



Access to Benefits for Offenders with Mental Illness Leaving State Prison

Forum of State and Federal Policymakers

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Agenda

Day One

12:00 pm **Registration and Lunch**

12:30 **Welcome / Overview of Proceedings**

*Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry, Chair, Criminal Justice Board of Directors,
Council of State Governments, Eastern Office, and Chair, House
Corrections Committee, NY*

*Senator Robert Thompson, Co-Chair, Criminal Justice / Mental Health
Consensus Project and Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee, PA*

*Denise Tomasini, Policy Analyst, Criminal Justice Programs, Council of
State Governments/Mental Health Consensus Project*

1:00 **Plenary Discussion of Current State Strategies and Challenges**

Moderator: *Michael D. Thompson, Director of Criminal Justice
Programs, Council of State Governments, Eastern Region*

*Sharon Autio, Director, Mental Health Division, Minnesota Department
of Human Services*

*Dee Kifowit, Director, Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with
Medical or Mental Impairments, Texas Department of Criminal Justice*

*Catherine Mcvey, Deputy Secretary for Administration, Department of
Corrections*

*Betty Rice, Director, Division of Consumer & Local District Relations,
New York State Department of Health and Medicaid Management*

1:45 Break

2:00 Clarifying Related Federal Benefit Rules and State Options

Introduction: Senator Linda Berglin, *Chair, Senate Health, Human Services and Corrections Budget Division, MN*

Moderator: Daniel Souweine, *Project Coordinator, Criminal Justice Programs, Council of State Governments/Mental Health Consensus Project*

Kenneth Brown, *Team Leader, Office of Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration*

Karen Kerwath, *Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration*

Roy Trudel, *Technical Director for Medicaid Eligibility, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*

2:45 Break

3:00 Initial Meeting of State Teams

Introduction: Denise Tomasini, *Policy Analyst, Council of State Governments*

4:30 Closing Remarks / Preview of Day Two

Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry

4:45 End of Day One

Day Two

8:00 a.m. Breakfast Served

8:30 Preview of Day's Agenda

Senator Robert Thompson

8:45 What Does the Research Tell Us?

Introduction: Representative Lois Kolkhorst, *Chair, House Budget and Oversight for the Business and Industry Committee, TX*

Joseph Morrissey, *Professor of Health Policy and Administration and Psychiatry, University of North Carolina*
Henry J. Steadman, *President, Policy Research Associates*

9:30 Break

9:45 Roundtable Discussion with Federal Agency Officials

Introduction: Senator John Whitmire, *Chair, Senate Criminal Justice Committee, TX*

Moderator: Michael D. Thompson, *Director of Criminal Justice Programs, Council of State Governments, Eastern Region*

Domingo Herraiz, *Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice*

Dennis Smith, *Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services*

James Stone, *Deputy Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services*

Nancy Veillon, *Associate Commissioner, Office of Income Security Programs, Social Security Administration*

Don Winstead, *Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services*

11:15 State Team Working Groups

12:00 p.m. Working Lunch – State Team Working Groups Continue

1:00 State Team Reports on Planned Strategies/Next Steps

2:00 Closing Remarks

2:30 End