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## 2019 CCJ/COSCA Mid-West Region Summit: Improving the Court and Community Response to those with Mental Illness

### October 2019 Evaluation Summary

#### 1. What is your role at the Summit?

Answer Choices	Responses
State Team Member	25
Speaker/Moderator	4
Guest/Other	1

#### 2. General Reactions

	Low Quality	2	Average Quality	4	High Quality	Weighted Average
Overall, I thought the Summit was:	0	0	0	5	25	4.83
How helpful were the topics covered in the presentations to your action planning?	0	0	1	9	20	4.63

#### 3. Specific Reactions (please rate the following sessions)

	Low Quality	2	Average Quality	4	High Quality	Weighted Average
Judicial Leadership: The Story of Miami-Dade County, Florida	0	0	0	2	28	<b>4.93</b>
Court Leaders' Reforms: Challenges, Approaches, and Strategies	0	0	1	13	16	<b>4.50</b>
Early Intervention, Deflection, and Diversion: From the Public Health System to Intercepts 0 (Community Services) and 1 (Law Enforcement)	0	0	0	12	18	<b>4.60</b>
After Arrest: From Intercept 2 (Initial Detention) to Intercept 5 (Community Corrections)	0	0	3	11	16	<b>4.43</b>
The Ideal Crisis System: Strategies for Mental Health and Law Enforcement Collaboration to Prevent Justice Involvement	0	0	2	8	20	<b>4.60</b>
Opioid Task Force Update	1	1	7	10	11	<b>3.97</b>

<b>National Initiative to Improve the Justice System Response to Mental Illness Update</b>	0	1	2	13	14	<b>4.33</b>
<b>State Team Meetings</b>	0	0	0	11	19	<b>4.63</b>

**4. What did you find most useful about the Summit?**

- The evening speakers with spectacular and the team meetings were very valuable.
- Time spent together as a team to prepare plan.
- SIM discussion
- This was a great opportunity to bring an interdisciplinary team together to get a common view of the issues and to start planning state action.
- The Summit was very informative. I had the opportunity of learning what other states are doing to improve the Justice System Response to Mental Illness in their communities
- Besides the information provided, connecting with other State team members.
- The different approaches to dealing SMI individuals.
- Seeing what other States have done in dealing with Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System.
- Meeting and collaborating with the Illinois team.
- Team meetings
- The opportunity to meet as a team
- Mixing the state team meetings with the presentations
- The presentations and networking, as well as simply the turnout from the region's representatives.
- I really liked hearing the specifics about crisis centers, how they function, and their prevalence in certain states.
- Successful initiatives
- listening to what other communities have done to combat issues. collaboration and discussion at State level.
- Specific initiatives from a variety of jurisdictions.
- Learning programs that are working in other states.
- Learning about what other states are doing and getting to know members of our own team.
- Hard to pick one. Hearing about problems and solutions in other states was helpful as was being able to discuss ideas for SD with other people from SD.
- The format, content and state team meetings were all exceptionally useful.
- The opportunity to focus on a three branch approach to addressing public policy on civil and criminal mental health and addiction.
- The collaboration with other states is invaluable and information obtained about best practices.
- Having the presentations and then breaking off into our individual state meetings.
- Meeting and connecting with others there
- Hearing what other states are doing with pre-arrest and post-arrest diversion, particularly in the jails
- Learning from other states.

- The two evening presentations, especially the first night one, made it worth coming just for it. Excellent presentations and the state team work was extremely capable at best in our case (Minnesota)
- State team meetings were great to hone in on what we deal with in our state and it was great to get these people around the table in such an intentional way.
- Getting necessary experts around the table to make meaningful change

**5. Given the State Justice Institute funded CCJ/COSCA national initiative for Improving the Justice System Response to Mental Illness, what additional resources, information and/or assistance would benefit your state/territory/team/jurisdiction as you move forward?**

