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AG Moody Hosts 2nd Mental Health Round Table



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody hosted part two of the Attorney General's Mental Health and Criminal Justice Round Table Summer Series today in West Palm Beach. The series focuses on mental health issues facing Florida's criminal justice system and best practices and ideas for improvement in our state. Part two of the series centered on how to make a difference in reducing recidivism and streamlining costs by coming up with innovative ways to handle persons experiencing a mental health episode prior to arrest.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "I want to thank everyone who participated in today's discussion. Having a better understanding of common mental health issues and how to interact with individuals suffering from these afflictions can help improve the safety of law enforcement officers and the public while reducing recidivism and streamlining costs.

"Our Mental Health and Criminal Justice Round Table Summer Series brings attention to these important public safety matters that our courageous law enforcement officers face on a daily basis. I hope that by facilitating this conversation, we will help ameliorate some of the mental health issues facing Florida's criminal justice system."

Part one of the series, held in May, focused on addressing mental health issues within Florida's law enforcement ranks. Part three will center on post-arrest mental health issues and will be held

in Panama City next month.

For more information, click here.