

# 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 XIV Out of Bounds or Outside the Box? Silver Linings Learned from COVID-19

Thursday, November 12, 2020

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

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## 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

- **Deanna Adams** – Senior Analyst, Judicial Council of California, Criminal Justice Services, Operations & Programs Division
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- **Grace Childs** – Executive Associate, Urban Counties of California
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- **Sheree Lowe** – Vice President, Behavioral Health, California Hospital Association
- **Lahela Mattox** – Chief Operations Officer, San Diego Regional Task Force on the Homeless
- **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** – Research Supervisor, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
- **Mike Radford** – Bureau Chief, Training Program Services Bureau, Commission on Peace Officer Standards & Training
- **Stephanie Regular** – Assistant Public Defender, Contra Costa County
- **Tyler Rinde** – Legislative Analyst, County Behavioral Health Directors Association
- **Patricia Ryan** – Consultant; Executive Director (Ret.), County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
- **Linda Tomasello** – Senior Governmental Program Analyst, California Highway Patrol
- **Kit Wall** – Words to Deeds Project Director, Kit Wall Productions
- **Tracey Whitney** – Deputy District Attorney, Mental Health Liaison, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
- **Molly Willenbring** – Executive Director, First Responder Support Network
- **Helene Zentner** – Field Representative, California Board of State and Community Corrections
- **Carrie Zoller** – Supervising Attorney, Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts

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**Words to Deeds XIV – *Out of Bounds or Outside the Box? Silver Linings Learned from COVID-19***

**9:00 a.m. Virtual Conference Opens for Login**

**9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introduction**

- Kit Wall – Project Director, Words to Deeds
- Kevin Rice – President, Forensic Mental Health Association of California

**9:40 a.m. Session 1: Centering Racial Equity in the Pandemic Response & Beyond – National, Statewide & County Perspectives**

- Chandra Crawford – Director, Individual Homeless Adults, National Alliance to End Homelessness
- Cullen Fowler-Riggs – Lead, California Health Disparities Project, Community Development & Engagement Unit, Office of Health Equity, California Department of Public Health
- Sosha Marasigan-Quintero – Lead, Community Mental Health Equity Project, Community Development & Engagement Unit, Office of Health Equity, California Department of Public Health
- Dawan Utrecht – Director of Behavioral Health, Fresno County

**10:45 a.m. Break – 10 minutes**

**10:55 a.m. Session 2: Reimagining Crisis Response – Diversion & Cultural Responsivity**

- Alameda County, Behavioral Health Services: Stephanie Lewis – Division Director, Crisis Services
- Santa Barbara County, Hon. Bill Brown – Sheriff Coroner
- Santa Barbara County, Alice Gleghorn – Director, Department of Behavioral Wellness

**12:00 Noon LUNCH BREAK – 30 minutes**

**12:30 p.m. Session 3: Peer Programs – Celebrating SB 803 Legislation & Promising Practices**

Moderator: Dave Meyer – Clinical Professor, Institute of Psychiatry, Law & Behavioral Sciences, USC Keck School of Medicine

- Hon. Jim Beall – California State Senator, 15<sup>th</sup> Senate District; Chair – Senate Mental Health Caucus and Senate Select Committee on Mental Health

**1:00 p.m. Break – 10 minutes**

**1:10 p.m. Session 4: Funding Creative Solutions for Housing Challenges**

- Alameda County, SSI Advocacy: Supporting Income & Housing for Disabled Adults:
  - Introduction: David Panush – President, California Health Policy Strategies
  - Presentation: John Engstrom – Quality Improvement, Alameda County Behavioral Health
- San Diego County, Continuum of Care with the COVID-19 Twist:
  - Tamera Kohler – Chief Executive Officer, San Diego Regional Task Force on the Homeless
  - Lahela Mattox – Chief Operations Officer, San Diego Regional Task Force on the Homeless
- California Department of Social Services:
  - Corrin Buchanan – Assistant Director of Housing and Homelessness



2:25 p.m. Break – 10 minutes

2:35 p.m. Session 5: Reentry, Reintegration, Diversion & Zero Bail

- Santa Clara County, Superior Court: Hon. Stephen Manley – Judge, State of California, Santa Clara County Superior Court, Zero Bail Technology Innovation
- Fresno County, Behavioral Health: Susan Holt – Deputy Director, Clinical Operations, Behavioral Health
- San Francisco County, Probation: Alex Weil – Director, Probation Team/Community Assessment & Services Center [CASC], Citywide Forensics

3:40 p.m. Closing Remarks/Final Thoughts

- Kit Wall – Project Director, Words to Deeds

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

### Words to Deeds XIV – The Paradigm Awards

In January 2013, *Words to Deeds* inaugurated the *Paradigm Awards*, recognizing leaders in criminal justice and mental health who promote efforts to end criminalization of individuals with mental illness by supporting proven strategies that advocate for early intervention, access to effective treatments, a planned reentry, and the preservation of public safety.

