

Sequential Intercept Model: A Texas Example of a National Approach

Speakers

Elizabeth “Liz” Wiggins joined JCMH in the summer of 2021 and assisted with the roll out of JCMH’s technical assistance services to courts across Texas. She has experience as both a former prosecutor and defense attorney, and with various leadership roles while volunteering with local organizations. Liz has a passion for identifying and addressing the root issues to reduce recidivism, keep communities safe, and to elevate people to become the best versions of themselves. She is also a Facilitator for PRA’s Sequential Intercept Model Mapping.

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Kristi Taylor is the Executive Director of the Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health (JCMH). She has over 25 years of experience as an attorney and policymaker. After receiving a BBA with Honors in Finance from the McCombs School of Business and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Texas School of Law, Taylor represented children and parents in the child welfare system for seven years.

In 2006, Taylor was selected by the Supreme Court of Texas to create the Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth, and Families. She later served as a Staff Attorney and Assistant Director of the Children’s Commission. In 2017, Ms. Taylor spearheaded the planning for a new judicial commission on mental health and was named the Executive Director in 2018.

The Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) has been used as a focal point for states and communities to assess available resources, determine gaps in services, and plan for community change. These activities are best accomplished by a team of stakeholders that cross over multiple systems, including mental health, substance abuse, law enforcement, pretrial services, courts, jails, community corrections, housing, health, social services, peers, family members, and many others.

In this presentation, Kristi and Liz explain how a SIM Mapping Workshop can help communities in Texas use collaboration, evidence-based practices, and sustainability to create a plan for community change.

