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CORRECTION: Adds defense attorneys to the list of collaborators in the penultimate paragraph.

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Colorado Collaborative Justice Conference seeking presentation proposals for 2014 conference

DENVER – The Colorado Collaborative Justice Conference Planning Committee is accepting proposals for breakout session presentations for the fifth annual Colorado Collaborative Justice Conference – *Return on Human Investment: Developing a Responsive Criminal Justice System* – hosted by the Colorado Judicial Department.

The conference will take place May 13 to 15, 2014, at The Westin Westminster (10600 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CO 80020) and is a joint effort by the Correctional Treatment Board and the Judicial Problem Solving Court Programs. The goal is to promote collaborative and effective treatment responses for offenders by enhancing and strengthening team relationships across the criminal justice continuum in both the adult and juvenile systems.

The 2014 conference will build on the general themes of:

- Evidence-informed practices in the criminal justice field
- Trauma-informed practices
- Responsivity
- Treatment matching
- Intersections between mental health and substance abuse responding co-occurring disorders

The committee is seeking presentation proposals for 60, 90-minute breakout sessions. Proposals will be accepted from any experienced individual, group, institution or company with an interest in corrections and criminal justice. Proposals will be evaluated on a rolling basis with the conference agenda expected to be finalized by Feb. 15, 2014.

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Relevance to the CJCC audience and conference themes
- Originality of the presentation material
- Clear and focused learning objectives
- Practical applications for the information presented

Conference attendees will include judges, district attorneys, defense attorneys, county sheriffs, probation and parole officers, drug court coordinators, treatment providers and policy makers. It is expected that more than 700 people will attend the conference. All presenters will be invited to attend the full conference. Lodging will be provided and, if necessary, travel expenses will be reimbursed.

For more information, or to submit a proposal, please visit www.courts.state.co.us/ccjc. Conference contacts are Jessica Johnston (jessica.johnston@judicial.state.co.us) and Brenidy Rice (brenidy.rice@judicial.state.co.us).