This year, the *Paradigm Awards* is on hiatus until we can celebrate in person. We have included a list of all past *Paradigm Award* recipients in our program for your review.

So today, we share a *Words to Deeds* “Silver Lining.” It is the opportunity to once again salute past *Paradigm Awards Honorees* who are participating in *Words to Deeds XIV* today. They are:

- **Hon. Jim Beall – Legislative Champion – 2015** – California State Senator, 15<sup>th</sup> Senate District; Chair – Senate Select Committee on Mental Health
- **Hon. Bill Brown – State Champion – 2016** – Sheriff Coroner, Santa Barbara County; Past President, California State Sheriffs’ Association; Commissioner, California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
- **Hon. Stephen Manley – Judicial Champion – 2013** – Judge, State of California, Santa Clara County Superior Court; Member, Council on Criminal Justice & Behavioral Health
- **Dave Meyer – Lifetime Achievement – 2013** – Clinical Professor, Institute of Psychiatry, Law & Behavioral Sciences, USC Keck School of Medicine



## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### **Jim Beall**

Born in San Jose, Jim Beall is a lifelong resident of the city. Working in the fields picking crops as a teenager, Jim learned the true value of hard work, a day's labor, and the value of every dollar. Having parents who stressed the importance of quality education, Jim graduated from Bellarmine College Preparatory and then went on to earn his degree in Political Science from San Jose State University. At the age of 24, Jim served on the San Jose City Planning Commission and, at age 28, he became the youngest person ever to be elected to the San Jose City Council. In four decades of public service – first, as a San Jose City Councilman, then as a Santa Clara County Supervisor, Legislator in the Assembly and Senate, Senator Beall has left his mark across Silicon Valley and beyond. His landmark legislation includes the passage of SB 1 (2017) which increased road safety and repair funding in the State by \$5.4B annually while creating over 150,000 new jobs. Additionally, the passage of SB 595 (2017) provided transportation funding for regional projects in the SF Bay Area. Together, SB 1 and SB 595 financed urgently needed improvements, including a comprehensive Bay Area traffic relief plan, new BART cars, additional HOV lanes, and road and safety repairs throughout the State. The measures will fund several vital projects in Santa Clara County over the next two decades, including Caltrain's electrification from Gilroy to San Francisco, construction of the Eastridge light rail extension, expansion of the Diridon Station, and over \$2B for the BART to San Jose extension. Additionally, Senator Jim Beall advocated to increase access to mental health services in California. The passage of SB 803 (2020) created a statewide Peer Support Certification and Training program to expand and diversify our mental health workforce; while SB 192 (2018) created the Mental Health Services Fund which channeled unspent funds from the Mental Health Services Act to local mental health programs and services. Furthermore, to reduce deadly encounters between police and people with a mental illness or intellectual disability, Beall's SB 11 and SB 29 (2015) doubled the number of required mental health training hours in the Police Academy and increased mental health training for all Field Training Officers in charge of training police officers after they leave the Academy. Importantly, these bills required all training to be culturally appropriate. Beall's a lifelong champion and advocate for healthcare, underserved youth, low-income families, foster youth, mental health, and equity for the disabled. His work upgrading transportation infrastructure, and nurturing green energy while preserving open spaces will benefit the greater region for centuries to come.

When he manages to have a few spare moments to himself, Jim likes to read (generally non-fiction related to policy issues), hike, and hunt for stones that fuel his hobby, lapidary. He and his wife, Pat, have been married for more than 30 years, and live in San Jose's Cambrian district. Senator Jim Beall has two stepsons.

