

# WORDS TO DEEDS

CHANGING THE  
PARADIGM FOR  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
AND MENTAL HEALTH



A PROJECT OF THE FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

## Words to Deeds XI Conference and Paradigm Awards

Tuesday, November 7, 2017 -  
Thursday, November 9, 2017

California Commission on Peace Officer  
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*Building bridges between  
criminal justice & behavioral health  
to prevent incarceration*

**March 21-23, 2018**

**FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH  
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**GREGORY VAN RYBROEK, PHD, JD &  
MIKE CALDWELL, PSYD**

Effective Treatment of Violent Juvenile  
Delinquents: The Mendota Model



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**MYRINDA  
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Cognitive-Behavioral  
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**JILL LEVENSON, PHD,  
LCSW**

Translating Trauma-  
Informed Care  
Principles Into  
Forensic Mental  
Health Practice

**BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS**

- Treatment methods for justice involved youth, including pro-social behavior and mindfulness-based substance abuse treatment.
- Incompetent to Stand Trial issues and program models.
- Current issues in sex offender treatment and management.
- Suicide risk assessment
- Cutting-edge psychological testing
- Discharge planning
- Mentally Disordered Offender evaluation

**WORDS TO DEEDS TRACK**



**Diversion or Detour? Bridging the Gaps While Paving the Road to Recovery**  
*Highlighting the interdisciplinary, collaborative efforts of professional  
stakeholders across California and the U.S.*



**California Board of State and Community Corrections**

**Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grants (MIOCR) – JUVENILE JUSTICE PROJECT**

**12:00 p.m. Registration**

**1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction**

- Kathleen Howard – Executive Director, California Board of State and Community Corrections
- Sam Knudsen, JD – Vice President, Forensic Mental Health Association of California

**1:10 p.m. 2016 MIOCR Juvenile Justice Project Overview**

Facilitator: Helene Zentner – Field Representative, California Board of State and Community Corrections

**Program Directors:**

- Contra Costa County
- Nevada County
- Riverside County
- San Diego County
- San Joaquin County
- Santa Clara County
- Santa Cruz County
- Shasta County
- Solano County
- Tuolumne County
- Yolo County

**2:40 p.m. Best Practices in Juvenile Justice**

Introduction: Helene Zentner – Field Representative, California Board of State and Community Corrections

Moderator: William Arroyo, MD – Medical Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Children's System of Care; Professor, USC Keck School of Medicine

- Paul Curtis – Executive Director, California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
- Ami Davis – Manager, Youth and Wellness Policy, Reach Out (San Bernardino County)
- Sparky Harlan – CEO, Bill Wilson Center (Santa Clara County)
- Hon. David Wesley – Judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court; Director, Stopping Hate and Delinquency by Empowering Students (SHADES)

**4:40 p.m. Challenges and Solutions: Brag, Borrow, and Steal!**

Bill Brown – Sheriff-Coroner, Santa Barbara County; President, California State Sheriffs' Association; Commissioner, California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

**5:00 p.m. Adjourn**

**Words to Deeds XI Conference and Paradigm Awards**

Since 2003, Words to Deeds has provided a unique leadership forum that has evolved into a standard best practice for creating a true shift in the paradigm between criminal justice and mental health by fostering successful and ongoing collaboration among agency, organization and elected leaders in courts, criminal justice agencies, mental health professions, and governmental and nongovernmental organizations. Sessions are designed to be interactive to maximize opportunities for meaningful interaction among peer leaders to develop viable strategies for jail diversion.

