

Court Diversion: Improve diversion programs by **honoring the confidentiality** of peer mentoring and peer support, and by getting feedback from Pathways peer support specialists

Prioritize Optimal Treatment

Grand Jury indict-or-dismiss process for ALL defendants, regardless of competency

Competency evaluations: the quandry about whether to systematically require medical records

Supervision and treatment of people found incompetent to stand trial

Act 248 for people with TBI, dementia, intellectual disability, etc

Improve quality of treatment

Separate treatment from conditions of release

Integrity of treatment: consensual is more effective; confidentiality

Treatment approaches for dissociation

Some voluntary treatment for all; Individualize treatment

Restorative Justice

Accountability

Competency Restoration and Re-evaluation

Could be voluntary, or required as part of conditions of release

Competency restoration should include cognitive rehabilitation and court education

Competency restoration should not include involuntary medication

Prioritize optimal treatment- do only what's optimal for treatment

Medication can interfere with memory of the event under discussion

Competency restoration would put more demands on competency evaluations

If competency is not achieved:

Dismiss the case after 2x what would be the length of the sentence if convicted

Make competency less of a disadvantage

Create systems to ensure fair trials for mentally ill defendants arguing insanity pleas

Treatment-oriented sentencing for people with mental illness found guilty

Possible middle option between NGRI and guilty

Improve mental health care in prisons and in the transition from prison to community

Victim counseling- their needs are important, and won't be met solely by punishing MI defendants

Forensic hospital not needed- all of our needs can be met in other ways

Trauma-informed care should be made ubiquitous throughout mental health care and corrections

Identifying the causes of the problems- increase in crime by people who are incompetent to stand trial, increase in frequency and severity of violent crimes committed soon after discharge from hospitals

Solving the causes of those problems

More, better quality, more diverse mental health care in the community

Rely less on hospitals by having more community mental health care

Make hospitals less traumatizing, and improve the care

Rely less on drugs, which don't work as well as we hoped, and can cause violence

When prescribing drugs, do so more slowly, to help prevent akathisia, which can cause violence

Immediate and then consistent mental health care after discharge from hospitals – research

Justice across the mental health and criminal justice systems, for example, people shouldn't have to do bad things, to get access to mental health care or to get least-restrictive mental health care

Other avenues of prevention in the community

Other legal, medical, and leadership concerns