### **Bill Brown**

Bill Brown has served as Santa Barbara County's Sheriff-Coroner since January 9, 2007. He was first elected on November 7, 2006, re-elected to a second term in June 2010, re-elected to a third term in June 2014, and re-elected yet again to a fourth term in June 2018. Sheriff Brown began his law enforcement career in 1977 with the Pacifica Police Department in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 1980, he transferred to the Inglewood Police Department. He served the Los Angeles County community until 1992, when he was selected as chief of police for the City of Moscow, Idaho. In that position, he was responsible for overseeing police operations for both the City of Moscow and the University of Idaho. In 1995, Brown was selected as Chief of Police for the City of Lompoc, being only the eighth person to hold the title of police chief in that community since it incorporated in 1899. He led the Lompoc Police Department for the next 11 years until being elected to his present office. Sheriff Brown received his Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California in 1995. He was president of the 91st Class of Delinquency Control Institute, and is a graduate of the Northwest Command College, the 169th Session of the FBI National Academy, and the 33rd Session of the FBI National Executive Institute. Since 2010, he has served as a Commissioner on the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for the State of California, and he leads Santa Barbara County's version of "Stepping Up," a National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jails. Sheriff Brown is also Chairman of the Santa Barbara County Law Enforcement Chiefs (C.L.E.C). Sheriff Brown and his wife, Donna have been happily married for 40 years and have three grown children.

### **Corrin Buchanan**

Corrin Buchanan serves as the Assistant Director of Housing and Homelessness for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). Before joining CDSS, Corrin worked for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (LADHS) where she served as the Deputy Director for the Office of Diversion and Reentry and was responsible for diverting individuals with mental disorders away from the criminal justice system and into community-based treatment and permanent supportive housing. She also worked for Housing for Health at LADHS where she launched and managed the

Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool, a locally funded rental subsidy program. Corrin also worked as a Health Program Planner for Housing and Urban Health at the San Francisco Department of Public Health and as the Community Programs Director for the San Francisco Women's Building. Corrin holds a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in Public Policy from University of California, Berkeley.

#### **Chandra Crawford**

Chandra Crawford is the Director of Individual Homeless Adults at the National Alliance to End Homelessness, with a focus on racial equity. Prior to joining the Alliance, she worked at Gilead Sciences and developed an evidence-based HIV screening initiative in two southern states heavily impacted by the epidemic. Chandra also served as the Policy Director at UNITY of Greater New Orleans, the HUD-designated Continuum of Care, where she successfully led an initiative to secure 3,000 permanent supportive housing vouchers from Congress for poor and disabled residents in the State of Louisiana. In this role she was also instrumental in the creation of a statewide office designated to coordinate homelessness services and the reestablishment of the Louisiana Interagency Council on Homelessness. Chandra is proud to note that her first legislative victory was the enactment of a five-year pilot needle exchange program in the State of Delaware while she was the Policy Coordinator at the Delaware HIV Consortium. Chandra earned her Ph.D. in Public Policy from Purdue University.

#### **John Engstrom**

John is an attorney that has been advocating for improving health, income, and housing for low-income people for nearly 17 years. John has designed major initiatives that improve income and housing for disabled Alameda County residents, reduce recidivism for Alameda County residents with mental illness, and programs that provide gainful employment for people with lived-experience in the mental health and criminal justice systems. John also has done a great deal of work improving access to care for low-income residents of Alameda County. John currently works as the Quality Improvement (QI) Manager for Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH). Prior to leading the QI team, John managed the Decision Support team at Alameda County Behavioral Health providing data and policy analysis. He served as a Senior Analyst on the Decision Support Team prior to managing it. Prior to his work at Behavioral Health Care, John worked in public interest legal services providing disability, public benefits, and policy advocacy at the East Bay Community Law Center, Alameda County Homeless Action Center, and the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley.

#### **Cullen Fowler-Riggs**

Cullen Fowler-Riggs is a Health Program Specialist II in the Office of Health Equity (OHE) at the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Cullen serves as the Lead of the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP). He is also

the interim LGBTQ Population Lead and Contract Manager, a role he has held since the 2016. Cullen has been with the state for over ten years, formerly serving as a HIV Surveillance Coordinator for the CDPH, Office of AIDS, and as an Unemployment and Disability Insurance Program Analyst for the Employment Development Department. Cullen's public service career began in 2005 at the City of Stockton as an Assistant to the Grants Manager, where he helped secure funding for citywide projects focused on improving the social determinates of health. It was in this role that Cullen developed a passion for helping unserved/under-served communities through authentic community engagement and a shared vision of success to secure grant funding for programs and projects aimed at improving the lives of the diverse residents of Stockton. Cullen holds a Bachelor's Degree in Communications from California State University, Sacramento and a Master's Degree in Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of South Florida, Tampa. In his free time, he enjoys gardening, cooking, reading, and traveling with his partner.

