills and knowledge to secure funding for initiatives at the intersection of mental health and the justice system. Participants will leave this workshop armed with a deeper understanding of the grant procurement process, from identifying state and federal funding opportunities to crafting persuasive proposals. With the expertise and insights provided by our esteemed speakers, attendees will be better equipped to advocate for mental health initiatives that make a lasting impact within the justice system and broader community.</p>
10:00 – 10:15am	Break	

<p>10:15 – 11:00am .75 CLE</p>	<p><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></p> <p>When youth become involved with the juvenile justice system, they encounter unique hurdles to accessing education services from reentry into the public school system through graduation. Education advocacy is a best practice for serving justice-involved youth that can help improve educational outcomes and reduce recidivism. This presentation provides an overview of the Education Advocacy Program operated by Disability Rights Texas in partnership with the Harris County Juvenile Probation Department. This presentation will provide information about the rights of justice-involved youth to be served by public schools and practical steps for a proactive approach to addressing school-related barriers to success.</p>	<p><b>Depression, Anxiety, and Substance Use Disorders: What Every Lawyer and Judge Should Know</b> Michelle Fontenot, J.D., L.P.C., <i>Director, Texas Lawyer Assistance Program, State Bar of Texas</i></p> <p>In the mid-1970s and early 1980s, lawyers, particularly those who had found recovery after struggling with their own substance use disorders, saw the impact of alcohol and substance use in the legal community and wanted to help their colleagues. Thus was the beginning of the first lawyer assistance program.. The goal of TLAP is to help and find support services for lawyers, law students, and judges whose ability to perform professionally or academically is impaired by substance use, mental health disorders, or cognitive impairment, and to provide education to the legal profession regarding these issues. This presentation looks at resources to treat the anxiety, depression, and substance use disorders that so often create difficulties for lawyers, their clients, and the court.</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:15am</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>11:15 – Noon .75 CLE</p>	<p><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, M.S.C.J., <i>Director of Probation, Texas Juvenile Justice Department</i></p> <p>In 2015, the 84th Texas Legislature mandated the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) to collaborate with local juvenile probation departments in adopting a regionalization plan, prioritizing proximity to home over commitment. The Regionalization Department utilizes seven chiefs' association regions to streamline services, support, and resources for youth near their homes and families. This presentation aims to enhance understanding of this process and highlight its positive impact on justice-involved youth.</p>	<p><b>Zealous Advocacy for People with IDD</b> Meredith Shytlers Parekh, J.D., <i>Attorney, Foster Care, Disability Rights of Texas</i></p> <p>Even seasoned practitioners can find themselves navigating uncharted territory when representing clients with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities (IDD). Advocating for this community involves collaboration with various agencies and benefits programs, dispelling outdated stereotypes, and prioritizing the wishes and desires of the client. In this session, we will help equip you with tools to advocate effectively for individuals with IDD, ensuring their voices are heard and their rights upheld.</p> <p><b>Ethics</b></p>
<p>Noon – 12:15pm</p>	<p><b>Closing Remarks</b> <i>Moody DE</i> Hon. Brent Carr, <i>Jurist-in-Residence, JCMH</i></p>	



## Save the Date

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Judicial Summit on Mental Health  
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### 2023 CLE Credit Information

**Ethics:** Ethics Credit for Judges and Lawyers (3 hours available)

**Texas Board of Legal Specialization Credits:** 11.25 hours available for Criminal Law Specialization, Criminal Appellate Law Specialization, and Juvenile Law Specialization. With an additional 4.75 hours available for each specialization by viewing the other sessions on the post-summit recordings.

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