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CIVIL RIGHTS PANEL TO EXAMINE TREATMENT OF MENTALLY ILL IN WEST VIRGINIA

WASHINGTON, DC – The West Virginia State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a public meeting to examine the treatment by the West Virginia criminal justice system of persons with mental disabilities, including persons who are intellectually and developmentally disabled. The Committee will examine the type of training provided to state and local law enforcement and corrections personnel in dealing with the mentally ill and programs to address mentally disabled persons in the criminal justice system.

What: Public meeting of the West Virginia State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Date: Friday, August 14, 2015 at 9:00 am

Address: House Government Organization Committee Room E-215
Building 1, West Virginia State Capitol Complex,
1900 Kanawha Blvd.
East Charleston, WV 25305

AGENDA

Panel One (9:15 to 10:30)

- Jason Nicholas
Assistant Public Defender, Division Supervisor for the Juvenile
and Mental Hygiene Divisions
Kanawha County
Charleston, WV
- Quewanncoi (Que) C. Stephens, Sr.
Aftercare Supervisor, Division of Juveniles Services

WV Division of Military Affairs & Public Safety
Charleston, WV

- Merideth Smith, Ph.D.
PSIMED CORRECTIONS, LLC
Charleston, WV
- Andrea Cosans
Community Engagement Specialist and Crises Worker
East Ridge Health Systems
Martinsburg, WV

Panel Two (10:30 to 11:45)

- James R. Lee
Chief Probation Officer (Retired)
First Circuit Court
Wellsburg, WV
- Linda Richmond Artimez
Director of Mental Hygiene Services & Mental
Health/Veterans Treatment Courts
West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals
Charleston, WV
- Sarah Wittig Galgano, Senior Associate
[Pew-MacArthur Results First Initiative](#)— The Pew
Charitable Trusts
Washington, DC
- Robert Bernstein, PhD.
President & CEO
Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Washington, DC

Panel Three (1:00 to 2:15)

- Stephen M. Haas, Ph.D., Director
Office of Research and Strategic Planning
WV Division of Criminal Justice Services
Charleston, WV
- Randall Thyse
Federal Bureau of Investigations—Operational Programs Branch
Criminal Justice Information Services Division
Clarksburg, WV
- Steve Canterbury
Board Member
Council of State Governments Justice Center
Charleston, WV

Panel Four (2:15 to 3:30)

- Captain David Lee
Director of Training
WV State Police
- Joseph Ciccarelli, Chief
Huntington Police Department
Huntington , WV
- Randy Perdue
Director of Training
WV Corrections Academy
Glenville, WV
- David A. Clayman, Ph.D.
Clayman Associates
Clinical and Forensic Psychology
Charleston, WV

Open Session (3:30 to 5:00)