#### **Alex Gleghorn, PhD**

Alice Gleghorn, PhD is a clinical psychologist who began her career in HIV prevention research with injection drug users in Baltimore at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. She enjoyed 19.5 years at the San Francisco Department of Public Health prior to becoming Director of the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness in 2014. At SFDPH she established pioneering harm reduction policies and programs that have been honored as national models for overdose prevention and opiate treatment. Building on her research background, she established and promoted evidence-based practices including: Criminal Justice Diversion, Mental Health/Law Enforcement Crisis Co-Response, Drug Overdose Prevention and Education (DOPE- including Naloxone distribution), Treatment On Demand, Office Based Opiate Treatment (OBOT) program, Mobile Methadone Van, Outpatient Buprenorphine Induction Clinic (OBIC), Integrated Buprenorphine Intervention Services, and the integrated Behavioral Health Access Center. In both counties, she oversaw the development of multiple supportive housing strategies for behavioral health clients ranging from 5 to 90 units. She has worked closely with pharmacists to expand knowledge and integrated approaches to behavioral health care and has partnered with many CBO providers and faith-based organizations in ensuring equitable access to care. She obtained more than 30 federal, state or foundation grants to implement, evaluate and disseminate innovative practices benefitting under-served and difficult to reach individuals experiencing homelessness, HIV risks, legal issues, mental illness, or substance dependence. Colleagues, community, and advocates have recognized her accomplishments with the Public Policy Leadership (SFMHA) and Community Service (CSAM) awards, and she was honored as the 2016 AATOD

“Marie” Award recipient for outstanding contributions to opiate treatment.

#### **Susan Holt**

Susan Holt is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and lifelong resident of Fresno County. She currently serves as the Deputy Director of Clinical Operations for Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health, a role which affords her an opportunity to leverage diverse professional experiences to improve the public behavioral health system in the community she loves so dearly. Susan’s diverse clinical experience includes providing treatment in residential programs, schools, outpatient clinics, mobile crisis response teams, and inpatient psychiatric care settings. As her career progressed, she was inspired by the people whom she served to shift her focus toward system of care improvements, particularly for the most vulnerable populations. This ultimately led her into management in behavioral health. Her passion in behavioral health leadership is to cultivate strengths within teams and across sectors to create and enhance environments that promote well-being, resilience, and recovery. Susan is a graduate of California State University, Fresno, where she received her Bachelor’s Degree in Health Science and her Master’s Degree in Counseling. In 2013 she returned to CSU, Fresno, as a part-time faculty member teaching courses in counseling and psychopathology. She views this additional role as an opportunity to give back to the profession and to inspire the next generation of helping professionals to embrace concepts of recovery, person-centered care, cultural humility, cross-sector collaboration, and community-based service models.

#### **Tamera Kohler**

Tamera Kohler is Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH). RTFH is a unique non-profit serving San Diego County as the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC). Since joining RTFH in October 2017, Ms. Kohler has transformed the RTFH and lead the effort to overhaul and change vendors of the HMIS system and improve the PITC to be a fully engaged, person-centered effort using mobile technology with over 1600+ volunteers. Ms. Kohler is recognized as a Subject Matter Expert on homeless systems and solutions and has assembled a nationally recognized leadership group to lead and support efforts in all jurisdictions within the county to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. Ms. Kohler served as a lead partner and strategist on developing San Diego City’s plan to address homelessness. Most recently, Ms. Kohler led the strategy in addressing the public health pandemic and initiated the largest congregate shelter in the country, located at the Convention Center, to serve nearly 1200 unsheltered homeless individuals to prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19. Ms. Kohler joined the RTFH after serving as

Division Director of Homeless Strategy and Investment of the City of Seattle’s Human Services Department. There she oversaw 45 employees, a \$58 million budget, the implementation of a new homeless strategy and structured a competitive grant application process for the Division for the first time in over 10 years. Prior to that she spent over 8 years helping to lead the nationally noted homelessness reduction programs for the State of Utah. She served Utah as the Assistant Division Director of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in the Department of Workforce Services overseeing federal and state funding and strategic planning for CSBG, CDBG, HOPWA, HOME, LIHEP, WAP, EITC, FEMA, TANF, the State housing loan fund, State homeless trust fund and the Emergency Food Network that supported all food pantries in the state. She also staffed the Lt. Governors Homeless Committee with all department heads on the Board and oversaw the Community Impact Board fund of state mineral rights resources. Ms. Kohler has served on national committees and panels and was Vice President of the NASCSP board in 2015. Ms. Kohler has over 20 years of senior leadership experience serving in state and local governments specializing in poverty, homeless, non-profit, and private mortgage lending. She is well known and respected at national, state, and local levels in community engagement, contracting, and the data-driven systems critical to achieve both measurable results and ensure resources are being allocated wisely. Ms. Kohler is an effective change agent with critical, big picture system level planning expertise, and brings a unique connection and network to the highest level of national leaders in homelessness.

