



KENTUCKY JUDICIAL COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH

Kentucky Court of Justice

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Mental Health and the Court System

- Serious mental illness (SMI) is 4 to 6 times higher in jail than in the general population.
- Roughly 1 in 7 men and 1 in 3 women in jail struggle with SMI.

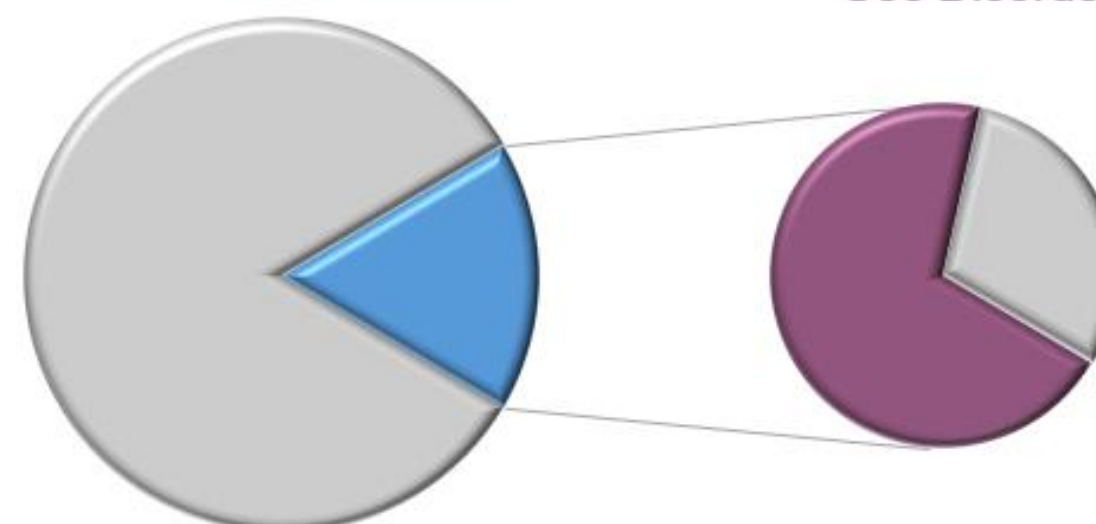
General Population

4% Serious Mental Illness



Jail Population

17% Serious Mental Illness
72% Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorder



Data provided by the Vera Institute of Justice and SAMHSA GAINS.



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Commission Overview

Established August of 2022, the commission's goals are to explore, recommend, and implement transformational changes to improve system wide responses to justice-involved individuals experiencing mental health, substance use, and/or intellectual disabilities.



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Commission Membership

- Supreme Court Order 2022-53
- 76 appointed members
- Wide representation of state and community leaders, including:
 - Judges, legislators, law enforcement, prosecutors, jailers, hospital representatives, private and nonprofit organizations, service providers, and faith-based organizations

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Commission Structure

Criminal Justice

- Juvenile Justice Workgroup
- Competency Workgroup
- Prearrest/Diversion Workgroup

Civil and Family Justice

- Dependency, Neglect and Abuse Workgroup
- Guardianship and Commitment Workgroup
- Domestic Violence Workgroup

Treatment and Access

- Court Responses Workgroup
- Strengthening Community Response Workgroup
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

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Mental Health Summit

- May 31 - June 2, 2023
- 1000+ attendees from all 120 counties
- National and state experts
- Sessions incorporated the 11
State Courts Leading Change
recommendations



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"I was able to make connections with people who work in my county, that I would've otherwise never been able to make. These connections are sure to foster professional relationships that will promote growth and strength for the justice-involved individuals that we serve."



"I have learned to be less judgmental of the ones suffering with mental health issues. That there are many factors that are out of the person's control. I have gained compassion."



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Town Hall Meetings



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Town Hall Meetings

We want to hear from you!

The Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health is hosting town hall meetings across the state to address how the justice system handles cases involving people with mental illness, substance use disorder and/or intellectual and developmental disabilities. We want to hear directly from citizens and/or their families who have dealt with mental health issues, particularly if they were involved with the justice system. Additionally, we welcome school personnel, business owners, civic leaders and anyone else with an interest in mental health. Findings will be used to help guide the work of the commission and improve the state court system.

Meetings will take place from 6-8 p.m. local time.

Aug. 30	Owensboro	Owensboro Convention Center 501 W. 2nd St.
Sept. 6	Covington	Northern Kentucky Convention Center 1 W. Rivercenter Blvd.
Sept. 13	Ashland	Delta Marriott Downtown 1441 Winchester Ave.
Sept. 27	London	London Community Center 529 S Main St.
Oct. 11	Lexington	Central Bank Center 430 W. Vine St.
Oct. 25	Paducah	Paducah McCracken County Convention & Expo Center 415 Park Ave.
Nov. 8	Louisville	Kentucky International Convention Center 221 S. 4th St.
Nov. 15	Pikeville	Appalachian Wireless Arena 126 Main St.
Nov. 29	Bowling Green	Sloan Convention Center 1021 Wilkinson Trace

Can't attend a meeting or have accessibility and/or language needs for a meeting?
Email JCMH@kycourts.net. ASL interpreters will be on hand at every meeting.



WANT TO KNOW MORE?
SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE OR USE THE SHORT LINK
kcoj.info/KJCMHtownhalls.

Remaining Events:

November 8 – Louisville
November 15 – Pikeville
November 29 – Bowling Green

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Legislative Recommendations

- Competency evaluations to stand trial
- Responsible parties authorized to make health care decisions

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Future Goals of the Commission

- Continued Statewide Efforts
- Regional Training
- Local Efforts
- Establishment of the Reentry Workgroup

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