

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### **DEANNA ADAMS, JD**

Deanna Adams is a Senior Policy Analyst with the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center, where she works with state and local policymakers from around the country to improve criminal justice and health outcomes for people with behavioral health needs in local justice systems. Prior to this, Ms. Adams was a Senior Fellow with the CSG Justice Center, embedded in the Chief Probation Officers of California, where she supported California policymakers interested in learning more about "what works" in reentry as well as promising approaches for improving criminal justice responses to people with behavioral health needs. Ms. Adams is an experienced attorney and has served as the director of a community-based organization in Santa Cruz County that provides evidence-based interventions and reentry services to people in county jail and under probation supervision. Previously, Ms. Adams served as an AmeriCorps Fellow with the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency Substance Use Disorders Services, where she worked with at-risk youth. She earned a Bachelor's Degree from Whittier College and a Juris Doctor from Hofstra University School of Law.

### WILLIAM ARROYO, MD

Dr. Arroyo is the Medical Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Behavioral Health (LACDMH), Prevention and Early Intervention Bureau. He is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at USC Keck School of Medicine. Dr. Arroyo represents LACDMH in mental health program development and policy implementation at the county, state, and national levels. He has served on several state boards and national advisory bodies including: California Children's Medi-Cal Health Advisory Panel; the California (Prison) Rehabilitation Oversight Board; the state Commission on Juvenile Justice; Haywood Burns Institute; the County Behavioral Health Directors Association; the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Task Force on Eliminating Mental Health Disparities, and children's mental health research and training centers at Portland State University, Georgetown University, and University of South Florida. He also works in a probation camp for teens with mental health, drug use, and alcohol problems. Dr. Arroyo has

co-authored two national monographs on Juvenile Justice Reform, and he has been honored for his advocacy work in mental health by local, state, and national organizations, including United Advocates for Children and Families and NAMI.

#### KIRSTEN BARLOW, MSW

Kirsten Barlow is the Executive Director of the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA), which provides statewide advocacy efforts in support of public behavioral health programs for 58 counties and 2 cities. Ms. Barlow leads CBHDA in promoting recovery principles and social justice, the reduction of individual and community problems related to unaddressed behavioral health issues, and informing public policy to improve the delivery of these services. She oversees all aspects of CBHDA's operations, activities, and strategy. Ms. Barlow earned her Master of Social Welfare degree in management and planning from UC Berkeley and her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

## KAREN BAYLOR, PhD, LMFT

Karen Baylor was appointed as the Deputy Director of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders for the California Department of Health Care Services in 2013. She has a PhD in Clinical Psychology and is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Previously, Ms. Baylor was the Behavioral Health Administrator for San Luis Obispo County, and during her time there, she served as President of the County Behavioral Health Directors Association. Prior to that, Ms. Baylor worked for non-profit organizations providing children's mental health services in Texas and California.

## **CHELSIE BRIGHT, PhD**

Chelsie Bright is a Supervising Research Analyst with the Center for Families, Children & the Courts (CFCC). She joined CFCC in 2015 and manages a portfolio of research projects aimed at assessing the dynamics of diversity and disproportionality within the services that support court access, effectiveness, and efficiency for children and families. Her research focuses broadly on the intersection between policy and social equity with an emphasis on underrepresented populations. Dr. Bright holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Kansas with a concentration in public policy and quantitative methods.

### **BILL BROWN**

Bill Brown was elected as Sheriff-Coroner for Santa Barbara County in 2006, and was reelected in 2010 and 2014. Previously, he served as a police officer for the City of Pacifica, as a police officer, supervisor, and manager for the Inglewood Police Department, and as Chief of Police for the City of Moscow, Idaho, and the City of Lompoc. Prior to his law enforcement career, Sheriff Brown served as a paramedic and emergency medical technician in Los Angeles County. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from USC, and is a graduate of the Delinquency Control Institute, the FBI National Academy, and the FBI National Executive Institute. He serves on the State of California's Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, and as President of the California State Sheriffs' Association.

