

SUPPORTING JUVENILE JUSTICE & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Agenda | December 4

10:00 - 10:15am

Welcome & introductions

10:15 - 11:15am

Juvenile Justice: Reducing Confinement

Matthew Larson, PhD

Associate Professor and Director of Implementation

Center for Behavioral Health & Justice, Wayne State University

Samino Scott, PhD

Chief of Project Management & Initiatives

Oakland County Children's Village

Description: The session will emphasize the challenges and opportunities for building youth justice systems that are trauma-informed, developmentally appropriate, and responsive to mental health needs. Dr. Scott will present strategies for building comprehensive continuum of care models that ensure successful high school completion and create clear post-secondary pathways for justice-involved youth. Dr. Larson will present evidence-based diversion strategies and mental health screening tools considered best practice and how state-level reforms require counties to integrate these into everyday practice.

11:15 - 11:30am

Break

11:30 - 12:30pm

Input & Impacts: Untold Family Stories

Laura Marshall

Parent & Co-founder

Advocates for Mental Health of Michigan Youth

Molly Dickson

Parent

Description: Ms. Dixon and Mrs. Marshall are mother's of adolescents who has been recipients of services from the community mental health system and involved with the juvenile justice system. Here they tell of their experiences as the parents of children who have struggled with significant mental health conditions and the journeys taken through public mental health, foster care and juvenile justice systems in our state. Failures of both systems and how these systems would benefit from reform will be discussed.

12:30 - 1:15pm

Lunch

1:15 - 2:15pm

Juvenile Mental Health Inpatient Care

Senator Michael Weber

Michigan Senate

Description: Senator Michael Webber (R) of Rochester Hills has been a legislative champion for children with serious emotional disturbance and their families who have experienced difficulties accessing services from the community mental health services providers (CMHSPS) in Michigan. He has also been instrumental in seeking to improve psychiatric treatment in Michigan's state and private psychiatric hospitals. Senator Webber will discuss the audit of the rights offices he requested in 2023 and the results received from the Auditor General in September of this year. He has been working with families who have children in state and community-based psychiatric hospitals and units and will speak on his work and efforts to improve the continuum of care for children and adolescents who require inpatient and/or residential psychiatric treatment.

2:15 - 2:30pm

Q&A/Farewell

Marianne Huff, LMSW

President & CEO

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