

KENTUCKY JUDICIAL COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH



Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health Meeting Minutes	
Meeting Date, Time	December 13, 2022; 1:00-4:00 PM ET
Meeting Location	Administrative Office of the Courts 1001 Vandalay Drive Frankfort, KY 40601 Main Conference Room
Virtual Option	The meeting was also offered virtually through Zoom. Recording can be found here . Passcode: !=#CM6?W

Attendees	
Name	Organization
Whitney P. Allen, Jr.	Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs
Linda Avery	Circuit Court Clerk Association
Dr. Rebecca Pender Baum	Kentucky Counseling Association
Stacy Bruner	Circuit Court Clerk Association, President
Stephanie Burke	District Judge
Phillip Burnett, Jr.	Kentucky State Police
Hon. Wes Butler	Kentucky Hospital Association
J.D. Chaney	Kentucky League of Cities
Hon. Denise Clayton	Kentucky Court of Appeals
Chris Cohron	Commonwealth's Attorney
Dr. Andrew Cooley	Eastern State Hospital – University of Kentucky
Judge J. Foster Cotthoff	District Judge
Melony Cunningham	NAMI Kentucky
Jim Daley	Kentucky Jailers Association
Lisa DeJaco Crutcher	Catholic Charities of Louisville
Lesa Dennis, delegate representative for Marta Miranda-Straub	Department of Community Based Services
Eric Friedlander	Secretary of Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Jim Flynn	Kentucky Superintendent Association
Laurie Givens	Administrative Office of the Courts
Dr. Todd Gray	Kentucky Baptist Association

Chris Griffith	Christian Appalachian Project
Nancy Hale	Operation UNITE
Nan Hanley	Access to Justice
Erica Hargis	Division of Probation and Parole
Glenda Harrison	Access to Justice
Jim Henderson	Kentucky Association of Counties
Tanisha A. Hickerson	District Judge
Yvette Hourigan	KYLAP, Kentucky Bar Association
Dr. Lindsey Jasinski	Eastern State Hospital, University of Kentucky
Sarah Johnson	Department of Corrections
Hon. Lisa Jones	Circuit Judge
Hon. Debra Hembree Lambert	Kentucky Supreme Court
Judge William "Bo" Leach	District Judge
Lisa Lee	Department of Medicaid Services
Rabbi Shlomo Litvin	Chabad of the Bluegrass
Amy Luttrell	Good Will
Hon. Cole Adams Maier	Circuit Judge
Hon. John D. Minton Jr.	Kentucky Supreme Court
Representative David Meade	House of Representatives
Wendy Morris	Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities
Representative Kimberly Moser	House of Representatives
Judge Kevin Mullins	District Judge
Judge Melissa Murphy	District Judge
Hon. Jennifer Bailey Oldham	County Attorneys' Association
Patrick Padgett	Kentucky Medical Association
Judge Rebecca Phillips	Circuit Judge
Hon. Damon Preston	Department of Public Advocacy
Brenda Rosen	National Association of Social Workers
Steve Shannon	Kentucky Association of Regional Programs
Koleen Slusher, LCSW	Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center
Judge John Lindsay Tackett	District Judge
Hon. Stacy Tapke	County Attorneys' Association
Hon. Larry Thompson	Kentucky Court of Appeals
Judge Marcus Vanover	Family Court
Hon. Laurance B. VanMeter	Kentucky Supreme Court
Dr. John J. Wernert	Norton Healthcare
Dr. Marc Woods	Eastern State Hospital, University of Kentucky
Jenny Oldham	Hardin County Attorney, Vice-President Kentucky County Attorneys Association

Ryan Bowman	Proxy for Ashli Watts, President and CEO, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
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<p>Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Registration and Lunch II. Opening Remarks III. KJCMH Updates IV. Committee Updates V. Sequential Intercept Mapping VI. DBHDID Services and Initiative for Justice-Involved Individuals VII. Closing Remarks VIII. Adjourn