#### **Stephen Manley**

Judge Manley is a Superior Court Judge in Santa Clara County and has served as a Judge for over 30 years. He presently serves as the Supervising Judge of all Felony and Misdemeanor mental health and drug cases in the Criminal Division of the Court. He developed and personally presides over a number of Treatment Court programs and Probation, or Parole, have been found incompetent to stand trial, or are mentally ill, mentally challenged, and substance abusers. He established one of the first Mental Health Courts in the Nation in 1998, one of the first Veterans Treatment Courts in 2012 as well as the first Parolee Reentry Court in California. The Mental Health Treatment Court is the largest in the Nation and includes mental health treatment and services in the Courthouse. By appointment of the Chief Justice, he serves on the California Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health that is responsible for making recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on Mental Health Criminal Justice Policy. He also served on the Mental Health Task Force of the California Judicial Council that drafted recommendations for policy change, chairing the Committee that made the recommendations relating to

criminal justice. He is the Chair of the Collaborative Justice Advisory Committee to the Judicial Council subcommittee on Mental Health issues. He also served as the Co-Chair with a Member of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County on the Jail Diversion and Alternatives to Incarceration Committee that has made recommendations that are now funded by the County Board of Supervisors to increase community mental health treatment alternatives for offenders, establish restoration facilities, and implement diversion programs for mentally ill offenders from the jail and the criminal justice system. He has served on the faculty of the California Judicial College, and other judicial education programs throughout the State and Nation and teaches as well as makes presentations on Mental Illness, Substance Abuse, Veterans Treatment Courts, and the expansion of Collaborative Justice. In 2008, he received the Chief Justice's Award for Exemplary Service and Leadership. In 2012, he received the Leadership in Justice for Children and Families award from Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, and in June 2013, the Jacob K. Javits National Public Service Award from the American Psychiatric Association. He is a graduate of Stanford Law School.

#### **Stephanie Lewis, LMFT**

Stephanie Lewis, LMFT is the Division Director, Crisis Services, Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH), providing oversight, direction, planning, and development of the full spectrum of crisis services and multidisciplinary teams within the ACBH Crisis Division. Stephanie has over 21 years of experience working in collaboration with law enforcement and emergency medical services providing crisis mental health services to individuals throughout Alameda County, and more than 18 years of experience providing various trainings to consumers, clinicians, community providers, and law enforcement on topics related to mental health crisis assessment, intervention, and de-escalation.

#### **Sosha Marasigan-Quintero, MPA**

Sosha Marasigan-Quintero, MPA is the lead for the Community Mental Health Equity Project (CMHEP) a new mental health effort from The Office of Health Equity. Sosha possesses over 15 years of on the ground experience working directly with California's most vulnerable. This has included farmworkers, disadvantaged communities of color, the LGBT & Queer community, and young & expecting mothers. Sosha is a former workforce development director at a federally qualified health center, has worked in local Sacramento county mental health programs (MHSA) and for the last seven years has implemented public health initiatives at the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) as a high level program specialist working in Cancer Prevention, Tobacco Control, and Home Visiting. Increasing health equity is her passion. Sosha is motivated by her professional proximity working and learning about health outcomes and disparities but more importantly her humble upbringing in

California's central valley and strong cultural understanding of impoverished and/or vulnerable communities. Based on her lived and professional experiences, Sosha specializes in the Latino health disparities, women's health, and LGBT health disparities and issues. Sosha holds an MPA from the University of San Francisco and is a combat veteran of the United States Air Force serving tours in both Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Sosha speaks Spanish and most importantly is a boy mommy.

