



# REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Illinois Mental Health Task Force Virtual Summit Sessions  
*Convened by Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Anne Burke*

## Improving the Court and Community Response to Persons with Mental Illness and Co-Occurring Disorders Through Compassion and Hope

Registration for each session is required at the links provided below.  
All sessions are virtual and free. Participation in all sessions is encouraged.

### Summit Sessions

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 / 3:00-5:00 pm

#### The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Crisis System: Strategies for Mental Health and Law Enforcement Collaboration to Prevent Justice Involvement

**Welcome** Chief Justice Anne Burke, Illinois Supreme Court and  
Grace Hou, Secretary, Illinois Department of Human Services

**Speaker** Dr. Margie Balfour, Chief of Quality and Clinical Innovation, Connections  
Health Solutions; Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Arizona  
*Dr. Margie Balfour will speak about the ideal crisis system including  
services, collaborations, and the use of data to drive decisions.*

**Panel** Crisis Intervention Team Training  
Mobile Crisis Teams – Co-Responder Model  
Community Policing  
Crisis Centers

**> REGISTER FOR SESSION I <**

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 / 3:00-5:00 pm

#### Mental Health Diversions from the Justice System through Leadership, Collaboration, Building Momentum, and Moving Forward with Lessons Learned from the Pandemic

**Welcome** Illinois Appellate Court Justice Kathryn Zenoff and  
Teresa Eagleston, Director of the Department of Healthcare and  
Family Services, Illinois

**Speaker**

Judge Steven Leifman, Associate Administrative Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida (Miami-Dade)

*It is estimated that more than two million arrests in the United States each year involve people with Serious Mental Illnesses (SMI) – 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 SMI 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 ultimately will transform the mental health and criminal justice systems and make jail the last option for people with serious mental illnesses, not the first.*

**Speaker Panel Topics**

Treatment  
 Medicaid  
 Court  
 Probation  
 Prison  
 Legislature

**> REGISTER FOR SESSION 2 <**

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 / 3:00-5:00 pm

**Learning from the Voices of Lived Experience:  
 Informing Change**

**Welcome**

Illinois Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton and Rob Jeffreys, Acting Director, Illinois Department of Corrections

**Speaker**

Dr. Debra Pinals, Medical Director, Behavioral Health and Forensic Programs, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; Director of the Program in Psychiatry, Law, and Ethics and Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, University of Michigan

*Systems, Struggles, and Strategies: Opportunities at the Justice and Behavioral Health Interface – Dr. Debra Pinals will share information as it relates to mental illness and how we can improve systems for those we serve.*

**Panel** *Persons with lived experience with mental illness and the criminal justice system will share their stories including challenges with the systems and suggestions for improvement.*

**> REGISTER FOR SESSION 3 <**

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Tuesday, October 20, 2020 / 3:00-5:00 pm

**How Mental Illness and Trauma Affect Quality of Life**

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**Welcome** Senator Sara Feigenholtz, Illinois 6<sup>th</sup> District and  
Heidi Mueller, Director, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice

**Speaker** Patrick Kennedy, Former United States Representative, The Kennedy  
Forum Founder, One Mind Campaign Co-Founder

*This year the world was confronted with a deadly and disruptive global pandemic. As the number of cases of COVID-19 increase, so do reports of anxiety, depression, and suicidal ideation among our communities. The mental health effects of COVID-19 and racial inequity compound an already ever-present reality - not everyone has equal access to mental health care. As a world leader, our country needs to prioritize policy measures to address this. Congressman Kennedy will discuss how federal legislative and policy initiatives continue to evolve in ways that impact the delivery of mental health treatment in an equitable way.*

**Speaker** Dr. Sarah Vinson, Georgia Psychiatrist, Board Certified in Child and  
Adolescent, Adult, and Forensic Psychiatry

*Dr. Vinson will address structural trauma and interpersonal trauma based on environment, social justice, and mental health.*

**> REGISTER FOR SESSION 4 <**

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Tuesday, October 27, 2020 / 3:00-5:00 pm

**Illinois' Path to Improving the Court and Community Responses  
to Persons with Mental Illness: Bringing the Community Together  
in One Voice and Common Mission**

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Registration for Session 5 will be forthcoming.

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