

Mental Health Conference

June 24–26, 2020

15 MCLE/TCOLE hours

15 hours of
FREE training for
prosecutors,
prosecutor office
staff, and peace
officers!

TWO LOCATIONS:

Houston:

Embassy Suites by Hilton
Houston West—Katy
16435 Katy Fwy.
Houston, TX 77094
Room: Texas Ballroom

Rockwall:

Rockwall County
Courthouse
1111 E. Yellowjacket Ln.
Rockwall, TX 75087
Room: Liberty Hall

The Texas District and County Attorneys Association, with the support of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, is proud to offer FREE training to Texas prosecutor offices on mental health. The conference will take place over three days (June 24–26) in two cities (Houston and Rockwall), and it will feature expert speakers on six topics, which are described on the reverse page. Registration is free to all prosecutors, prosecutor staff, and peace officers, and it provides 15 hours of MCLE and TCOLE credit, but please note that TDCAA cannot reimburse for meals, travel, or hotel. Only coffee service will be provided.

Registration for this seminar is online only at www.tdcaa.com/training.

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Mental Health Conference Agendas

Houston: Embassy Suites by Hilton Houston West–Katy 16435 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77094

Wednesday, June 24

9:00 a.m.–Noon Legal Basics
Melinda Brents, former Asst. County Attorney, Harris County, & Jason Steans, Asst. County Attorney, Travis County
1:30–4:30 p.m. Sequential Intercept Model (SIM)
Travis Parker, Policy Research Associates, Inc.

Thursday, June 25

9:00 a.m.–Noon Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI)
Bradford Crockard & Gilbert Sawtelle, Asst. District Attorneys, Harris County
1:30–4:30 p.m. Diversions
Lee Pierson, Asst. Criminal District Attorney, Dallas County, & Denise Oncken, Asst. District Attorney, Harris County

Friday, June 26

9:00 a.m.–Noon Mental Health 101
Dr. Matt Faubion, West Texas Centers
1:30–4:30 p.m. The State Hospital
Tom McClure, Attorney, Department of Health & Human Services

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Description of Presentations

Diversions

There is widespread agreement that courts should seek to divert offenders with mental impairments to effective treatment options, public safety permitting. But what options are available? What is working? How does a prosecutor balance the needs of the public with potential treatment options for the offender?

Legal Basics

In this session, attendees will learn basic tools to navigate civil and criminal commitments from A to Z, such as assessments, emergency detention, and civil commitment. It will also include forms and procedures for civil and criminal commitments.

Mental Health 101

Prosecutors are not doctors, but it is essential that they know the basics of mental illness when they seek to address the illness in the context of a criminal proceeding.

Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI)

A trial in which a defendant pleads “not guilty by reason of insanity” can be complex. In this session, attendees will not only learn about the trial of such a case, but also about the post-verdict procedures needed to ensure that the offender continues to receive the proper care—and the public continues to be protected.

Sequential Intercept Model (SIM)

The SIM identifies key diversion points in the criminal justice system for an offender with mental health issues and has proven successful in developing a community-based response. Using the SIM creates a strategic plan based on local resources and priorities with the goal of assisting the offender with mental health issues while protecting public safety.

State Hospital

The State Hospital is an essential tool for the system as we seek to restore competency and treat mentally ill offenders. Attendees will take a deep dive into the workings of the state hospital and its impact on cases once the defendant returns to court.

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