<p>Discussion</p> <p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health (KJCMH) convened for its second meeting at 1:00 p.m. on December 13, 2022, at the Administrative Office of the Courts, Frankfort, Kentucky, in person and via Zoom. John D. Minton Jr., Chief Justice of Kentucky Supreme Court, provided opening remarks and shared his interest and hope that Chief Justice-Elect Laurance B. VanMeter will allow him to continue working with the commission.</p> <p>Chief Justice-Elect Laurance B. VanMeter provided additional opening remarks. He thanked and recognized Chief Justice Minton’s leadership in establishing the KJCMH and acknowledged his support for the commission.</p> <p>KJCMH Updates</p> <p>Justice Debra Hembree Lambert of the Supreme Court of Kentucky opened the room/floor for new commission members to introduce themselves and their affiliations, as well as any member who were attending for their first meeting. Justice Lambert announced that committees have been established and chairs within the three committees have been selected. Additionally, workgroups have been established under each of the committees. Commission members were asked to identify additional persons to serve on the identified workgroups within each committee. Many workgroups are lacking members—particularly those regarding Domestic Violence, System Mapping, and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.</p> <p>Justice Lambert requested that the KJCMH establish a process and timeframe for identifying and discussing legislative recommendations prior to the October 1st deadline. Recommendations should be given in the June 2023 meeting. A model for the legislative recommendation process was provided in members’ information packets.</p> <p>Justice Lambert then introduced chairs for each committee and allowed each chair to update commission members on progress.</p>
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The Mental Health Summit will occur May 31, 2023, through June 2, 2023, at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky.

Committee Updates

1. Criminal Justice. Judge Cole Adams Maier, Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, updated the commission on the Committee's first meeting. The committee decided to establish three workgroups consisting of the following: *Juvenile Justice, Competency Restoration, and Prearrest/Diversion*. Judge Maier encouraged commission members to identify additional individuals that could serve on the Competency Restoration and the Prearrest/Diversion workgroups. Judge Maier then requested that Judge Lisa Jones, Chair of the Juvenile Justice workgroup, provide an update on the outcome of the workgroup's first meeting. Judge Jones reported that during the Juvenile Justice Workgroup meeting, members were asked to discuss barriers to accessing behavioral health services within their community. The workgroup also discussed KRS 645 and heard a presentation about the School Safety and Resiliency Act. Judge Jones announced that the workgroup will continue to meet during the odd months of 2023. They are specifically exploring judicial use of juvenile involuntary competency laws with plans to survey judges as a first step.

2. Civil and Family Justice. Judge J. Foster Cotthoff, Chair of the Civil and Family Justice Committee, advised that the committee met November 14, 2022, and established three workgroups which include: *Civil Commitment, Guardianship and Disability; Dependency, Neglect and Abuse; and Domestic Violence/Interpersonal Violence*. Judge Vanover was selected to lead the Dependency, Neglect and Abuse workgroup that met on December 12, 2022, and heard a presentation from the National Center for State Courts on Upstream and the Sequential Intercept Model. Materials shared during the December 12 workgroup meeting were made available on the resource table at the December 13, 2022, KJCMH meeting. The Civil and Family Justice Committee will meet again on January 4, 2023.

3. Treatment and Access. Judge Kevin Mullins, Chair of the Treatment and Access Committee, advised that the committee had met and identified four workgroups that include: *Court Responses to Mental Health, System Mapping, Strengthening Community Response, and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*. Judge Mullins indicated he would like to see the Kentucky Criminal Rules evolve to allow a judge to issue bond conditions that reasonably assist persons suffering from a mental health issue. Judge Mullins also indicated that he hopes to see a Crisis Intervention Training presented at the Mental Health Summit. This committee's workgroups are most in need of new member applicants. Judge Mullins advised that the Treatment and Access Committee will meet again on February 3, 2023.

Sequential Intercept Mapping

Michelle O'Brien, Principal Court Management Consultant with the National Center for State Courts, presented on the topics of Sequential Intercept Mapping and Leading Change Mapping. The PowerPoint presentation and additional materials were given to each member. The statewide Sequential Intercept Mapping event will be held in person at the Administrative Office of the Courts on February 16 – 17, 2023.

Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities: Services and Initiatives for Justice-Involved Individuals

Wendy Morris, Commissioner for Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, and Koleen Slusher, LCSW, Director, Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center (KCPC), presented on the workings of the DBHDID and KCPC as well as current barriers to effective operation. Koleen Slusher discussed future possibilities within the court system: allowing outpatient competency evaluation centers, starting a jail-based competency restoration program, increasing KCPC's service capacity, closing service gaps, and replacing the current KCPC facility.

Closing Remarks

Justice Lambert thanked commission members for their hard work in her closing remarks. She advised that the Sequential Intercept Model training, provided by the National Center for State Courts, will take place, in-person, on February 16, 2023, through February 17, 2023, at the AOC in Frankfort, Kentucky. Justice Lambert further advised that the next KJCMH meeting is scheduled to take place on March 23, 2023, and she thanked the commission members for their patience. If anyone needed additional information, Justice Lambert assured that they could contact Shawna Mitchell, the commission's administrator.

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After a group picture was taken, the commission adjourned at 3:35 PM ET.

No.	Action	Owner	Due Date	Status	Notes
1	<i>For Committees to recruit more members</i>	<i>Commission Members</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Pending</i>	
2	<i>Review draft legislation and provide feedback to finalize process</i>	<i>Commission Members</i>	<i>3/23/23</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Please provide feedback to Shawna Mitchell</i>
3	<i>Create Summit Planning Team</i>	<i>Commission Members</i>	<i>1/15/2023</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>If interested in being part of the Summit Planning Team, please contact Shawna Mitchell</i>
4	<i>Send out calendar invitations for 2023 KJCMH events</i>	<i>Shawna Mitchell</i>		<i>Complete</i>	
5	<i>Schedule meeting with K. Slusher and KJCMH judges to explore options for competency evaluations and messaging statewide</i>	<i>Seth Stevens</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>	<i>Ongoing</i>	<i>Offer hybrid platform for meeting</i>

Additional Information**Noncommission Members and Public in attendance:**

Name	Organization
Michelle O'Brien	National Center for State Courts
Nora Sydow	National Center for State Courts
Elizabeth Hyland	Judge Lisa Jones
Dr. Tonika East	Office of Adult Education
Mary Carpenter	Department of Community Based Services
Vestena Robbins	Department for Behavioral Health Disabilities and Intellectual Disabilities
Ashley Lopez	Isaiah House
Dr. John C. Gregory	Office of Adult Education
Joshua Nacey	Legislative Research Commission
LeeAnna Dowan	Dowan Law Offices
Sarah Bessinger	Assistant Warren County Attorney
Abigail Lenfert	Seven Counties Services
Clyde Sutton	Circuit Clerk
Jeff Edwards	Department of Public Advocacy
Patti Clark	Director, Division of Mental Health, Department for Behavioral Health
Bob Napolilli	Council on Developmental Disabilities
Joan Gershman	Citizen
Courtney Maynard	Operation UNITE

KJCMH Support Staff in attendance:

Name	Department
Jacindia Rowe	Kentucky Supreme Court
Jason McGinnis	Administrative Office of the Courts
Jason Reynolds	Governmental Affairs Liaison
Kelly Stephens	Kentucky Supreme Court
Eboni Thompson	Family and Juvenile Services
Debbie Hall	Specialty Courts
Vanessa Chauhan	Family and Juvenile Services
Patrick Carrington	Diversity and Inclusion Coordinator
Rachel Bingham	Office of Statewide Programs
Shawna Mitchell	Judicial Commission on Mental Health
Ian Shepard	Office of Statewide Programs
Ashley Clark	Pretrial Services
Nathan Goins	Family and Juvenile Services
E. McKenzie Marshall	Specialty Courts
Jason Dufeck	Pretrial Services
Angie Darcy	Pretrial Services
Katie Shepherd	Supreme Court
Patrick Carrington	Human Resources

Elizabeth Nichols	Specialty Courts
Chris Brown	Family and Juvenile Services
Johnny Martinez	Information and Technology Services
J.R. Hopson	Family and Juvenile Services
Seth Stevens	Judicial Commission on Mental Health