



# 2021 MENTAL HEALTH COURT CONFERENCE

May 25th-27th, 2021 | Virtual Conference Series

Mental health professionals, treatment providers, law enforcement, case managers, prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, client advocates and others who serve mental health court participants are invited to attend this comprehensive training.

**No Registration Fee**

## OUR SPECIAL SPEAKERS

*Virtual Conference*

*Hosted via Zoom Webinar, virtual platform*

## Questions?

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Lisa Callahan, PhD

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Viann Nguyen-Feng, PhD, MPH

**REGISTER AT**

<https://www.mncourts.gov/Help-Topics/Treatment-Courts/mental-health-court-conference.aspx>



## **Lisa Callahan, PhD**

*Day 1 (May 25th)*

*12:00pm - 2:00pm CST*

### **Topic: Behavioral Health and the Criminal Justice System**

Dr. Callahan is a Senior Research Associate at Policy Research Associates, Inc. where she is involved in research, technical assistance, and training. She will be taking the audience through the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) in its totality, Policy Research Associates, Inc.'s role in the development of the model, what led to the model and the work currently being done with SIM. She will explain how Mental Health Courts fit into the model and basic coverage – and especially recent research and practice – on Mental Health Court effectiveness. The role of trauma will be discussed, addressing how the effects of trauma have been increasingly recognized within treatment court work and across the SIM. The session will close with a review of the knowledge available about Mental Health Courts with a focus on the newest information/research available.



## **Leah Pope, PhD**

*Day 2 (May 26th)*

*12:00pm - 2:00pm CST*

### **Topic: Behavioral Health and the Criminal Justice System**

Dr. Leah Pope is a mental health services researcher and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Columbia University. Her research focuses on crisis response models, pathways to care, and the development of interventions that promote recovery for people with serious mental illnesses and criminal justice involvement. Using the Sequential Intercept Model as a framework, Dr. Pope will be speaking to the audience about how the criminal justice system can serve as a critical intervention point for people with early psychosis. She will also discuss offramps from justice involvement and the relevance of mental health courts for people with serious mental illnesses arrested for misdemeanors.



## **Viann Nguyen-Feng, PhD, MPH**

*Day 3 (May 27th)*

*12:00pm - 2:00pm CST*

### **Topic: Mind-Body Trauma Care and Mental Health Courts**

Dr. Nguyen-Feng is a counseling psychologist and an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. She serves as core faculty in the counseling /clinical masters programs and directs the Mind-Body Trauma Care Lab. Dr. Nguyen-Feng's work combines psychology and public health through aims to increase access to holistic, trauma-informed mental healthcare and to promote inclusivity through community engagement. Dr. Nguyen-Feng's presentation will discuss mind-body integration and trauma-informed care as vital approaches in our current context. Dr. Viann Nguyen-Feng will focus on applying these approaches specifically to mental health treatment courts during this time of disease and social injustices. She will present evidence-based mind-body practices that can be used among mental health treatment court clients. The presentation will include opportunities to practice demonstrated skills and will cover areas of Dr. Nguyen-Feng's research that can be readily applied in treatment courts:

1. Trauma-sensitive yoga practices.
2. Coping strategies deemed effective from a nationally representative study on wellbeing during COVID.
3. Psychoeducational skills taught in a relationship violence intervention program evaluation study.