

**April 25 – Police – PO4**  
**Municipal Jails: The De Facto Mental Health Facilities**

**SPEAKER BIOS**

**Bruce Eddy**, PhD has served as Executive Director of the Jackson County Community Mental Health Fund for the past ten years. This public fund contracts with non-profit mental health agencies to serve uninsured persons with chronic mental illness within the Kansas City, Missouri area. Approximately 15,000 persons are served through 40 contractor agencies. Bruce oversees a professional staff who monitor service contracts and carry out quality improvement initiatives in cultural competence, trauma-informed care, and transition toward performance-based contracting. The Community Mental Health Fund has supported three Jackson County mental health courts since the program's inception in 2001. Support has taken a variety of forms including financing, technical assistance for policy and programs, overseeing direct services and ongoing program evaluation. The Fund also supports direct mental health care for justice-involved persons with severe mental illness in local correctional facilities and residential reentry programs. In his prior work Bruce led a non-profit research and evaluation firm which collaborated with the local National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) chapter, area law enforcement agencies, and mental health providers, to establish a law enforcement Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program. Its purpose is to train and support law enforcement personnel to safely respond to persons with mental illness in crisis, appropriately diverting them into treatment. Bruce has served as principal investigator of a federally-funded research program based in a correctional facility, has evaluated behavioral health and human service programs, and has worked in national disability policy.

**Martha (Marti) S Means**, ESQ. has prosecuted over 10,000 municipal court cases involving city ordinance violations, mental health and domestic violence issues, as well as child abuse and housing cases. Marti has also provided legal instruction for the Police Academy, UMKC School of Law Continuing Education, and Avila University. Marti was former director of the largest victim court advocacy program in Missouri and obtained over two million dollars in federal and state grant funding for the program. She received the "Courage to Serve Award" by the Domestic Violence Courts Partnership Committee for her prosecution of domestic violence cases. Marti has served as an Assistant City Prosecutor for the City of Kansas City, Missouri since 1991, working in in the Municipal Specialty Courts assisting with the Veterans Treatment Court, Mental Health Court, and Drug Treatment Court. Marti transitioned to the Corporate Legal Services team in the Law Department in 2014 and has worked to address legal issues pertaining to vacant and dangerous property, and currently advises the Kansas City, Missouri Land Bank.

**REPRESENTATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Prosecution of over 10,000 municipal court criminal cases including drug, assault, domestic violence and child abuse violations

- Implemented and coordinated problem solving prosecution for over 500 mentally ill and substance abuse defendants
- 20 years of experience in developing and coordinating problem solving court programs, including domestic violence, mental health, and veterans treatment
- Obtained over \$2million in grant funding for criminal justice innovations, and providing assistance to victims of domestic violence and child abuse
- Coordinated with over 30 agencies to address community responses to criminal justice problems involving mental illness, substance abuse, domestic violence and child abuse
- Prosecution of over 200 city municipal appeals cases
- Legal representation of over 200 clients in the areas of criminal defense, domestic, juvenile, appellate and personal injury
- Legal instruction for the Kansas City, Missouri Police Academy, UMKC School of Law Continuing Education and Avila University
- Made presentations in over 30 public speaking events, professional trainings, and conferences
- Managed general practice law firm and Legal Aid office, supervised professional and non-professional staff, established private law practice and commercial real estate business
- Owned, managed and developed 30 residential & commercial properties
- Over 20 years of strong community involvement, served on 10 charitable boards, president elect for neighborhood association

#### **Awards and Honors**

- Recognized by the Jackson County Mental Health Commission for “leadership and innovation” working in the Mental Health Court 2012;
- Office on Violence Against Women Leadership Academy Scholarship Award Winner 2011;
- Jackson County Safe Families Coalition Courage to Serve Award recipient 2008;
- University of Missouri School of Law Dean’s Honor List, three semesters, American Jurisprudence Award in Professor Freilich’s Metropolitan Government; Oxford Honors Scholar William Jewell College