# HON. LAWRENCE BROWN

Judge Brown was appointed to the Sacramento Superior Court by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2010. In addition to a felony court calendar, Judge Brown presides over the Sacramento Adult Drug Court, Mental Health Treatment Court, the Co-Occurring Mental Health Court, and the Reentry Court. In 2015, Judge Brown was appointed by the California Chief Justice to the Judicial Council's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Judge Brown served as First Assistant U.S. Attorney in Sacramento from 2003-2008, and Interim United States Attorney in 2009. A graduate of UC Davis School of Law, Judge Brown began his career as a deputy district attorney in Ventura County, and later served as Executive Director of the California District Attorneys Association.

#### **ADAM CHRISTIANSON**

Adam Christianson started his law enforcement career with the Ceres Police Department. He also worked for the Modesto Police Department before joining the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office in 1996, where he worked a variety of assignments including Patrol, SVOU, K9, Bailiff, Field Training Officer, Hi-Tech Crimes Detective, Human Resources, Training/Recruitment, and Homeland Security. Sheriff Christianson was first elected Sheriff of Stanislaus County in 2006, and has been reelected twice. Previously, he worked as a paramedic in Stanislaus County for several years, and as a

flight paramedic. He is a member of and participates in the Airborne Law Enforcement Association, California Peace Officers' Association, the California State Coroners' Association, and he serves on the Presidents' Counsel and several committees for the California State Sheriffs' Association. Sheriff Christianson has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Management, and is a graduate of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Course, the POST Executive Development Course, West Point Leadership in Police Organizations, and he has an Executive Certificate from the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

### **BIRGITTA CORSELLO**

Birgitta Corsello was appointed as County Administrator for the County of Solano in 2011, after serving as Assistant County Administrator. Ms. Corsello began her career with the County of Solano in 1989, when she moved to the area from the Kern County Administrator's Office. Since then she has served as Director of the County's Office of Emergency Services, Director for the County Department of General Services, and as leader of the Department of Resource Management. Ms. Corsello serves on the County Medical Services Program and Solano Economic Development Corporation Executive Boards. She also chairs the Solano County Emergency Medical Services Cooperative. Ms. Corsello has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from San Jose State University.

# **DIANE CUMMINS**

Diane Cummins serves as Special Advisor to the Governor on State and Local Realignment. She returned to public service in 2011 after retiring from work at the State Capitol in 2008, where she was the Chief Fiscal Policy Advisor for two Senate President pro Tems. Prior to this, Ms. Cummins served as the Chief Deputy Director for Budgets at the California Department of Finance. She held numerous positions at the Department, and specialized in local government and health and human services. Ms. Cummins was the key Department staff person on the 1991 Realignment, the 1997 assumption of state trial court funding, and the 1997 welfare reform resulting in the CalWORKs program.

#### **PAUL CURTIS**

Paul Curtis is Executive Director of the California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies (CCCBHA), an association of non-profit community agencies serving the behavioral health community. CCCBHA is dedicated to the proposition that the people of California deserve a rational, comprehensive, community-based behavioral health system with adequate funding to serve all. CCCBHA is their voice at the Capitol and with state agencies, and works to ensure that state and county programs support integrated services. Previously, Mr. Curtis was the Executive Director of the California Coalition for Youth. Mr. Curtis has more than thirty years of experience working in the for-profit and non-profit worlds, and was involved in the HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ communities for many years. He has an extensive background in developing collaborative community programs, public policy and advocacy efforts, and building strong relationships across non-profit, for-profit, and government sectors.

## **AMI DAVIS**

Ami Davis is an educator, author, and advocate who oversees youth-focused programming for Reach Out, West End, a nonprofit in San Bernardino County. She is a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) data collection consultant, LGBTQ subject matter expert, and an advocate for youth. Ms. Davis consults on policies, procedures, and training for collecting SOGI data with the County. She is Chair of the San Bernardino County's Office of Cultural Competence and Ethnic Services LGBTQ Awareness Sub-Committee, and a board member for the Inland Region Equality Network. Ms. Davis works with the San Bernardino County Department of Probation to assist with inclusion practices for appropriate behavior with LGBTQ populations. She created the Culture and Climate Program at Reach Out to assist multiple sectors with developing policies and procedures, providing culturally appropriate education and training, and increasing sustainable supports for LGBTQ individuals.