**9:00 a.m. Registration**

**10:00 a.m. Welcome**

- Kit Wall – Policy Consultant; Project Director, Words to Deeds
- Kenneth Carabello – President, Forensic Mental Health Association of California
- Manuel Alvarez – Executive Director, California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST)

**10:10 a.m. Criminal Justice and Mental Health Project: Findings and Recommendations**

- California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
  - Toby Ewing, PhD – Executive Director
  - Ashley Mills – Senior Researcher

**11:00 a.m. Perspectives from the Experts**

Moderator: Stephanie Welch – Executive Officer, California Council on Mentally Ill Offenders

- Karen Baylor, PhD, LMFT – Deputy Director, California Department of Health Care Services Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services
- Diane Cummins – Special Advisor to the Governor, California Department of Finance, State and Local Realignment
- Toby Ewing, PhD – Executive Director, California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
- Linda Penner – Chair, California Board of State and Community Corrections
- Monique Pierre – Section Chief, Housing and Community Development Division of Financial Assistance; Program Manager, No Place Like Home
- Diana Toche, DDS – Undersecretary of Health Care Services, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**12:10 p.m. Luncheon Buffet**

**12:40 p.m. Paradigm Awards Presentations**

Facilitator: Adam Christianson – Sheriff, Stanislaus County

- Law Enforcement Champion: Terri McDonald – Chief Probation Officer, Los Angeles County  
*Presented by Kathryn Jett – Senior Policy Consultant, California Forward*
- State Champion: Tina Wooton – Manager, Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness; Chair, California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission  
*Presented by Toby Ewing, PhD – Executive Director, California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission*
- Lifetime Achievement: Charles Walters, PhD – Law Enforcement Consultant  
*Presented by Hon. Stephen Manley – Judge, Santa Clara County Superior Court*



1:25 p.m.

**First Adapters in Action**

Moderator: Kirsten Barlow, MSW – Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California

- Mary Hale, MS, CHC – Behavioral Health Director, Orange County Health Care Agency
- Judicial Council of California Center for Families, Children, and the Courts
  - Chelsie Bright, PhD – Supervising Research Analyst
  - Donna Strobel, MS – Analyst

2:25 p.m.

**Moving from Words to Deeds: Breakout Sessions**

Introduction: Kit Wall – Policy Consultant; Project Director, Words to Deeds

■ **Breakout 1: Small-Sized County**

Moderator: Darby Kernan – Senior Legislative Representative, California State Association of Counties

- Bill Goodwin – Chief Administrator, Tehama County
- Samuel Leach – Chief Probation Officer, Calaveras County

■ **Breakout 2: Medium-Sized County**

Moderator: Linnea Koopmans – Senior Policy Analyst, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California

- Karen Larsen, LMFT – Director, Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency
- Frank Martinez – Lieutenant, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, Bureau of Inmate Services

■ **Breakout 3: Large-Sized County**

Moderator: Kathleen Lacey – Program Director, UCSF/Citywide Case Management

- Kelly Glossup, LCSW – Manager, Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Youth and Family Services Bureau
- Deborah Johnson – Deputy Director of Forensics, Riverside University Health Systems – Behavioral Health

4:00 p.m.

**Next Steps: Breakout Reports**

- Mack Jenkins – Member, California Council on Mentally Ill Offenders; Chief Probation Officer, San Diego County (retired)

4:30 p.m.

**Adjourn**

6:30 p.m. –  
8:30pm

**Networking Dinner – Pre-Registered Only, No-Host**

Pearl on the River  
1379 Garden Highway  
Sacramento, CA 95833



**Sustainability: Maximizing Funding Opportunities**

**8:00 a.m. Registration**

**9:00 a.m. Welcome**

- Darby Kernan – Senior Legislative Representative, California State Association of Counties

**Overview**

- Kit Wall – Policy Consultant; Project Director, Words to Deeds

**9:10 a.m. Moving from Innovation to Sustainability: CAO Perspective**

Moderator: Diane Cummins – Special Advisor to the Governor, California Department of Finance, State and Local Realignment

- Small County: Bill Goodwin – Chief Administrator, Tehama County
- Medium County: Birgitta Corsello – County Administrator, Solano County
- Large County: Kim Engelby – CEO Budget Office; Team Lead, Orange County Public Protection and Community Services
- Stepping Up: Council of State Governments Justice Center
  - Deanna Adams – Senior Policy Analyst
  - Elizabeth Siggins – Project Consultant