#### **Lahela Mattox**

Lahela Mattox is the Chief Operations Officer of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH) and is responsible for overseeing the execution of the organization's work plan and fulfills responsibilities of a CFO. RTFH is the homeless policy expert and supports communities in understanding and problem-solving solutions to end homelessness through data and best practices. RTFH is designated as the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) lead agency for the San Diego region. Ms. Mattox has more than two decades of experience in behavioral health, homelessness and housing, and workforce development in both California and Hawaii. Prior to joining RTFH, Lahela served as a Director with the State of California's Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC). Ms. Mattox worked with California's 44 CoCs and 13 largest cities and was instrumental in executing the \$500 million Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), implementing the State's Housing First Policy, and developing the \$650 million Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP). Her previous State experience was as Unit Chief with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) where she was responsible for the licensing and certification of inpatient and outpatient psychiatric facilities. Ms. Mattox also worked with other State agencies to develop the standards and mandates to implement AB403: Foster Care Continuum of Care Reform. She was also the Statewide Director of financial benefits and services to Hawaii's residents. Ms. Mattox is a respected professional leader, recognized for cultivating partnerships, leveraging resources, and deploying technical assistance to local jurisdictions in addressing the homelessness crisis. Since arriving in San Diego in December 2019, Ms. Mattox supported RTFH in launching a regional Flexible Housing Pool and provided recommendations and fiscal guidance on housing focused solutions during the public health pandemic. Ms. Mattox holds an MA in Career Counseling from Chapman University and a BA in Psychology from Hawaii Pacific University.

#### **David Meyer**

David Meyer is a Clinical Professor and Research Scholar at the Institute of Psychiatry, Law and Behavioral Sciences of the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine where he is responsible for the criminal law and the Lanterman, Petris, Short Act curricula. He also consults

nationwide with health care and indigent defense providers on issues related to law and mental health. Mr. Meyer previously served as Chief Deputy Director and Counsel of the Los Angeles County (LAC) Department of Mental Health, as Director of the LAC Department of Community and Senior Affairs, and as Interim Public Defender and Chief Deputy of the LAC Public Defender. Mr. Meyer is an attorney, having specialized in mental health law for more than 40 years. He obtained his B.A. degree at the University of Southern California and his J.D. degree from the University of California Los Angeles School of Law. In addition, Mr. Meyer is Chair of the Board of the national Sixth Amendment Center, an internal Board member of the Elyn Saks Institute of Mental Health Law, Policy and Ethics of the University of Southern California Gould School of Law, the Ethics Committee of the LAC+USC hospital and a member of the Southern California Bioethics Committee Consortium. Mr. Meyer previously served on the California Judicial Council Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues, the California Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health and the Executive Committee of the California Mentally Ill Offenders grants program. Currently, he is a member of the California State Bar Association; the American Bar Association and its sections on Criminal Justice and Health Care Law; the American Society for Law, Medicine and Ethics; and the American Health Lawyer's Association.

#### **David Panush**

David is President of California Health Policy Strategies, a Sacramento-based consulting group. Previously, he served as the External Affairs Director for Covered California and was part of the core senior leadership team responsible for standing up and launching the California Health Benefit Exchange. Before joining Covered California, David served in the California State Legislature for over thirty years. He helped advise five State Senate Presidents Pro Tempore - David Roberti, Bill Lockyer, John Burton, Don Perata and Darrell Steinberg. In his role as Health Policy Advisor, David served as the lead staff for the State Senate on California's effort to enact comprehensive health reform (2007 and 2008) and played a leadership role to California's landmark Affordable Care Act implementation legislation, which established the "Bridge to Reform" Medi-Cal Waiver and the California Health Benefit Exchange. David served as policy advisor on budget and fiscal issues, particularly in the areas of state and local criminal justice policy, juvenile justice, and health and human services issues. David graduated from UC Berkeley. In his spare time, David plays and sings classic rock tunes - along with some originals - with the Sacramento Remedy7 band.

#### **Kevin Rice**

Kevin Rice is currently the Director of Operations for Jail-Based Mental Health Programs for Liberty Healthcare, Inc. Kevin began his professional career with a stint in the forensic mental field

working as a Forensic Social Worker and Casework Supervisor with Gateways CONREP (Los Angeles). In subsequent years, he continued to work with persons with severe and persistent mental illness across a variety of settings including private psychiatric hospitals and non-profit organizations in the Southern California area. Kevin's 25-year work experience has focused on development and implementation of programs for severely mentally ill, with concentration on forensic/correctional programs. Kevin developed the first jail-based competency restoration treatment program in the state of California (2010) and presently directs 6 jail-based mental health programs, 3 of which are competency restoration treatment programs. In 2014, Kevin served as Board Treasurer for FMHAC. Kevin holds a Bachelor's Degree (1988) in Liberal Arts from Augustana College, Rock Island Illinois and two Master's Degrees, one in Social Work (1992) and the other in Human Development and Family Studies (1992) from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana.