### **SHANNON DICUS**

Shannon Dicus was raised in a law-enforcement family and has lived in San Bernardino County for more than 40 years. He currently serves as San Bernardino County Assistant Sheriff. In high school, Assistant Sheriff Dicus was a Sheriff's Explorer Scout. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army and was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division where he served as a Military Police Officer at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and Sinai, Egypt. Assistant Sheriff Dicus then worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs Police Department in Loma Linda. He joined the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department in 1991. Assistant Sheriff Dicus is responsible for Support Operations, and supervises three Deputy Chiefs, the Public Affairs Lieutenant and the Legislative Liaison who oversees the Corrections Bureau, Court Security, Crime Lab, Coroner, Employee Resources, Sheriff's Academy, Public Affairs, and legislative efforts. His past assignments include Corrections at the Glen Helen Rehabilitation and West Valley Detention Centers; patrol; specialized Investigations including Narcotics, SWAT, and Criminal Intelligence; as well as Technical Services, Communications, Records, and the Bureau of Administration.

### KIMBERLY ENGELBY

Kim Engelby has been with the County of Orange for more than 19 years. She is a graduate of CSU Fullerton, with a degree in Business Administration. Ms. Engelby's county experience, which ranges from financial reporting to managing accounting functions in diverse departments such as public works and health care, have afforded her a unique skillset. In her current position in the County Budget Office, she oversees more than \$3 billion in the County's public protection and community service annual budgets. She works with the District Attorney, Probation, Public Defender, Sheriff-Coroner, Community Resources, Child Support Services, Health Care Agency, and the Social Services Agency. As the nationwide Stepping Up Initiative started to grow momentum in Orange County, Ms. Engelby and her team partnered with subject matter experts and identified linkages to leverage available and potential funding sources and ensure that the financial impacts to the county were identified at the earliest stages.

### **TOBY EWING, PhD**

Toby Ewing is the Executive Director of the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission, which oversees the state's mental health system. Mr. Ewing has worked in public policy for more than two decades, for the California State Assembly, the State Senate, and the Little Hoover Commission. He served as Director of the California Research Bureau and helped launch two non-profits working to improve governance in California, including California Forward. Mr. Ewing researched and co-drafted legislation to establish the Council on Mentally III Offenders, and coauthored an article analyzing linked mental health and criminal justice data in California. Throughout his career, Mr. Ewing has promoted outcome-driven decision-making, transparency, and accountability to improve services and outcomes. His work has focused on mental health services, Veterans' programs, child welfare services, and results-based accountability through budgeting and management strategies, and the use of information tools to drive better outcomes and accountability. Mr. Ewing has a PhD in sociology from Syracuse University.

### **KELLY GLOSSUP, LCSW**

Kelly Glossup is the Manager of Youth and Family Services Bureau, the behavioral health unit of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office. Previously, Ms. Glossup worked for the Los Angeles County Probation Department for 14 years as a Deputy and Supervising Probation Officer. Ms. Glossup has 15 years of experience teaching Peace Officer Standards and Training and university courses in criminology, social work, and behavioral health. She specializes in crisis intervention and Critical Incident Responses, reentry/aftercare programs, detention facilities and residential programs, gang intervention and prevention, family systems, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, multi-disciplinary teams, Trauma-Informed Care, and evidenced-based practices for the criminal justice population. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Ms. Glossup has experience providing clinical supervision for the past 15 years. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from BIOLA University and a Master's in Social Work from USC.

