U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS



Date:

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Time:

10:00am-3:30pm CT

Location:

Rice University

Moody Center for the Arts

Lois Chiles Studio Theater

6100 Main Street, MS-480

Houston, TX 77005

Masks are highly encouraged at this event to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Written Testimony:

If you are not able to participate in person, the Committee will also accept written testimony emailed to Brooke Peery at bpeery@usccr.gov.

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Mental Health Care in the Juvenile Justice System in Texas

The Texas Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights is hosting a a public hearing to receive testimony to examine mental health care within Texas Juvenile Justice facilities. The Committee will consider civil rights concerns with regard to disparities within the juvenile justice system in the state and its impact on individuals on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, and national origin. Through this fact-finding exercise, the Committee will provide recommendations on the legislation and administration of these topics. This meeting is free and open to the public.

Tentative Agenda:

Panel 1 (10:00am-12:00pm)

Public Comment (11:30am-12:00pm)

Lunch Break (12:00pm-1:30pm)

Panel 2 (1:30pm-3:30pm)

Public Comment (3:00pm-3:30pm)

Public Comment:

The Committee will have an open period to hear public testimony in the last 30 minutes of each panel. Members of the public are encouraged to share their perspectives and experiences with mental health care in the Texas Juvenile Justice Department during this time. There will not be an option for remote participation, but the Committee plans to hold virtual panels with the option for virtual public participation throughout Fall 2022. Please email Brooke Peery at bpeery@usccr.gov for more information.

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