**10:30 a.m. Achieving Successful Outcomes While Implementing Changes in Current Program Funding: Opportunities and Challenges**

Introduction: Stephanie Welch – Executive Officer, California Council on Mentally Ill Offenders

Moderator: Brenda Grealish – Assistant Deputy Director, California Department of Health Care Services Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

- Hon. Lawrence Brown – Judge, Sacramento County Superior Court
- Shannon Dicus – Assistant Sheriff, San Bernardino County
- Steve Kaplan – Director (retired), San Mateo County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services
- Robin Lipetzky – Chief Public Defender, Contra Costa County
- Terri McDonald – Chief Probation Officer, Los Angeles County
- Tracey Whitney – Mental Health Liaison, Los Angeles County District Attorney

**12:30 p.m. Together We Can: Moving from “One-Offs” to Full System Change**

- Ashley Mills – Senior Researcher, California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

**12:50 p.m. Closing Remarks**

- Kit Wall – Policy Consultant; Project Director, Words to Deeds

**1:00 p.m. Adjourn**



## NOTES



## ABOUT WORDS TO DEEDS

### **Mission**

The leaders in criminal justice and mental health participating in this effort strive to end the criminalization of individuals with mental illness by supporting proven strategies that promote early intervention, access to effective treatments, a planned reentry and the preservation of public safety.

### **Vision**

A true shift in the paradigm between criminal justice and mental health will embody an effective jail diversion system that fosters a successful and ongoing exchange of information among courts, criminal justice agencies, mental health professions, governmental agencies, and nongovernmental organizations, to achieve a substantial positive change in the way individuals with mental illness are treated within our communities.

### **Words to Deeds Leadership Group**

- **Kirsten Barlow** – Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
- **Stanicia Boatner** – Legislative Analyst, California State Association of Counties
- **Bill Brown** – Santa Barbara County Sheriff-Coroner
- **Hallie Fader-Towe** – Senior Policy Advisor, Council of State Governments Justice Center
- **Morgan Grabau Dosskey** – Program Manager, Forensic Mental Health Association of California
- **Brenda Grealish** – Assistant Deputy Director, California Department of Health Care Services, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Services
- **Carmen Green** – Executive Director, California State Sheriffs' Association
- **Kathryn Jett** – Senior Policy Consultant, California Forward
- **Darby Kernan** – Senior Legislative Representative, California State Association of Counties
- **Linnea Koopmans** – Senior Policy Analyst, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
- **Kathleen Lacey** – Program Director, UCSF/Citywide Case Management
- **Elaine Linn** – Words to Deeds Event Coordinator, Elaine Linn Creative Strategies
- **Robin Lipetzky** – Public Defender, Contra Costa County
- **Sheree Lowe** – Vice President, Behavioral Health, California Hospital Association
- **Rosie McCool** – Deputy Director, Chief Probation Officers of California
- **David Meyer** – Clinical Professor, Institute of Psychiatry, Law and Behavioral Sciences, USC Keck School of Medicine
- **Ashley Mills** – Senior Researcher, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
- **Karen Moen** – Senior Court Services Analyst (retired), Judicial Council of California
- **Jasmine Murrey** – Member Services Coordinator, California State Sheriffs' Association & Foundation
- **Kimberly Pearson** – Deputy Agency Director, Orange County Correctional Health Services
- **Patricia Ryan** – Consultant; Executive Director (retired), County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
- **Linda Tomasello** – Senior Governmental Program Analyst, California Highway Patrol
- **Jolena Voorhis** – Executive Director, Urban Counties of California
- **Kit Wall** – Words to Deeds Project Director, Kit Wall Productions
- **Stephanie Welch** – Executive Officer, California Council on Mentally Ill Offenders
- **Tracey Whitney** – Mental Health Liaison, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
- **Molly Willenbring** – Executive Director, Forensic Mental Health Association of California
- **Carrie Zoller** – Supervising Attorney, Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts

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