### **BILL GOODWIN**

Bill Goodwin has served as the Chief Administrator of Tehama County since 2005. He served on the AB 109 Realignment Allocation Committee, and on the Board of State and Community Corrections SB 863 Executive Steering Committee for recommending project funding for Adult Local Criminal Justice Facilities Construction. Mr. Goodwin has assisted the Sheriff, Chief Probation Officer, and Executive Director of Health Services to create, budget, and implement innovative multi-disciplinary programs in Tehama County in response to AB 109, including enhanced counseling, job skills training, and supervised alternatives to incarceration.

## **BRENDA GREALISH**

Brenda Grealish was appointed as Assistant Deputy Director for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services within the California Department of Health Care Services in 2014. She began her state career with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, before working at the Department of Mental Health for nearly ten years. Ms. Grealish also has four years of management experience with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Prior to her appointment as Assistant Deputy Director, Ms. Grealish was the Chief, of the Mental Health Services Division. She has a Bachelor's Degree a and a Master's Degree in Psychology.

## MARY HALE, MS, CHC

Mary Hale has more than 30 years of experience in the behavioral health field. She currently serves as the Behavioral Health Director for Orange County where she oversees client centered/directed care and recovery of clients, families, and communities through a comprehensive community system of care for the county's 3.2 million residents, with a budget of more than \$350 million and a staff of 1,200. Ms. Hale serves on numerous statewide committees and associations, many of which focus on co-occurring mental health and substance

use disorders. She is the Past President of the County Behavioral Health Director's Association of California (CBHDA), Co-Chair of the Financial Services Committee for CBHDA, and a member of the Board of Directors of the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions. Ms. Hale has a Master's Degree in Clinical/Community Psychology.

### **SPARKY HARLAN**

Sparky Harlan has been CEO of the Bill Wilson Center in Silicon Valley since 1983, and she currently leads a community effort to end youth and family homelessness by 2020. Each year the Bill Wilson Center serves more than 5,000 children, youth and families by providing behavioral health services, housing, education, and support services. Ms. Harlan has helped create innovative behavioral health strategies for runaway and homeless youth and youth aging out of institutions, including young parent families and young adults. She is a nationally recognized leader in youth services, and was honored by the White House in 2012 as a Champion of Change for her leadership in ending youth homelessness. Ms. Harlan was recognized in 2014 by the 25<sup>th</sup> California Assembly District's as Woman of the Year, and recently received the 2017 Dorothy Irene Height Community Service Award from the San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP. Ms. Harlan is Treasurer for the California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies and an Advisory Member for Women's Services for SAMHSA. She has a Master's Degree in Nonprofit Management.

### **MACK JENKINS**

Mack Jenkins served for 40 years in the criminal justice system, retiring as Chief Probation Officer San Diego County. Prior to this, Mr. Jenkins held several positions with the Orange County Probation Department including Director and Assistant Director. His responsibilities included oversight of juvenile supervision, assisting in the management of a juvenile detention facility, and overseeing a long-term treatment program. Chief Jenkins is a past president of the Chief Probation Officers of California and Vice President of the American Probation and Parole Association. He is also a former member of the Juvenile Justice Leadership Network operated out of Georgetown University, and served on the Judicial Council's Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues. Chief Jenkins is currently an adjunct instructor of Criminal Justice for the Rancho Santiago Community College District, and he serves as a Senior Policy Advisor with the Council of State Governments Justice Center. He was appointed to the Council on Mentally III Offenders (COMIO) by Governor Brown in 2015 and is the Chair of COMIO's Juvenile Justice Committee. Chief Jenkins has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from UC Irvine and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from CSU Long Beach.

