

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 IX Conference and Paradigm Awards

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Capitol Event Center
1020 11th Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, California 95814





AGENDA

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

- Munir A. Sewani, PhD – President, Forensic Mental Health Association of California
- Bill Brown – Santa Barbara County Sheriff-Coroner
- Matt Cate – Executive Director, California State Association of Counties

Introduction: Diversion or Detour?

Bridging the gaps while paving the road to recovery

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

10:15 a.m. Judicial Leadership in California

- The Honorable Richard J. Loftus – Judge, Santa Clara County Superior Court; Chair, Judicial Council’s Mental Health Issues Implementation Task Force

10:30 a.m. Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jails

- Introduction: Maeghan Gilmore – Program Director, County Solutions & Innovation, National Association of Counties (NACo)
- Moderator: Patricia Ryan – Consultant and former Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
- Panelists:
 - Leon Evans – President and CEO, The Center for Health Care Services, Bexar County, Texas
 - The Honorable Steve Leifman – Judge, Miami-Dade County, Florida; Council of State Governments Judges Leadership Initiative for Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health; Miami-Dade Criminal Justice Mental Health Project

11:30 a.m. Los Angeles: A Blueprint for Change

- Introduction: Diane Cummins – Special Advisor to the Governor, State and Local Realignment, California Department of Finance
- Panelists:
 - Mark Ghaly, MD, MPH – Deputy Director for Community Health and Integrated Programs, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services
 - William Hodgman – Assistant District Attorney, Los Angeles County

12:30 p.m. Networking Lunch

1:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker

- California Highway Patrol Assistant Chief Omar Watson



AGENDA, *continued*

1:35 p.m. Moving from “Words” to “Deeds” – Kit Wall

1:45 p.m. Interactive Breakout Sessions

BREAKOUT SESSION I: Juvenile Justice

Facilitator: -Rosie McCool – Deputy Director, Chief Probation Officers of California

Perspectives: -Chris Arriola – Supervising District Attorney, Santa Clara County Juvenile Justice and Community Prosecution Units
-Mary Butler – Chief Probation Officer, Napa County
-Leon Evans – President and CEO, The Center for HealthCare Services, Bexar County, Texas

BREAKOUT SESSION II: Best Practices/Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Act

Facilitator: -William Hodgman – Assistant District Attorney, Los Angeles County

Perspectives: -Hallie Fader-Towe – Senior Policy Advisor, Council of State Governments Justice Center
-Helene Zentner – Field Representative, California Board of State and Community Corrections

BREAKOUT SESSION III: Harnessing Political Will

Facilitator: -Kim Pearson – Deputy Agency Director, Orange County Health Care Agency

Perspectives: -Toby Ewing – Executive Director, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
-The Honorable Steve Leifman – Judge, Miami-Dade, Florida

2:45 p.m. Reconvene from Breakout Sessions

3:00 p.m. Ask the Experts Panel

- Karen Baylor, PhD, LMFT – Deputy Director, California Department of Health Care Services Mental Health Substance Use Disorder Services
- Diane Cummins – Special Advisor to the Governor, State and Local Realignment, California Department of Finance
- Breakout Facilitators: William Hodgman, Rosie McCool, and Kim Pearson

3:50 p.m. Break

4:00 p.m. Paradigm Awards Reception

4:30 p.m. Opening Remarks

- Sam Knudsen, JD – Vice President, Forensic Mental Health Association of California
- Adam Christianson – Stanislaus County Sheriff

4:45 p.m. Awards presentations

5:45 p.m. Closing Remarks

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ABOUT WORDS TO DEEDS

Since 2003, Words to Deeds has provided a unique 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 courts, criminal justice agencies, mental health professions, and governmental and nongovernmental agencies.

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 re-entry 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

- Sharon Aungst – Correctional Healthcare Consultant
- Kirsten Barlow – Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
- Bill Brown – Santa Barbara County Sheriff-Coroner
- Kathleen Lacey – Program Director, UCSF/Citywide Case Management
- Carmen Green – Executive Director, California State Sheriffs' Association
- Darby Kernan – Legislative Representative, California State Association of Counties
- Elaine Linn – Words to Deeds Coordinator; Elaine Linn Creative Strategies
- Rosie McCool – Deputy Director, Chief Probation Officers of California
- David Meyer, Esq. – Clinical Professor, Institute of Psychiatry, Law and Behavioral Sciences, University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine
- Karen Moen – Senior Court Services Analyst, Judicial Council of California
- Patricia Ryan – Consultant & former Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
- Kevin Smith – Interim Orange County Public Guardian, Health Care Agency Behavioral Health Services
- Linda Tomasello – Senior Governmental Program Analyst, California Highway Patrol
- Jolena Voorhis – Executive Director, Urban Counties Caucus
- Kit Wall – Words to Deeds Project Director; Kit Wall Productions
- Charlie Walters – Law Enforcement Consultant
- Molly Willenbring – Executive Director, Forensic Mental Health Association of California
- Jenai Wyatt – Events Coordinator, California State Association of Counties
- Helene Zentner – Field Representative, California Board of State and Community Corrections

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