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## 2019 CCJ/COSCA Western Region Summit

### Improving the Court and Community Response to those with Mental Illness

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#### Evaluation Summary

1. What is your role at the Summit?

<i>State Team Member</i>	<i>Speaker/Moderator</i>	<i>Guest/Other</i>
32	3	4

2. Overall, I thought the Summit was?

<i>Low Quality</i> 1	2	<i>Average Quality</i> 3	4	<i>High Quality</i> 5	<b>OVERALL AVERAGE</b>
0	0	0	3	35	4.9

3. How helpful were the topics covered in the presentations to your action planning?

<i>Low Quality</i> 1	2	<i>Average Quality</i> 3	4	<i>High Quality</i> 5	<b>OVERALL AVERAGE</b>
0	0	0	5	31	4.9

4. Please rate the following sessions:

	<i>Low Quality</i> 1	2	<i>Average Quality</i> 3	4	<i>High Quality</i> 5	<b>OVERALL AVERAGE</b>
Judicial Leadership: The Story of Miami-Dade County, Florida	0	0	0	1	37	5.0
Chief Justices and Judges Leading Reform: Challenges, Approaches, and Strategies	0	0	1	10	27	4.7
Early Intervention, Deflection, and Diversion: From the Public Health System to Intercepts 0 (Community Services) and 1 (Law Enforcement)	0	0	3	7	28	4.7
After Arrest: From Intercept 2 (Initial Detention) to Intercept 5 (Community Corrections)	0	0	1	7	28	4.8
State Team Meetings	0	0	1	7	25	4.7

5. What did you find most useful about the Summit?

- Great information provided by the various jurisdictions. Information regarding Medicaid and crisis mental health centers. Framework and SIM for analyzing and directing any statewide reform efforts. Significant information and focus on Intercept 0.
- Intercept 2 to Intercept 5 – had so many good ideas we can consider for our state; state team meetings – having dedicated time away from “the office” let us truly focus on where we are and what we need to do.
- The innovation regarding pre arrest 0-1 of SIM and the empowering message to us as leaders to bring forth these initiatives.
- Acknowledging that some judicial branches are now unified, it was helpful to see components on systemic improvements, which might make incremental improvements in small systems.
- Materials are excellent – SIM model.
- Opportunity to collaborate at length with colleagues I don’t ordinarily interact a lot with.
- This is a great topic and I appreciated the focus on how courts can engage in the conversation – lead the change – and make a difference in our communities.
- The road map for team meetings and examples from other places.
- The sharing of SIM and other best practices across the states. The opportunity to learn from others and network was wonderful.
- The way state team meetings were interspersed with the content presentations.
- Excellent and compelling subject matter. It is clear that technical assistance and expertise is available as we chart the course forward.
- The exposure to concepts, ideas, practices, and techniques from the various jurisdictions was excellent.
- Discussion about what others are doing.
- Collaboration with western states and multiple disciplines.
- Connecting with others from our own state!
- Team collaboration. Sharing with other states/jurisdictions.
- Tons of information that was helpful in looking at all the intercepts and seeing what is possible.
- Connecting with presenters later in the team meeting. Q & A after presentations. Talking with reps from the National Center regarding support for programs/referral for materials/resources online. The time spent with team members regarding goals/challenges/info within the state. Dr. Balfour was excellent and her presentation should be part of main content at the conference.
- Panels.
- Dr. Balfour was superb. Her clinic is inspirational. Her presentation was extremely useful and convincing.
- Having a statewide discussion for us is the catalyst for movement.
- State team meetings. Access to technical assistance.
- Discussion on Intercepts 0 and 1.
- Many innovative ideas were presented, along with a “big picture” understanding of the issues.
- All – presentations and time for state team.
- Immediate and frequent opportunities to collaborate with state teams.

- Judge Leifman's key note address made crystal clear the need for reform. Dr. Balfour depicted what should be our goal – a comprehensive system to decriminalize mental illness.
  - The evening reception and presentation was great to connect and learn. The speaker was great!
  - The team meetings were the most useful, but only because of the format of education, team meetings, education, and team meetings.
  - State team meetings. Quality of presentations. Focus on mental illness.
  - Talking to people from other states was reassuring, and Dr. Balfour's presentation gave our state hope and inspiration.
  - A wide variety of new ideas, that I would never be aware of regarding treatment, process, efficiency, etc. (speaker/moderator)
  - Opportunity to learn about initiatives under way in other states and to reassess efforts in our own state. (speaker/moderator)
  - Concrete suggestions. Inspiring presentations. (speaker/moderator)
  - Hearing about all of the national initiatives at all of the intercepts. Meeting leaders in states. Hearing unique collaborations. (guest/other)
  - Presentations were excellent/venue was outstanding. (guest/other)
  - Judge Leifman. (guest/other)
  - Sharing best practices and innovative ideas and having materials in drop box! (guest/other)
6. 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?
- Technical assistance with data gathering and investigation to begin a statewide review and Washington State's current status with mental health services throughout the state and their collaboration with our court system.
  - Help with planning and holding a statewide summit.
  - We are a diverse state with urban courts that meet 1X/week all the way to JX with hundreds of judges – we need help organizing a summit on this issue that would provide meaningful.
  - We're looking to develop options for various jurisdictions. It would be helpful to have option resources like "if your jurisdiction X, then Y..."
  - Materials/technical assistance as we go forward to educate our judiciary.
  - A list of various states that have already begun to build or have completely built what is necessary for an intercept model. For instance – states with a 0 intercept program, states with diversion programs at intercept 3, along with a description regarding whether the court is unified, etc. Additionally, a list of possibly funding/grants. Also a roster of various statutory schemes that have been designed to get at the problem AOT, civil commitment, etc. so that we can look at what others have done – figure out who we might visit, etc. and not have to build blind.
  - Technical assistance. Group email to send information, queries and share programs.
  - The summit was great but I would like to know more about post-summit supports available.
  - Will be in touch with Patti.

