

**Louisiana State Bar Association
Criminal Justice Committee
2019 Louisiana Criminal Justice Summit
Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System**

Renaissance Hotel Baton Rouge
7000 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge LA 70810
Friday, April 26, 2019
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Welcome Remarks
9:30 – 10:30 AM (1.0 CLE)	<p>Law Enforcement and the Mentally Ill ~ A Front Line Perspective <i>Hon. William “Chuck” Credo, Louisiana State Coroner’s Association</i> <i>Sheriff Gregory C. Champagne, St. Charles Parish Sheriff’s Office</i> <i>Clifford Gatlin, Louisiana College Safety and Security</i> <i>Loren Lampert, Louisiana District Attorneys Association (moderator)</i></p> <p>Due to the sheer number of people who experience a mental health crisis and come into contact with the criminal justice system, law enforcement professionals have become frontline mental health workers in many respects. During this session, you will learn about the Crisis Intervention Team collaborative model and training that police and sheriffs’ deputies receive to address mental health needs.</p>
10:40 – 11:40 AM (1.0 CLE)	<p>Closing the Gap between Science and Practice ~ Identification and Communication Strategies <i>Dr. Sarah DeLand, MD, Tulane University and Behavioral Health Clinic</i> <i>Richard Bourke, Louisiana Capital Assistance Center</i></p> <p>Presenters will discuss the research and tools found to be effective to address unmet needs of persons with mental illness and addictions. This session will help judges, prosecutors, and defenders: 1) identify signs and symptoms of mental illness and 2) learn effective communications skills and strategies when working with a person experiencing a mental health condition.</p>
11:45 – 12:15 PM	<p>Working Group Breakout Sessions</p> <p>Breakout sessions will allow stakeholders to continue discussions about the topics presented and brainstorm practical application of the programs and strategies discussed. Group leaders will share information exchanged at the end of the session.</p> <p>Group 1 – Law Enforcement and the Mentally Ill Group 2 – Identification and Communication Strategies</p>
12:15 – 1:30 PM	LUNCH

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In Our Own Voice presented by National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
Tonja Myles, Gerri Hobdy, and Rani Whittington provide a personal perspective of mental illness, as presenters talk openly about what it's like to live with a mental health condition and interact with the criminal justice system.

1:40 – 2:40 PM
(1.0 CLE)

Innovative Programs to Address Mental Health Needs
Aaron Clark-Rizzio, Louisiana Center for Children's Rights
Jennifer Eagan, Louisiana Supreme Court
Barksdale Hortenstine, Jr., Orleans Public Defenders (moderator)
Hillar C. Moore, III, East Baton Rouge District Attorney
Kristen Raby, East Baton Rouge Victim Services
During this presentation, you will learn about local and national programs that District Attorneys, Public Defenders, and Courts are creating to help children and adults navigate mental health crises and address mental health needs.

2:50 – 3:50 PM
(1.0 CLE)

Landscape for Mental Health Courts & Resources
Hon. Donald R. Johnson, Nineteenth Judicial District Court
Kerry K. Lentini, Louisiana Supreme Court (moderator)
Joseph Seyler, Mental Health Advocacy Service
John Nosacka, Capital Area Human Services
The presenters in this session will discuss behavioral health courts in the criminal justice system, the development of Assisted Out-Patient (AOT) Courts in the civil justice system, the availability of mental health services in Louisiana, and ways in which the legal community can work with mental health service providers to increase access to services and resources.

4:00 – 4:30 PM

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Group 3 – Innovative Programs to Address Mental Health Needs
Group 4 – Landscape for Mental Health Courts & Resources

4:30 – 4:35 PM

Closing Remarks

(5.0 CLE hours)

This event was made possible by the volunteer time and contribution of the Summit Planning Subcommittee: Chair Jean Faria, Richard Bourke, Barksdale Hortenstine, Kerry Lentini, and Loren Lampert.