- The resources provided were superb, I hope you will keep working with our state judicial branch to continue encouraging us to follow through with our ideas.
- Time and money
- Funding to replicate the summit at the state level
- Bringing speakers to state summit
- I would like to see State-wide Summits on this issue.
- A framework, or path to success that has been utilized by other states to assure that as we move forward accomplishments can be made.
- We will need help mapping the services available in our state.
- Facilitating a State Summit for Kansas so we could share information and get a Statewide Plan.
- We are talking about changing an entire system of care in states. I think a helpful training or information would be a change management session, including change management strategy. Also what skills do teams need to be successful, not just who the players should be.
- Engaging stakeholders in the intercept models
- In-state planning
- Attending the additional training that was referenced, learning how to do the community mapping (perhaps a train the trainer model), teaching jurisdictions on the SIM and how to complete evaluations at the jails to funnel those who need it to a treatment location.
- Nothing I can think of now
- Technical assistance identifying our state's gaps, and developing a good strategic implementation plan for diversion.
- Identification of further partners/champions within the state
- unsure
- Data, data, data.
- Assistance with setting up our state summit and tips for achieving a multi-branch agreement to proceed.
- Assistance from a knowledgeable facilitator to work toward a statewide Summit in Illinois.
- For me, seminars or site visits focused on mental health courts would be helpful.
- Technical Assistance to develop training, data warehousing and regional meetings.
- TA and research support over time. Regular follow-up to monitor and encourage action on a state plan.
- Ongoing updates on the progress of each state as well as information on any new best practices.
- None that I can think of at this time

- Funding for planning
- Compilation of best practices from all the states for pre-arrest and post-arrest diversion systems, treatment of mentally ill and SUD defendants in the jail and upon release, examples of changes to commitment statutes that have been proven to reduce further commitments and justice system involvement.
- Multi-disciplinary training curriculum for judges, court staff, and stakeholders like law enforcement, providers and legislators.
- Nothing specific other than what is requested by our court admin office.
- Funds to do our state summit and create our state wide committee are helpful, as well as any other opportunities to learn from other states like this conference.
- help in collection of DATA

## **6. Additional Comments**

- Great Summit! Thank you for the invitation.
- I feel it was important to have law enforcement represented at the Summit. Thank you for the invite
- Excellent Conference and Participation. Can I send the materials from the conference to Judges in our State who do Mental Health Court.
- I think the summit needs to be more explicit about including substance use. The title should be Improving the Justice System Response to Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorder. Especially since the incidence of co-morbidity is so high.
- Disliked having to download a conference APP that had only part of the information and then being forced to jump between that and the Box software. It made it difficult to find information when it was being referenced during presentations.
- Great job, especially with a small staff!
- The summit was truly outstanding. Every piece of it was valuable. I went from being consciously aware of the issue, to strongly feeling this needs to be of the highest priority in my state.
- Understanding that the state teams have to meet separately, I think it was a mistake to segregate in the lecture situation. Far greater cross-pollination would have occurred with some random, "water cooler" contact between the states.
- "The Summit was outstanding in every way!
- Thank you for all of the time and effort and to make resources available for follow-up steps and accomplishments."
- Thank you for your work and dedication to improve our court systems and services to our citizens.
- This was a very productive Summit, really enjoyed it.
- This was helpful and inspiring, but we still have a lot to do going forward.
- This was a great conference. The energy and commitment in the sessions do tackle this national crisis was inspiring.
- "Excellent conference, especially the incredible presentation about Dade County.

- Thanks for organizing the conference. I have high hopes for concrete results in Minnesota."
- "The lack of any talk about racial injustice was a big oversight I thought. There are many examples of criminal justice reform (bail reform, drug crime reform) and in these cases even after great reforms, racial disparities remain pronounced. Considering the well know racial disparities in the criminal justice system, it seems wrong that at a gathering like this it wouldn't even be mentioned.
- As the courts move forward improving the experience of people who live with mental illnesses, we must center the experiences of minorities who experience more adverse outcomes than mainstream cultures.
- I think a conference like this should include some sort of presentation on cultural competency, as different communities experience mental health crises differently, and experience barriers to culturally competent treatment. It is also paramount that as people who hold positions of power in courts we discuss implicit bias and the impacts of structural racism on the people who end up in court rooms, a history that is often absent when court officials make decisions about people's lives."