- Focus on jury to justice.
- Learning what type of data is useful to collect. Our state is incorporating juvenile into the work which is so important. I believe it can take this work to a more powerful level. If there is any work in this area to share, it would be helpful.
- Where can we find \$, grants, other resource strategies? Have a prosecutor/state attorney to participate with/highlight how they can be part of the solution. Are there possible opportunities to partner with private groups in communities regarding housing, etc.?
- Every summit due to the schedule we always want to end early as people are trying to catch flights. Maybe we should have people plan to stay the day.
- Direct access to persons who can provide assistance, answer questions.
- Assistance with educating our legislators in the issues that underlie the need to implement the SIM model.
- Continued support via technical assistance for program implementation.
- Technical assistance as described in state exercises sheet.
- Technical assistance as discussed.
- Follow-up with our state via speakers and materials.
- (1) Much depends on law changes – legislators are not knowledgeable in these areas, a lobbyist/testifier at the legislature; (2) more information on money issues and who pays for things. (speaker/moderator)
- Technical assistance on issues related to competency, CIT, and diversion. (guest/other)
- Conference planning. (guest/other)
- Consider recording sessions to be able to share at a later date. (guest/other)

#### Additional Comments:

- It was wonderful to have exposure to so many different approaches from so many different states – thank you! The state team meetings needed some mentoring/guidance – I would suggest attaching a single leader outside the jurisdiction to aid the discussion.
- Excellent conference – so helpful to my understanding my local issues as well as state-level issues.
- Thank you for a great conference!
- Sun Valley is lovely. However, I have to fly into 2 different airports just to get here. It was really expensive, and my court has a lot of other needs besides flying me around. Additionally, the resort was expensive. I would prefer places that are less expensive to get to, not necessarily a Ramada Inn near the Denver airport but something that does not take so much time/effort to get such a short distance of 1,000 or so miles. Additionally, because of the timing of flights and the conference schedule I had to stay another night because the only flight out left before the conference was set to close. Again, my court paid for me to attend and I am conscious of the cost when we have so many other monthly expenses. Even with this significant concern – the conference was inspiring, productive, and helpful.
- A great summit with excellent content and presenters. Dinner with presentation appreciated. Love it!
- I would have appreciated at least one session with political/policy/fiscal challenges and solutions articulated. Perhaps even hearing from skeptics who can alert us to the real-world challenges that we need to overcome to bring opponents points of view to the table. Many thanks.

- Great conference!
- The schedule is always a challenge – especially with participants leaving early on day 2. Maybe ending second day at mid-afternoon would keep people.
- Thank you. Great overview of this important issue. Possible speaker regarding budget strategies to convince government/supervisors to fund mental health courts. Possible speaker regarding use of technology in jails to effectively evaluate persons with mental health issues (i.e., telemed).
- Great summit!!
- The conference was wonderfully planned. Many thanks to our hosts from Idaho and to Patti Tobias and the others who helped plan everything. Thanks also to the Idaho security team, and to the program’s sponsors.
- The summit was exceptional – thank you.
- Once again, a highly engaging and impactful agenda and seamless logistics by the NCSC team. Amazing! Thanks.
- Embrace more adult education practices with breaks, shorter presentations, and eliminate the lunch and dinner meetings. It may take longer (more days) and even cost more, but it would be worth it to have energized and healthy attendees.
- Thank you!
- I have to say that this was one of the most beneficial and engaging trainings that I have been to in all of my 19 years in law enforcement/corrections. Truly relevant and on point!
- Location was a little too remote. Flights were awkward for me. (speaker/moderator)
- Excellent sessions – I learned something in every one. (speaker/moderator)
- I loved it. I thought it provided a wealth of valuable information. (speaker/moderator)
- I’d like to see more conversation around trauma and its impact of those with mental health issues in the criminal justice system, including trauma informed training for judges, law enforcement and other key stakeholders. (guest/other)
- Great program. (guest/other)
- Thank you! Excellent. (guest/other)