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Public invited to town hall meetings on justice and mental health Aug. 30-Nov. 29

Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health to host nine regional events

FRANKFORT, Ky., Aug. 21, 2023 – Building on the success of Kentucky’s first mental health summit, the Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health will host nine town hall meetings in communities across the state Aug. 30-Nov. 29. The meetings are being held to garner input for changing how the justice system addresses people with challenges involving mental illness, substance use and/or intellectual and developmental disabilities. The commission wants to hear from people and/or their families with lived experience in this area as well as business owners, civic leaders and anyone else with an interest.

The meetings will include open discussion and specific questions to get feedback. Findings will be used to help guide the work of the commission and associated groups and to design training for the state court system and its justice partners.

Those who are unable to attend but want to share experiences navigating the courts or the behavioral health system can do so by emailing JCMH@kycourts.net. ASL interpreters will be provided. For other language or accessibility needs, email JCMH@kycourts.net.

The [Kentucky Judicial Commission on Mental Health](#) was established in August 2022 by [Supreme Court Administrative Order 2022-42](#). The KJCMH is charged with exploring, recommending and implementing transformational changes to improve systemwide responses to justice-involved people with mental health challenges, substance use issues and/or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

More than 1,000 people attended the commission’s [Mental Health Summit](#) this spring in Louisville, making it what may have been the largest gathering of mental-health-involved legal professionals to ever take place in Kentucky.

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The [Administrative Office of the Courts](#) provides administrative support to the commission. The AOC is the operations arm of the state court system and supports the activities of nearly 3,300 employees and 413 elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks. The AOC also executes the Judicial Branch budget.

Town Hall Schedule

All town hall 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