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MEMORANDUM

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Review

To

The Mental Health Subcommittee of the
Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory
Committee

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Subject

Behavioral Health Education Series

This memorandum provides a general introduction to the Behavioral Health Education Series in development by the Criminal Justice Services (CJS) office of the Judicial Council.

General Overview of the Behavioral Health Education Series

CJS is developing a Behavioral Health Education Series to better educate judges, court personnel, and court partners about behavioral health issues arising in the criminal courts. The first episode of the series was an hour-long webinar on *AB 1810 Implementation*. The webinar aired on November 1, 2018 to an audience of 150 registered participants (registration was capped at this number due to concerns about capacity of the technology used to air the webinar live). The webinar was recorded, edited, and posted to the Judicial Council's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EQhBSA8gCME>. Since its posting, the webinar has been viewed over 250 times.

The second episode is scheduled to air on December 13, 2018 from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. This episode is on *Serious Mental Health Disorders* and will feature Dr. Loren Roth, clinical

associate professor of University of California San Francisco's Department of Psychiatry, and medical director of San Francisco's Jail Behavioral Health Services.

CJS plans to air six additional webinars over the course of the year, for a total of eight webinars during a twelve-month period. CJS also plans to follow-up with the *AB 1810 Implementation* webinar by doing a series of short podcasts highlighting the implementation strategy in several courts (one per podcast). CJS aims to highlight diverse court approaches in these podcasts.

In terms of topic areas, CJS is interested in developing webinars about six of the following topics:

- Working with County Behavioral Health
- Pretrial Release and Mental Health Treatment (including SB 10 implementation)
- Mental Health, Bias, and Stigma
- Building a Successful Behavioral Health Treatment Court
- Homelessness and Mental Health
- The Harm Reduction Model
- Drug Addiction: Myths and Realities
- Developing a Trauma-Informed Court

CJS is very interested in feedback from this subcommittee about these topics and other educational needs of the courts with regards to behavioral health. CJS is also interested in getting speaker recommendations from the subcommittee to present on these and other topics. Some of these proposed topics are generated from feedback CJS received from surveys from the *AB 1810 Implementation* webinar. Below is information about those responses.

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Pretrial release and mental health treatment needs	57.64%	83
▼ Unique issues in treatment of misdemeanors vs. felonies	51.39%	74
▼ Addressing criminogenic needs in conjunction with mental health treatment	50.00%	72
▼ Best practices for 1368/incompetency issues	50.00%	72
▼ Building and maintaining a successful Behavioral Health Court	46.53%	67
▼ Crafting useful conditions of probation	43.75%	63
▼ Methods of monitoring effectiveness of treatment techniques	43.75%	63
▼ Collaborating with County Behavioral Health	43.06%	62
▼ Best mental health screening practices	42.36%	61
▼ The relationship between homelessness and mental health	40.97%	59
▼ Best practices for persons with co-occurring disorders	40.97%	59
▼ Funding and sustainability of collaborative court programs	40.28%	58
▼ Serious mental health disorders 101	38.89%	56
▼ Creating a trauma-informed court	38.89%	56
▼ Community treatment options/levels of care	37.50%	54
▼ Techniques for addressing failures to appear	36.81%	53
▼ How to engage and re-engage court participants into treatment	36.11%	52
▼ Psychiatric medications	25.69%	37
▼ Who's who in mental health? Mental health clinicians and scope of practice	25.00%	36
▼ Procedural justice: Talking to defendants with respect	21.53%	31
▼ Best practices for organizing/collecting clinical records	20.83%	30
▼ Fentanyl and the opiate epidemic	19.44%	28
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 7.64%	11

Other suggested topics

Addressing criminogenic needs in conjunction with SUD

All of the above sound interesting.

Defining evaluation practices for AB 1810 evaluations compared to other types of psych. evaluations

how to develop a diversion court that the DA agrees with

intermediate sanctions to encourage compliance with treatment and meds

Methods of supervision if Probation Department declines to participate.

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Understanding risk assessment tools

What can courts do with NO county services for non-SMI defendants/clients with co-occurring SUD, housing instability, and lack of employment

Who pays for the evaluation and treatment?