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## **TONIGHT'S FREE COMMUNITY EVENT HIGHLIGHTS LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES**

The CJCC, or Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, invites the community to our Community Justice Forum Tuesday, September 13 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. The event, *Introduction to the New Teddie E. Pryor, Sr. Social Services Building Spotlight on Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services*, is free and open to the community. Those interested in attending can register here: <https://bit.ly/ChsMHR>.

The forum features local subject matter experts including:

- Dr. Chanda Funcell, Director, Charleston Center
- Jennifer Roberts, Executive Director, Charleston Dorchester Mental Health Center

County Council Chairman Teddie E. Pryor, Sr. will present the welcome and kick-off the evening. Deborah Blalock, Deputy Director of Community Health Services for the South Carolina Department of Mental Health, will serve as the event moderator.

“It is critical the community is aware of the resources available and where to go when help is needed. The new social services building will bring multiple resources under one roof to serve the community in a more centralized manner,” stated Lea Ann Adkins, CJCC Co-Vice Chair, Legal Services, One80 Place.

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### ***About the CJCC***

*The CJCC is a collaboration of elected and senior officials, law enforcement leaders, judicial and court leadership, behavioral health professionals, victim and legal advocates, and various community leaders working in service of the Charleston community. The mission of the CJCC is to assist in making sustainable, data-driven improvements to Charleston County's criminal justice system and thereby improve public safety and community well-being. The CJCC is currently jointly funded by Charleston County and a Safety + Justice Challenge grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. For more information, visit [www.cjcc.charlestoncounty.org](http://www.cjcc.charlestoncounty.org).*

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