

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 and nongovernmental organizations, to achieve a substantial positive change in the way individuals with mental illness are treated within our communities.

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Changing the Paradigm for Criminal Justice and Mental Health

Fifth in a Series of Interactive Workshops

Friday, July 25, 2008
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Welcome and thank you for attending the fifth annual “From Words to Deeds” workshop

Our ongoing Words to Deeds series is a unique forum that has evolved into a standard best practice for creating collaborative opportunities among individuals and systems whose approaches and objectives may differ.

Over the last five years, Words to Deeds has convened *key decision-makers* and mobilized them as champions in the effort to reduce incarceration of individuals with mental illness. These high-level officials – mental health directors, judges, county supervisors and administrators, legislators, sheriffs and state officials – have implemented effective and cost-saving approaches as a direct result of the strategies developed at Words to Deeds workshops.

Together we have developed solutions that work, because interdisciplinary and interagency needs and requirements are considered. This has been the impetus for improving access to mental health treatment and services through policy and practical changes because it has created a true *paradigm shift*.

This year we will focus on examining ways to expand upon proven successes to enhance their viability and stability while supporting sustainability and progressive expansion. Our topics will focus on community reentry from custodial settings with linkages to community care. We will discuss how to best uncover community and systems needs, make “best practices” into standard practices and build higher levels of trust among partners.

Previous workshops have provided participants with valuable knowledge about practical solutions as well as opportunities to build relationships across community systems. As in previous workshops, we aim to enhance knowledge and advance a willingness to go *from “Words” to “Deeds.”*

From Words to Deeds

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Agenda

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

- Clay Parker – Sheriff, Tehama County and 1st Vice President, California State Sheriffs’ Association
- Dave Meyer – Clinical Professor/Research Scholar, USC

10:30 a.m. Reentry for Real Results

A panel discussion moderated by Dave Meyer – Clinical Professor/Research Scholar, USC

Panelists:

- Matthew Cate – Secretary, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Bill Kolender – Sheriff, San Diego County and Member, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
- Stephen W. Mayberg, Ph.D. – Director, California Department of Mental Health
- Mark Refowitz – Director, Orange County Department of Mental Health and Co-Chair, California Mental Health Directors Association Forensics Committee
- Ron Wiborg – Senior Program Manager, Hennepin County (Minnesota) Department of Human Services and Vice Chair, National Association of Counties Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee

12:00 p.m. Lunch, Keynote Presentation: Maximizing Health Benefits for Mentally Ill Offenders

- Ron Wiborg – Senior Program Manager, Hennepin County (Minnesota) Department of Human Services and Vice Chair, National Association of Counties Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee

1:30 p.m. Diagnosing Your Community: Assessing Local Needs for Targeted Responses

- Toby Ewing – Research Director, California Forward

2:00 p.m. Update: Chief Justices’ Criminal Justice/Mental Health Leadership Initiative (JLI)

- Mary Morgan – Superior Court Judge, San Francisco County

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. Breakout Sessions

Groups will convene concurrently. Please make one selection for this session.

• **Diagnosing Your Community – Natomas (Blue)**

This session will explore the development of a performance consortium that would identify best practices in diversion and design and implement an effective and efficient decision-making tool to support program planning and management. The group will also explore strategies to communicate the value of diversion to various constituencies, including the public and policymakers.

Facilitator: Toby Ewing – Research Director, California Forward

• **Joining Forces with the Judiciary – Mezzanine (Gold)**

This session will examine strategies for collaboration among corrections, law enforcement, the judiciary, counties and community providers in efforts to create and improve successful jail diversion and reentry programs.

Facilitators: Allan Lammers – Executive Officer, Council on Mentally Ill Offenders; Mary Morgan – Superior Court Judge, San Francisco County

• **Reentry and Linkages to Community Care – Bannon Island (Burgundy)**

This session will consider strategies to engage and collaborate with community mental health providers in efforts to enhance funding opportunities for jail diversion programs.

Facilitators: Curtis Hill – Sheriff, San Benito County and 2nd Vice President, California State Sheriffs’ Association; Jean Mariani – Assistant Sheriff, San Francisco County

• **Special Populations – Capital (Green)**

This session will identify strategies to more effectively meet the needs of people with mental illness who represent diverse populations.

Facilitators: Gordon Baranco – Superior Court Judge, Alameda County; Steven Binder – Deputy Public Defender, San Diego County; Kevin Smith – Division Manager of Adult Mental Health Services, Orange County Health Care Agency.

4:45 p.m. Reconvene in Bannon Island Room

5:00 p.m. Closing