

June 24, 2025,

Dear Mayor Bacon and City of Olathe Council Members,

I would like to attend the Kansas Mental Health Summit on August 26-27, 2025, in Hays, Kansas. It is a collaborative effort involving all three branches of government and behavioral health professionals. The 2025 Kansas Mental Health Summit is the second summit of its kind. It supports a national initiative to improve court and community response to mental health issues that bring people to our courts. It combines national and local speakers who will educate and inform participants on how each system partner can contribute to improving court and community response to mental health issues.

As you know, we are in the process of starting a treatment court in the City of Olathe to accommodate our high-risk offenders. This summit will allow us to continue to learn more about how we can develop our treatment court. This summit is held every three years in Kansas. There is no registration fee. The only anticipated expenses are travel by car to Hays, two nights of lodging, and food expenses. For the benefits that I expect to derive from this conference, I believe those costs are appropriate, and I hope you will support my attendance.

Sincerely,

Judge Jill K.B. Kenney  
City of Olathe Municipal Court