



**Vermont Judiciary Commission on Mental Health and the Courts**

**Second Annual Summit**

**Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Vermont Statehouse**

**8:00 am**

**Registration with Coffee/Fruit/Bagels**

**8:30 – 9:30 am\***

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*Vermont Supreme Court Chief Justice Paul Reiber*

*Vermont State Senator Virginia (Ginny) Lyons*

*VT Dep't of Mental Health Commissioner Emily Hawes*

*Keynote Speaker Hon. Gordon MacDonald*

**9:30 – 10:45 am\***

**Topic One – SIM Exercise Collaboration by Region to Date**

*Mental Health and the Courts Project Director Scott Acus*

*Superior Court Judge (retired) Kate Hayes*

*NE Regional SIM Exercise Representatives Hon. Michael Kainen*

*and Kelsey Stavseth, Executive Director NKHS*

*NW Regional SIM Exercise Representative Greg Stefanski,*

*Director, Lamoille Health Collaborative and Melinda White,*

*TPFC Recovery Coach Supervisor at NMC & VT Blueprint MAT Lead*

**10:45 – 11:00 am**

**Break**

**11:00 am – 12:15 pm\***

**Topic Two – Peer Support Strategies**

*Superior Court Judge John Pacht*

*State Representative Daisy Berbeco; Pathways*

*Alternative Mental Health Program Director*

*Katie Bourque and Pathways Training Coordinator*

*Alexander Ferguson; "Beyond Bars" Peer Mentor Mac*

*Parker; and Washington County Mental Health Director,*

*Community Support Program Keith Grier*

**12:15 – 1:15 pm**

**Lunch in statehouse cafeteria – Keynote Speaker Q and A**

**1:15 – 2:30 pm**

**Topic Three – Break-Out Sessions by SIM Region**

- *Collaboration - Mental Health and Justice Systems*
- *Peer Support Possibilities in Region*
- *Status of Competency Evaluations in Region*
- *Training/Education Needs in Region*

**2:30 – 2:45 pm**

**Break**

**2:45 – 3:45 pm\***

**Topic Four – Break-Out Feedback; Committee Reports**

*Justice Karen Carroll, moderator*

*Break-Out SIM Region Reports by Facilitators*

*Committee Chairs Judges Pacht and Zonay, Justice Carroll*

**3:45 – 4:00 pm\***

**Next Steps and Wrap Up**

**\*Option to connect remotely via zoom**