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INAUGURAL MULTI-AGENCY SYMPOSIUM ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMENCES

SAN BERNARDINO– On April 16, 2019, the inaugural *Law and Justice Behavioral Health Symposium,* a multi-agency collaborative event, was held to provide an opportunity to share information and address the multi-faceted nature of mental health in San Bernardino County.

This educational forum was developed to foster dialogue and promote awareness of current trends and education on mental health, and improve access and treatment of mental health care through the dissemination of information and resources amongst agencies.

Presentations included an overview of the San Bernardino County's Crisis Intervention Team, mental health and co-occurring disorders, psychiatric medications, an interactive activity on hearing voices, and multi-agency panel discussions on conservatorship, criminal justice and the collaborative court process.

 "The San Bernardino County Law and Justice Symposium provided a forum for county agencies and the court to share how procedures and programs are used to address the mental health needs of those who come into contact with the criminal justice system. The inaugural event was successful partly due to the Department of Behavioral Health's efforts in coordinating and hosting this well attended event", said Presiding Judge John P. Vander Feer.

Aligned with the court's 2018-2023 Strategic Plan, this multi-agency collaborative event helps strengthen local partnerships and increase judicial and staff education in order to provide the broadest possible access to justice to this vulnerable community.

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