## **DEBORAH JOHNSON, LCSW**

Deborah Johnson began her 40-year tenure with the Riverside County Mental Health Department, now known as the Riverside University Health System - Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH), as a Psychiatric Social Worker. She has worked her way through almost every clinical position within the Department. In 1999, she was promoted to Assistant Hospital Administrator for the Riverside County Regional Medical Center, Emergency and Inpatient Psychiatric Facility, where she pioneered an innovative and award-winning psychiatric program. In 2010, she returned to RUHS-BH, where she currently serves as Deputy Director of Forensics overseeing Detention Forensics, the AB 109 New Life program, Mental Health Court, Veterans Court, Transportation, CalWORKs, Public Guardian, Long-Term Care, Patients' Rights, and the Substance Abuse program. Originally from Danville, Virginia, Ms. Johnson moved west to attend college, earning her AA in Sociology from Riverside Community College, her Bachelor's Degree from UC Riverside and her Master's Degree in Social Work from UC Berkeley.

## STEPHEN KAPLAN, LCSW

Stephen Kaplan has spent more than 30 years administering publicly funded substance use prevention and treatment and mental health service programs in California. Most recently, he was the Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services for San Mateo County where he led several efforts, including improving service delivery for individuals with substance use and mental health disorders, and redesigning the substance use treatment system in preparation for health care reform. Some of his most notable accomplishments include the development of a strategic plan and implementation of a Federal Second Chance reentry grant to address community reentry for persons transitioning from jail; and the implementation of jail diversion services for seriously mentally ill adults. Mr. Kaplan provides consulting in the areas of strategic planning, policy development, and program implementation and evaluation for government and non-profit organizations. He has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan, and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

## **DARBY KERNAN**

Darby Kernan is a Senior Legislative Representative for Administration of Justice for the California State Association of Counties. Previously, Ms. Kernan served as the Principal Consultant for the Senate President pro Tempore, playing a key role in legislation and on the state budget. She has been responsible for public safety and mental health budgets and policy assignments, staffed the Senate Public Safety Committee, and developed legislative priorities in public safety. Previously, Ms. Kernan served as the Assistant Secretary in the Office of Legislation for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation where she provided oversight on key legislation and advised executive management on developments concerning significant

legislation impacting adult and juvenile corrections. Ms. Kernan worked as the Deputy Chief of Staff to Senator Ellen Corbett (D-San Leandro), and eight years for Senator Wesley Chesbro (D-Arcata).

### LINNEA KOOPMANS, MSW

Linnea Koopmans is a Senior Policy Analyst for the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA), which provides statewide advocacy efforts in support of public behavioral health programs for 58 counties and 2 cities. Her work at CBHDA focuses on Medi-Cal policy issues including California's 1915(b) waiver, federal and state regulations pertaining to county behavioral health systems, 1115 waiver programs, and primary and behavioral health care integration. She is also the Association's analyst on policies related to criminal justice diversion and reentry for individuals with behavioral health needs. Ms. Koopmans earned her Master's of Social Welfare with a focus on policy and administration from the UCLA, and her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from Westmont College.

## **KATHLEEN LACEY, LCSW**

Kathleen Lacey is the Director of UC San Francisco's Citywide Case Management Forensic Program, which provides services to 300 people with serious mental illness who are involved in the criminal justice system. With more than 25 years of experience in the criminal justice and mental health systems, Ms. Lacey was instrumental in implementing San Francisco's response to the State's Mentally III Offender Crime Reduction Grant in 1999, and she continues to develop programs including: The Women's Integrated Skills and Health Project; a supported employment program; the Housing Employment Recovery Outcomes Project; and mental health services for the San Francisco Sheriff's Department and Adult Probation Department. Ms. Lacey contributed considerably in the creation of the San Francisco Behavioral Health Court in 2003. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Speech Communications from Gonzaga University, and a Master's Degree in Social Welfare from UC Berkeley.

# KAREN LARSEN, LMFT

Karen Larsen has been serving the underserved of Yolo County and surrounding areas for more than two decades. While her focus began in substance use disorders, Ms. Larsen's concentration has focused increasingly on helping systems achieve integrated care for physical health, mental health, and substance use disorders. She joined the County as the Mental Health Director and Alcohol & Drug Administrator in 2014, just as the Agency was beginning to integrate the Departments of Health, Employment and Social Services, and Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health. In 2016, Ms. Larsen accepted the position of Director for Yolo County's newlyintegrated Health and Human Services Agency.

