

# NEVADA MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HOLD & INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT SUMMIT

Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 12:30 pm &  
Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

## Description

Statewide summit focused on issues surrounding mental health crisis holds and the involuntary court ordered admission process.

## Objectives

- Increase understanding of mental health crisis hold and court ordered admission process.
- Increase provider competence through awareness of trauma informed practices regarding mental health crisis holds.
- Increase provider competence through awareness of overall mental health crisis hold process through diverse perspectives of those involved in the process and the challenges experienced.
- Increase mental health crisis system efficacy and efficiency through increased awareness of best practices to implement and gaps to address.
- Identify opportunities to clarify and enhance the mental health crisis hold and involuntary treatment process throughout the state.

## Target audience

All participants involved with the mental health crisis hold process including, but not limited to:

- Law enforcement
- Crisis Intervention Teams/ Mobile Outreach Safety Teams
- Hospital staff and administrators
- Treatment providers
- Lawyers
- Peers and family
- Clinicians
- Policy makers

## **Agenda**

**Monday, March 7th**

**8:00 am – 8:10 am**

### ***Welcome and Introductions***

Jessica Flood Abrass, MSW & Marissa Brown, MHA,  
BSN, RN

**8:10 - 9:35 am**

### ***Overview of Mental Health Crisis Hold, Family and Friends and Interested Parties Petitions, and Involuntary Court Ordered Admission Process***

Honorable Cynthia Lu, Honorable Bitu Yeager,  
Honorable Frank Sullivan, Dr. Leon Ravin, M.D.

**9:35 - 10:20 am**

### ***Mental Health Crisis Hold Changes in SB70 & History of Nevada Mental Health Legislation***

Jessica Flood Abrass, MSW & Sean McCoy, Esq.

**10:20 - 10:30 am**

### ***Break***

**10:30 am– 12:20 pm**

### ***Diverse Perspectives on the Mental Health Crisis Hold Process: Roles, Challenges and Recommendations***

Officer Brandon Cassinelli, Reno Police  
Department; Officer Stacy Short, Las Vegas  
Metro; Liz Evans, MSW, St. Mary's social  
worker; Dr. Greg Juhl, Renown Emergency  
Department, Dr. Irena Vitkovitsky, M.D., Dignity  
Health, Cherylyn Rahr- Wood, MSW, CASAT/  
Office of Suicide Prevention; Char Frost, Family  
Member; Allison Zednicek, Chief Executive  
Officer, Desert Parkway Behavioral Health and  
Reno Behavioral Healthcare Hospital; Dr. Ayse  
Yasar, M.D., Washoe County Courts; Dr.  
Gregory Brown, M.D., Clark County Courts; Kris  
Riley, Esq., Washoe County Public Defender,  
Steve Rye, Esq., Lyon County District Attorney

12:20 - 12:30 pm

***Monday Wrap Up and Questions***

Jessica Flood Abrass, MSW & Marissa Brown, MHA, BSN, RN

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Tuesday, March 8th

8:00 – 8:15 am

***Welcome and Recap***

Jessica Flood Abrass, MSW & Marissa Brown, MHA, BSN, RN

8:15 - 9:15 am

***National Perspective: Patient Rights and Trauma Informed Care and Process***

Dr. Stephanie Woodard, PsyD., Nevada Behavioral Health Authority, Division of Health and Human Services

9:15 - 10:15 am

***Statewide Panel on Practical Aspects of the Regional Involuntary Admission Court Processes and Denial of Rights Process: Documents, Telehealth evaluations, telecourt and in person court process, and timing of hospital discharge notifications to court, Defense Attorney role in involuntary court ordered admission process***

Jessica Murphy, Esq., Kris Riley, Esq., Honorable Cynthia Lu, Honorable Bitia Yeager, Claudia Romney, Dr. Leon Ravin, M.D., Dr. Gary Lenkeit

10:15 – 10:25 am

***Break***

10:25 – 11:10 am

***Mental health and Criminal Case Processes Regarding Competency, Specialty Courts, and Assisted Outpatient Treatment***

Honorable Bitá Yeager and Honorable  
Christy Craig, Eighth District Judicial  
District

11:10 – 12:30 pm

***Overview of Best Practices for  
Involuntary Hospitalization and  
Suicide Prevention***

***Psychiatric Advanced Directives***

***(11:10-11:30)***

Dr. Leon Ravin, M.D.

***Use of Peers and Family Support in  
Hospitalization for Mental Health  
Crisis Holds***

***(11:30-12:10)***

Laura Yanez, Executive Director, NAMI  
Nevada; Cherlyn Rahr-Wood, MSW,  
CASAT and University of Nevada, Reno,  
and Char Frost, Nevada PEP Statewide  
Family Network Director

***Trauma Informed Response for Youth  
Mental Health Crisis and Involuntary  
Holds, Mobile Crisis Response Team***

***12:10-12:30)***

Dr. Lisa Durette M.D., DFAPA, DFAACAP,  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas;  
Michelle Sandoval, LCSW, Division of  
Public and Behavioral Health, Rural  
Clinics, Jennifer F. Lords, M.S., BCBA,  
LBA, Department of Education

12:30 - 1:00 pm

***Coming Back Together,  
Questions, Lessons Learned  
and Opportunities Identified***

Jessica Flood Abrass, MSW & Marissa  
Brown, MHA, BSN, RN