

# 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 X Conference and Paradigm Awards

Wednesday, November 2, 2016-  
Friday, November 4, 2016

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Sacramento, California 95811

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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

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

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**California Board of State and Community Corrections**

**Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grants (MIOCR) - Adult Programs 2015**

A review of 2015 adult MIOCR grant programs will provide opportunities for information sharing and problem solving to advance program success. Experts will share additional principles, proposals, and best practices to reduce the number of individuals with mental illness involved in the criminal justice system.

**1:00 p.m. Registration**

**2:00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction**

- Linda Penner – Chair, California Board of State and Community Corrections

**2:10 p.m. 2015 MIOCR Project Overview**

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

**Program Directors:**

- Alameda County
- El Dorado County
- Los Angeles County
- Madera County
- Nevada County
- San Francisco City and County
- San Luis Obispo County
- Santa Clara County
- Santa Cruz County
- Solano County

**3:30 p.m. Best Practices for Jail Diversion**

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

- Michael Thompson – Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center
- Geoff Twitchell, PhD – Director of Treatment and Clinical Services, San Diego County Probation Department
- Sheila Smallwood Markham – Vice President of Sales and Recruitment, Precise Telehealth
- Kit Wall – Project Director, Words to Deeds; Representative, Mental Health and You mobile application – Bexar County, Texas

**5:00 p.m. Challenges and Solutions: Brag, Borrow and Steal!**

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

Open discussion

**5:50 p.m. Closing**

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

**6:00 p.m. Adjourn**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:30pm Networking Dinner – Pre-registered only, no-host**

Hilton Garden Inn Sacramento/South Natomas  
2540 Venture Oaks Way  
Sacramento, CA 95833



## Words to Deeds X Conference and Paradigm Awards

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

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

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

- Kit Wall – Policy Consultant; Project Director, Words to Deeds
- Jane Lovelle, LCSW, MPH – President, Forensic Mental Health Association of California

**10:10 a.m. Data-Driven Decision Making**

Introduction: Toby Ewing, PhD – Executive Director, California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

- Claudia Williams – Senior Advisor for Health Technology and Innovation, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Michael Thompson – Director, Council of State Governments Justice Center

**11:10 a.m. Perspectives from the Experts**

Moderator: Patricia Ryan – Senior Fellow, National Association of Counties; Consultant and Former Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California

- Lisa Bates – Deputy Director of Housing Policy Development, California Department of Housing and Community Development
- 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
- Scott Kernan – Secretary, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

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

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

Facilitator: Bill Brown – Sheriff-Coroner, Santa Barbara County; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, California State Sheriffs' Association; Commissioner, California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

- Law Enforcement Champion: George Gascón – District Attorney, San Francisco County  
*Presented by Jennifer Johnson – Deputy Public Defender, San Francisco County*
- County Champion: Jackie Lacey – District Attorney, Los Angeles County  
*Presented by Dave Meyer – Professor, USC Institute of Psychiatry and Law*
- State Champion: Bill Brown – Sheriff-Coroner, Santa Barbara County  
*Martin Ryan – Sheriff-Coroner, Amador County; Immediate Past President, California State Sheriffs' Association*



**1:25 p.m. First Adapters in Action**

- Los Angeles County
  - Jackie Lacey – District Attorney, Los Angeles County
  - Terri McDonald – Senior Policy Advisor, Los Angeles County Office of Diversion and Reentry
- San Francisco County
  - George Gascón – District Attorney, San Francisco County
- San Diego County
  - Susan Bower, MSW, MPH – Assistant Director Integrative Services, County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency

**2:25 p.m. – 3:55 p.m. Moving from Words to Deeds: Breakout Sessions**

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

- **Breakout 1: Juvenile Justice** – Understanding the unique needs of the juvenile justice population and examining collaborative strategies among behavioral health, probation, and communities to reduce incarceration and improve long-term diversion.
  - Mary Butler – Chief Probation Officer, Napa County
  - Rosie McCool – Deputy Director, Chief Probation Officers of California
- **Breakout 2: Legal and Law Enforcement Professionals Education/Systems Change** – Exploring approaches and strategies to engage and activate champions for, and participants in, collaborative justice/clinical/law enforcement projects.
  - Gilbert Gonzales – Director, Mental Health Department, Bexar County, Texas
  - David Grillo, LMSW-C – Veterans Justice Programs Coordinator, Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System
  - Jennifer Johnson – Deputy Public Defender, San Francisco County
  - Terri McDonald – Senior Policy Advisor, Los Angeles County Office of Diversion and Reentry
  - Dave Meyer – Professor, USC Institute of Psychiatry and Law
- **Breakout 3: Veterans** – Examining programs and strategies to engage returning veterans for successful reentry and diversion from incarceration.
  - Steve Binder – Deputy Public Defender, San County Diego Office of the Primary Public Defender
  - Jonathan Johnson – Director, Veterans Justice Outreach Program, San Francisco Veterans Health System
  - Kathleen Lacey, LCSW – Program Director, UCSF/Citywide Case Management Forensic Program
  - Joel Rosenthal, PhD – National Training Director, VHA Veterans Justice Programs
  - Kevin Smith – Ethnic Services Manager, Orange County Health Care Agency Behavioral Health Services
  - Lanetta Smyth, LCSW – HUD-VASH Supervisor, Department of Veterans Affairs
- **Breakout 4: The Stepping Up Initiative** – Reviewing this partnership of the American Psychiatric Association Foundation, Council of State Governments Justice Center, and National Association of Counties, providing operational details, draft framework, and best practices.
  - Hallie Fader-Towe – Senior Policy Advisor, Council of State Governments Justice Center
  - Stephen V. Manley – Superior Court Judge, Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County

**4:00 p.m. Next Steps: Breakout Reports**

**4:30 p.m. Adjourn**



**Data-Driven Decision Making**

Presentations and discussions on data-driven decision making and information sharing will focus on local data exchanges, diversion, and data-driven risk assessment tools. Featured presenters include participant counties and subject matter experts from the White House Data-Driven Justice Initiative.

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

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

- Kit Wall – Policy Consultant; Project Director, Words to Deeds
- Toby Ewing, PhD – Executive Director, California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

**9:15 a.m. Overview: White House Data-Driven Justice Initiative and HIPAA**

- Claudia Williams – Senior Advisor for Health Technology and Innovation, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Sherri Morgan, JD, MSW – Health Information Privacy Specialist, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights

**10:30 a.m. Best Practices from the White House Data-Driven Justice Initiative Subject Matter Experts**

- Gilbert Gonzales – Director, Mental Health Department, Bexar County, Texas
- Mark Delgado – Executive Director, Los Angeles Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee
- Susan Bower, MSW, MPH – Assistant Director Integrative Services, San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency
- Tara Anderson, MPP – Policy and Grants Manager, San Francisco County District Attorney
- Joel Rosenthal, PhD – National Training Director, VHA Veterans Justice Programs

**11:30 a.m. Perspective: Data Collection and the Stepping Up Initiative**

Introduction: Patricia Ryan – Senior Fellow, National Association of Counties; Consultant and former Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California

- Hallie Fader-Towe – Senior Policy Advisor, Council of State Governments Justice Center

**12:00 p.m. Challenges and Solutions: Brag, Borrow, and Steal!**

Open Discussion

Facilitator: Toby Ewing, PhD – Executive Director, California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

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



## NOTES

**March 22-24, 2017**  
**Monterey, Ca**

**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual FMHAC Conference**



**EDWARD LATESSA, PHD**

*What Works in Reducing  
Recidivism: Understanding the  
Principles of Effective Intervention*



**KENT KIEHL, PHD**

*Neuroscience, Mental Health  
and the Law: Past, Present and  
Future*



**TIMOTHY FONG, MD**

*Speaking on addiction and  
problem gambling*

Highlighting the interdisciplinary,  
collaborative efforts of  
professional stakeholders across  
California and the U.S.

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TRACK**

*Diversion or Detour? Bridging  
the Gaps While Paving the  
Road to Recovery*



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