### **SAMUEL LEACH**

Samuel Leach has been the Chief Probation Officer of Calaveras County since 2014. Prior to this appointment, he worked for probation departments in Sutter and Riverside Counties. He also owned a consulting practice that assisted probation departments statewide with the implementation of evidence-based practices, as well as case planning and departmental responses to AB 109 Realignment. Chief Leach has provided ongoing trainings and consultations related to case planning, assessments, motivational interviewing, and evidence-based practices to probation officers from most of the state's probation departments. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from National University and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from CSU San Bernardino.

## **ROBIN LIPETZSKY, JD**

Robin Lipetzky has been the Chief Public Defender for Contra Costa County since 2010, and a public defender for 27 years. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from UC Berkeley, and a JD from Boalt Hall School of Law. Ms. Lipetzky is a California Public Defenders Association board member, where she serves on the California Council of Chief Defenders Conference Committee, the Office Management Committee, and the Mental Health Committee. She has served on several statewide executive steering committees related to criminal justice policy, including two Board of State and Community Corrections committees. She also serves as a member of the Judicial Council's Criminal Law Advisory Committee. Ms. Lipetzky was instrumental in designing and implementing an innovative, collaborative pretrial services program in Contra Costa County that launched in 2014. She is a frequent presenter on topics relating to sentencing reform, pretrial justice, and bail reform. Ms. Lipetzky currently serves on the steering committee for Contra Costa County's Reentry Success Center, and chairs the steering committee for the County's JAG-funded Youth Justice Initiative.

### FRANK MARTINEZ

Lieutenant Frank Martinez began his career with the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department in 2007. In addition to working at all detention facilities as a Custodial Deputy, he worked as a Classification Officer and Title 15 Compliance Deputy. Lt. Martinez was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2013, and in 2014 he was assigned to oversee Employee Scheduling, a newly instituted Inmate Grievance and Appeal system, Policy Oversight and as the FTO Program Coordinator. In 2016, he was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned as the Bureau of Inmate Services Commander, where he oversees Inmate Classification, Gang Intelligence, Inmate Programs, Mental Health Services, the Jail Alternatives Program, Title 15 Compliance, and Prison Rape Elimination Act compliance. As Commander of the Mental Health Unit, Lt. Martinez and his team collaborate with medical providers and community based organizations to ensure access to care for offenders with mental illness while in custody, and upon release.

#### **TERRI McDONALD**

Terri McDonald has more than 36 years of experience working in mental health, including state corrections and local jails. She began her career as a counselor in secured mental health treatment facilities and transitioned to a law enforcement career in 1988, working as a correctional officer for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). During her tenure with CDCR, Ms. McDonald worked her way from correctional officer to Undersecretary of Operations, responsible for overseeing California's prison, parole, and juvenile justice system. She then served as Los Angeles County Assistant Sheriff, leading reform efforts in the largest jail system in the U.S. She returned from retirement to work as a Senior Policy Advisor to Los Angeles County's Office of Diversion and Reentry where she managed diversion and reentry initiatives, including a program to case manage all female inmates in the Los Angeles County jail system, from entry to release. Ms. McDonald now serves as Chief Probation Officer for Los Angeles County. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Leadership in Law Enforcement from the University of San Francisco, is an active member of several criminal justice associations, and has served on a variety of non-profit boards.

#### **ASHLEY MILLS**

Ashley Mills has been a Senior Researcher with California's Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for the past four years, most recently charged with leading the Commission's policy research project on criminal justice and mental health. Previously, Ms. Mills held research positions with the California Department of Justice and the California Governor's Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy. For more than a decade, her research has focused on interpersonal violence, trauma, and juvenile delinquency, with an emphasis on prevention and intervention. Ms. Mills has a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.