#### **Dawan Utecht**

Dawan Utecht has been the Fresno County Director of Behavioral Health, and the Public Guardian, for over six and one-half years. Prior to this, Dawan worked in healthcare administration for over 20 years, with Community Medical Centers for almost 14 years, serving as the CEO of the Community Behavioral Health Center, a 61-bed adult acute inpatient psychiatric facility, in Fresno, California, for over 7 years. Dawan serves on the Governing Board of the California Behavioral Health Directors Association, is the Co-Chair of the MHSa Committee of CBHDA, is the President of the CalMHSA Joint Powers Authority Board and is a Commissioner on First 5 of Fresno County and serves on Fresno's Community Corrections Partnership. She is actively involved in the local ACES Collaborative, Suicide Prevention Collaborative, and the Street2Home initiative. She is involved with the Fresno County Health Improvement Partnership, Pre-Term Birth Initiative, Children's Movement and Cradle to Career Initiative. She is married with a blended family of 6 children.

#### **Kit Wall**

Promoting everything from policy reform issues, nonprofit organizations, and political campaigns to rock shows and media events, Kit Wall uses her repertoire of organizational/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, Kit 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 California's renown interdisciplinary leadership forum.

**Alex Weil, LMFT**

Alex Weil, LMFT is the Director of the Community Assessment and Service Center (CASC) and UCSF/Citywide Probation Team. As a native San Franciscan, Alex takes a lot of pride working with the highest needs individuals in the mental health and criminal justice system. In 2012, Alex co-founded the Probation Team at Citywide/UCSF Psychiatry, an intensive case management agency for seriously mentally ill offenders on Probation. His passion to create a community and voice for those who have been isolated and overlooked by society is driven by his core belief that everyone has the ability to make integral changes, given love and unconditional support.

# The Paradigm Awards 2013-2019 Honorees

## Inaugural Awards January 24, 2013

### **COMMUNITY CHAMPION**

**Tona Wakefield**  
Santa Barbara  
*Bringing Our Community Home*

### **JUDICIAL CHAMPION**

**Judge Stephen V. Manley**  
Santa Clara County Superior Court

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAMPION**

**Lee Baca**  
Los Angeles County Sheriff

### **STATE CHAMPION**

**Darrell Steinberg**  
Senate President Pro Tem  
California State Senate, 6<sup>th</sup> District

### **COUNTY CHAMPION**

**Jennifer Johnson**  
San Francisco County  
Deputy Public Defender

### **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

**Helen M. Thomson**  
Yolo County, Supervisor  
California State Assemblymember  
8<sup>th</sup> District (Retired)

## Words to Deeds VII November 13, 2013

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California Treatment Advocacy  
Coalition  
Los Angeles

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**Scott MacDonald**  
Santa Cruz County  
Probation Chief

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT CHAMPION**

**Curtis J. Hill**  
San Benito County  
Former Sheriff-Coroner

### **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

**David Meyer, Esq.**  
Institute of Psychiatry, Law and  
Behavioral Sciences, University of  
Southern California Keck School of  
Medicine

## Words to Deeds VIII November 12, 2014

### **COUNTY CHAMPION**

**Susan Adams**  
Marin County Supervisor

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San Bernardino County Sheriff's  
Department  
Deputy Chief (Retired)

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**Mark Refowitz**  
Orange County Health Care Agency  
Director

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE CHAMPION**

**Lisa Rodriguez**  
San Diego County  
Deputy District Attorney

## Words to Deeds IX November 4, 2015

### **COUNTY CHAMPION**

**Jo Robinson**  
San Francisco Department of Public  
Health,  
Behavioral Health Services  
Director

### **JUDICIAL CHAMPION**

**Judge Richard J. Loftus, Jr.**  
Santa Clara County Superior Court  
Chair, Judicial Council's Mental  
Health Issues Implementation Task  
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*Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Emergency Outreach Bureau*

## Words to Deeds X November 3, 2016

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**Bill Brown**  
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## Words to Deeds XI November 8, 2017

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**  
**Charles Walters, PhD**  
*Law Enforcement Consultant*

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**Terri McDonald**  
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## Words to Deeds XII November 15-16, 2018

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*Chief Executive Officer, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services*

