



Texas Indigent Defense Workshop

January 16 & 17, 2020

Texas Association of Counties Event Center
1210 San Antonio Street, Austin TX 78701 – 4th Floor

AGENDA – Thursday, January 16th

- 7:45 – 8:15 a.m. **Registration**
- 8:15 – 8:30 a.m. **Welcome**
Geoff Burkhart, Executive Director, Texas Indigent Defense Commission
- 8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **TIDC Budget Update/Funding Opportunities (CLE .25 hr)**
Geoff Burkhart, Executive Director, Texas Indigent Defense Commission
Edwin Colfax, Director of Grant Funding, Texas Indigent Defense Commission
- 8:45 – 9:15 a.m. **Recap of 86th Legislature (CLE .5 hr)**
Jim Allison, General Counsel, County Judges and Commissioners Assoc. of Texas
Wesley Shackelford, Deputy Director, Texas Indigent Defense Commission
- 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. **Bail Litigation (CLE .5 hr)**
Moderator: Geoff Burkhart
Jim Allison, General Counsel, County Judges and Commissioners Assoc. of Texas
Amanda Woog, Executive Director, Texas Fair Defense Project
- 9:45 – 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Counsel at Magistration (CLE 1.0 hr)**
Moderator: Scott Ehlers
Stephanie Brown, First Assistant Public Defender, Bexar Co. Public Defender's Office
Jennifer R. Gaut, Harris Co. Criminal Law Hearing Officer
Jamissa Jarmon, Chief of Intake and Grand Jury, Bexar Co. District Attorney's Office
Sarah Wood, Policy Director, Harris Co. Public Defender's Office
- 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **County Spotlight: Tarrant County (CLE 1.0 hr)**
Moderator: Edwin Colfax
Judge Sheila Wynn, Magistrate Judge
J. Gregory Shugart, Criminal Courts Administrator
Barbara Murphy, Indigent Defense Coordinator
- 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **Rural Public Defenders (CLE 1.0 hr)**
Moderator: Kathleen Casey-Gamez
Judge Roy Ferguson, 394th Judicial District Court
Judge Jim Huff, County Judge, Live Oak County
James McDermott, Chief Public Defender, Far West Texas Regional Public Defender
Michelle Ochoa, Assistant Public Defender, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid
Public Defender Program
- 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Monitoring, Measuring, and Supporting Quality Representation (CLE 1.0 hr)**
Moderator: Geoff Burkhart
Nancy Bennett, Senior Program Manager, Sixth Amendment Center

Dr. Andrew Davies, Director of Research, Deason Criminal Justice Reform Center,
SMU Dedman School of Law
Rebecca Tavitas, Senior Division Chief, El Paso Public Defender's Office
Philip Wischkaemper, Director of Professional Development,
Lubbock Private Defender Office

- 3:30 – 3:45 p.m. *Break*
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m. *Discussion of workgroup goals*
- 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. *Workgroup sessions*

AGENDA – Friday, January 17th

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. *Registration*
- 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. *What's New? What Works? Effectively Addressing Defendants with Mental Illness* (CLE 1.25 hr)
Moderator: Scott Ehlers
Cynthia Chavez, Deputy Director, Lubbock Private Defender Office
Edwin Colfax, Director of Grant Funding, Texas Indigent Defense Commission
Dr. Courtney Harvey, State Mental Health Coordinator & Associate Commissioner,
Office of Mental Health Coordination, Texas Health & Human Services
Kirk D. Noaker, Sr., Magistrate Judge, Burnet County
- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. *Break*
- 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. *Workgroup sessions*
- 11:15 – 12:15 p.m. *Workgroup reports*

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