



Mental Health 101: A Primer on Dealing with the Mentally Disabled



8:30 a.m.

Registration

8:45 a.m.

Welcome & Administrative

9:00 a.m.

Primer on Definitions: Mental Illness, Schizophrenia, TBI, Personality Disorders Etc. What All the Terms Mean

This session is designed to help you understand the various mental illnesses that people suffer from. It will explore the differences in these illnesses so that you will have a better understanding of what you are dealing with in terms of a mentally disabled defendant.

Paul Whitehead, MD,
Supervising Forensic
Psychiatrist, Utah State Hospital

10:10 a.m.

Competency Process: What Do You Need to Know? What are the Mechanics of the Process? Lessons Learned

The competency process can be a difficult landscape to navigate. These presenters will discuss how to process works and share their experiences dealing with the Brian David Mitchell case.

Alicia Cook, Assist. US Attorney,
Chief, National Security Section

Diana Hagen, Assist. US Attorney,
Chief, Appellate Section

11:20 a.m.

Case Example of Competency Restoration - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Where Do You Go from Here?

The session will continue the theme of how to handle cases involving the mentally disabled. Lessons learned will be shared as well as counsel on how to deal with future cases.

Paul Whitehead, MD, Supervising
Forensic Psychiatrist,
Utah State Hospital

Greg Porter, LCSW, Unit
Administrative Director Forensic
Services, Utah State Hospital

12:20 p.m.

Lunch-Provided: Luncheon Speaker (This counts as a Civility Credit with the Utah State Bar)

Josh will be offering a presentation about ethics and civility borrowing from real life circumstances and examples from the big and little screens. It is hoped that this presentation will provide insight, guidance in an entertaining way.

Josh Player, Deputy
Salt Lake District Attorney

1:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion on the Following Topics:

What To Do with the Intellectually Disabled (ID) and Those with Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI)? Understanding How the Process Relates Them. What Services Are Available? Etc.

Alphabet Soup: DHS; DSPD; DOC; SAMH; and the Other Acronym Agencies. Who They Are and What They Do

Representatives from the various state agencies that deal with the mentally challenged will form a panel to discuss what their agencies do, how to handle the challenges of these cases and answer your questions.

MODERATOR:
Doug Thomas, Division Director,
Substance Abuse & Mental
Health

PANELISTS:
Don Rosenbaum, Assist.
Superintendent/Director of
Forensic Services, Utah State
Hospital, DHS

Mike Hoglund, LCSW,
Mental Health Director,
Utah State Prison,

Jamie Wuthrich, Services
Administrator, Dept. of Services
for People with Disabilities

Jeffrey Blanc, Program Manager,
Division of Services for People
with Disabilities

3:30 p.m.

Navigating the Path of Civil Commitment

Many incompetent defendants are unable to be restored to competency within statutory-defined time limits and, due to a wide variety of factors, they do not have a substantial probability that they will become competent in the foreseeable future. As a result, these defendants are subject to be released back into our communities unless they are civilly committed in order to protect themselves or others.

Craig Johnson -
Deputy Utah County Attorney

4:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks & Adjourn