### **LINDA PENNER**

Linda Penner has served as a member of the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and its predecessor, the Corrections Standards Authority Board, since 2007. She has also been a member of the BSCC's State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention since 2007. Previously, Ms. Penner was Chief Probation Officer for Fresno County, where she initiated policies, practices, and services to reduce crime victims through an emphasis on assessment-based accountability and programs. As Chief, she promoted a realignment 'safety net' through innovative supervision and service programs, including a multi-agency supervision team, and use of evidence-based services to form the nucleus of the public safety response to the legislation. Prior to this, Ms. Penner chaired the Fresno County Community Corrections Partnership, and served as President of the California Probation Officers Association of California.

### **MONIQUE PIERRE**

Monique Pierre has more than 20 years of experience working in the housing field, including public housing, with 11 years dedicated to affordable housing and community development. Currently she is the Section Chief for the No Place Like Home program (NPLH), which is designed to address the housing needs of seriously mentally ill Californians who are homeless, chronically homeless, or atrisk of chronic homelessness. Prior to joining Housing and Community Development, she worked for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, where she was involved in grant writing and program planning activities. Ms. Pierre has extensive experience working in local government in the Midwest, including the City of Detroit and Kent County, Michigan. She also worked in housing development and program management for non-profit housing sponsors. Ms. Pierre has many years of experience with federal programs, including the Community Development Block Grant, Neighborhood Stabilization, Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing, and the HOME Investment Partnership programs.

### **ELIZABETH SIGGINS**

Elizabeth Siggins works as a project consultant on some of California's most important juvenile and criminal justice initiatives. With more than 25 years of experience in community based and government organizations, she has been at the forefront of several reform efforts. As a Senior Executive with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Ms. Siggins and her team developed a comprehensive remedial plan to transform the State's failed juvenile corrections system. She was Chief Deputy Secretary of Rehabilitative Programs at CDCR during the state's fiscal crises, and despite having to implement a \$250 million budget reduction, she committed to building the foundation for evidence-based decision making, now the framework for CDCR's program expansion. More recently, as the Director of Local Safety Solutions with Californians for Safety and Justice, Ms. Siggins led the effort to design a Blueprint for Shared Safety, a national model for local reform. She has taught at CSU Sacramento and is currently a Project Consultant for the Council of State Governments Justice Center.

# **DONNA STROBEL**

Donna Strobel joined the Judicial Council of California's Center for Families, Children & the Courts in 2007 as Project Manager for the DUI Prevention Strategies Program for Peer Courts. Ms. Strobel also managed the Effective Court Practice for Abused Elders Project, which focused on improving the effectiveness of courts in addressing elder abuse. Ms. Strobel is responsible for the annual Youth Court Summit, California's primary training and educational conference for youth and teen court staff. She also coordinates the youth court regional roundtables, which provide support for local courts in developing effective models. Ms. Strobel is staff to the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee's Juvenile

Subcommittee, where she assisted in completing a resource guide entitled, *Human Trafficking in California: Toolkit for Judicial Officers.* Previously, Ms. Strobel was an Academic Counselor at CSU East Bay, and a Counselor for at-risk students at the University of Rhode Island. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Human Development.

### **DIANA TOCHE, DDS**

Diana Toche was appointed as Undersecretary of Health Care Services for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in 2014. She has served in multiple positions, including Acting Undersecretary of Administration and Offender Services, Acting Director of the Division of Health Care Services, and Statewide Dental Director. Dr. Toche was the Dental Director at Central Valley Indian Health Inc. from 1991 to 2008, and an associate dentist prior to that. Dr. Toche earned her Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from the University of the Pacific.

#### KIT WALL

Promoting everything from policy reform issues, nonprofit organizations, and political campaigns to rock shows and media events, Kit Wall uses her organizational and communication skills for policy consultation, writing, production, and management. Her promotion and publicity experience includes professional sports, entertainment, commercial real estate, and government affairs. Since 1987, Ms. Wall has focused on government relations and public policy, managing coalition and grassroots efforts for corporate, non-profit, and governmental organizations, as well as ballot initiatives, legislative and candidate campaigns. In 2001, while working for Eli Lilly and Company, she focused efforts on jail diversion specialization across the U.S., initiating the *Words to Deeds* concept, which has developed into the current interdisciplinary leadership forum.