## Words to Deeds XIII November 7, 2019

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Wednesday, March 31, 2021

10:00am Registration Opens  
12:30pm Opening Presentation & Keynote Presentation  
6:00pm Welcome Reception & Poster Presentations

Thursday, April 1, 2021

9:00am – 4:30pm Breakout Presentations  
4:45pm – 5:45pm FMHAC Business Meeting

Friday, April 2, 2021

9:00am – 12:15pm Closing Presentations

**OPENING PRESENTER**



James Densley, PhD

**KEYNOTE PRESENTER**



Sarah Vinson, MD

**CLOSING PRESENTERS**



Ruth Shim, MD, MPH



Thomas Freese, PhD

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## OPENING PRESENTATION

Understanding Mass Shootings: Pathways to Prevention  
James Densley, PhD

## KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

Interpersonal and Structural Trauma of People in the Criminal Legal System  
Sarah Vinson, MD

## BREAKOUT PRESENTATION 1

Controversies in Forensic Mental Health: Historical and Future Perspectives  
Ariana Nesbit-Bartsch, MD, MBE

The Diagnosis Debate: Its Use in NGI, IST, MDO, and SVP Evaluation Part 1  
Melinda DiCiro, PsyD, ABPP  
Susan Napolitano, PhD  
Brandon Yakush, PsyD  
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Practical Evidence-Based Interventions for Juveniles on Probation: Dialectical Behavior Therapy and Prosocial Interventions  
Norbert Ralph, PhD, MPH

Understanding Suicide and Suicide Risk in Specific Inmate Groups: Lifers, Females, and the Severely Mentally Ill  
Robert Horon, PhD  
Justine Schmollinger, JD, PhD  
Amber Carda, PsyD

The Good News About Burnout  
Melissa Piasecki, MD

## CLOSING PRESENTATIONS

Social Determinants of Mental Health  
Ruth Shim, MD, MPH

Saving Lives: Caring for Individuals with Opioid Use Disorder and/or Co-Occurring Substance Use, Mental Health and Physical Health Disorders  
Thomas Freese, PhD

## BREAKOUT PRESENTATION 2

What Does Change Management Have to Do with Forensic Mental Health? Part 1  
Tom Granucci, LCSW  
Will Cash

The Diagnosis Debate: Its Use in NGI, IST, MDO, and SVP Evaluation Part 2  
Melinda DiCiro, PsyD, ABPP  
Susan Napolitano, PhD  
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An Overview of the Sexual Behavior Treatment Program: A Court Ordered Sex Offender Treatment for Juveniles in a Correctional Setting  
Kirsten Mason, PsyD

Evidence-Based Understanding of Empathy and Sexual Offending  
Elijah Morrow, PsyD  
Adam Yerke, PsyD

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### BREAKOUT PRESENTATION 3

What Does Change Management Have to Do with Forensic Mental Health? Part 2

Tom Granucci, LCSW  
Will Cash

Risk Assessment Approaches for Youth Who Have Sexually Offended: The Violence Risk Sexual-Youth Sexual Offense Version (VRS-YSO) Part 1

Mark Olver, PhD

Field Reliability of SVP Evaluation

Joseph Lockhart, PhD, ABPP  
Melinda DiCiro, PsyD, ABPP  
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Creating and Maintaining a Behavioral Health Program in San Mateo County Correctional Facilities

Shivika Dharamrup, PsyD

The Elusive Competence to Stand Trial Element: (In)Ability to Assist Counsel in the Conduct of a Defense in a Rational Manner Element of Competence: How to Consider It; How to Evaluate It

John Phillipsborn, Med, MAS, JD  
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### BREAKOUT PRESENTATION 4

Feigned Suicidality in Corrections: A Necessary but Perilous Differential Diagnosis

Joseph Obegi, PsyD

Risk Assessment Approaches for Youth Who Have Sexually Offended: The Violence Risk Sexual-Youth Sexual Offense Version (VRS-YSO) Part 2

Mark Olver, PhD

Interventions for Developmentally Delayed Adults with Sexual Offending Behaviors: Creating Pathways for Healthy Sexual Thinking and Behaviors

Alan Stillman, LCSW

The 5 Pillars of the Psychologically Healthy Workplace: Applications to Correctional and Forensic Settings

Parker Houston, PsyD, ABPP  
Melinda DiCiro, PsyD, ABPP

The Turnaround: Santa Barbara County's Approach to IST Treatment and Diversion

John Lewis, PhD  
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