### **STEPHANIE WELCH**

Stephanie Welch is the Executive Officer of the California Council on Mentally III Offenders based in the Office of the Secretary at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). She also represents CDCR on the Statewide Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council. Ms. Welch has more than 17 years of experience in mental health policy, program administration, and advocacy. Prior to state service, she was the Senior Program Manager at the California Mental Health Services Authority, and was an Associate Director at the California Mental Health Directors Association. She also served as a Mental Health Services Act program consultant for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, and as an Associate Director for the California Council of Community Mental Health Agencies and the Mental Health Association in California. Ms. Welch also served as a grassroots coordinator for the Yes on Prop 63 campaign. She has an MSW from USC and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from UC Davis.

### HON. DAVID WESLEY

After graduating from Southwestern University School of Law in 1972, Judge Wesley joined the Los Angeles Public Defender's Office. He then worked in private practice until his appointment in 1993 as a Hearing Judge of the State Bar Court, where he served as Superior Court Commissioner, presiding over juvenile court. He was appointed to the Los Angeles Superior Court by Governor Pete Wilson in 1997, and has since served as Supervising Judge of the Criminal Division, and Presiding Judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court, and he is currently assigned to the Juvenile Court. Judge Wesley served as a member of the Judicial Council and he co-chairs the Judicial Council Court-Ordered Debt Task Force. He has also served on the Trial Court Presiding Judges Executive Committee, the Trial Court Presiding Judges Advisory Committee as liaison to the Criminal Law Advisory Committee, and the Judicial Council Trial Court Budget Advisory Committee. Judge Wesley recently completed a term on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Metropolitan Courts. He devotes a great deal of time and effort to the Los Angeles County Teen Court program, an alternative early intervention court that provides an opportunity for juvenile offenders to be questioned, judged, and sentenced by a jury of their peers. He serves as the Director of Los Angeles County Teen Courts 38 high school courts, and as Director of SHADES (Stopping Hate and Delinquency by Empowering Students), an award-winning program to help combat hate incidents and crimes on high school campuses in partnership with the Museum of Tolerance. Judge Wesley currently serves as President of the California Association of Youth Courts, and he has received numerous awards from civic, professional, community, and statewide organizations.

## TRACEY WHITNEY, JD

Tracey Whitney serves as the Mental Health Liaison for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office where she collaborates with a variety of justice and healthcare stakeholders to help Los Angeles plan and execute a comprehensive plan for criminal justice mental health diversion. A founding member of the District Attorney's Mental Health Advisory Board, Ms. Whitney has served on each of its subsidiary working groups and other committees to examine current practices, identify gaps in services and launch new initiatives for change. Ms. Whitney previously coordinated the District Attorney's legislative program, which included drafting new legislation, testifying before the Legislature, recommending policy changes, and chairing the Mental Health Legislative Working Group. An experienced felony trial attorney, Ms. Whitney also served as an appellate prosecutor in the Superior Court, the California Court of Appeals, and the California Supreme Court. Ms. Whitney has regularly presented training programs to attorneys, law enforcement personnel, clinicians, and scientists statewide. She is a graduate of Duke University and earned her law degree from USC.

#### **HELENE ZENTNER**

Helene Zentner is a Field Representative with the California Board of State and Community Corrections, where she has held several positions. Her current position is in the Corrections Planning and Grant Programs Division, and she is the lead staff for several state-funded grants including: The California Mentally III Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grant; the Proud Parenting Grant, and the Community Corrections Partnership Plans. Over the past decade, Ms. Zentner has provided leadership, coordination, and technical assistance to promote effective state and local efforts and partnerships in California's adult and juvenile criminal justice systems. She works to promote the Board's mission to increase the use of evidence-based practices, and has been certified by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute, under Dr. Ed Latessa, to administer the Evidence-Based Correctional Program Checklist, a tool to assess corrections intervention programs on the principles of effectiveness.