

Speaker Bios

Kathleen Connolly — San Francisco Citywide Case Management Forensics Team

Kathleen Connolly, LCSW, is the Clinical Supervisor of the University of California San Francisco's Citywide Case Management Forensic Program (CWCMP), a program that provides intensive case management services to 100 mentally ill offenders in the community. She was instrumental in implementing San Francisco's successful response to the state of California's Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant. A founding member of San Francisco's Behavioral Health Court, she continues to provide clinical expertise to the courts and the community. With over 15 years of experience working in the criminal justice system and 10 years with mentally ill offenders, she consults and trains staff to provide treatment to clients with assaultive behaviors in the community. She has trained intensively in Dialectical Behavior Therapy, establishing a comprehensive DBT program for mentally ill offenders at CWCMP.

San Benito County Sheriff Curtis Hill

Sheriff Hill is in his 30th year of law enforcement and was recently elected to begin his third term as Sheriff/Coroner for San Benito County. Sheriff Hill is the first law enforcement officer on the central coast that has worked with city and county leaders to generate extra funding to bring mental health experts to the San Benito jail. He also served on the Board of Corrections with the California Standards Authority from 2000-2004, establishing and obtaining funding for the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act (MIOTCR). In addition, Sheriff Hill has served on law enforcement boards such as the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency, which supports public investments in juvenile mental health services as a vital crime prevention measure. Sheriff Hill is the current Treasurer for the California State Sheriffs' Association.

Carol Hood — Deputy Director, Mental Health Services Act

Carol Hood continues nearly two decades of service with the California State Department of Mental Health (DMH) as the current Deputy Director of the Mental Health Services Act. Previously, Ms. Hood served as the Deputy Director, Systems of Care, where she managed the division responsible for policy and the implementation of community mental health programs. Ms. Hood also served as the Chief of Systems Implementation and Support for the DMH where she successfully led the implementation of managed care in state mental health services.

David Janssen — Chief Administrative Officer, Los Angeles County

As the Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Officer, David Janssen has served in the Board of Supervisors' top administrative position since his appointment in 1996. During his service, Mr. Janssen has supported numerous mental health initiatives in Los Angeles County, including most recently the Los Angeles County Homeless Prevention Initiative, which would create a Homeless Court Program to provide mental health resources to the homeless and create safe havens for individuals with mental illness. Mr. Janssen came to Los Angeles County following a 13-year career with San Diego County, where he served as chief administrative officer for four years and assistant chief administrative officer for nine years. Prior to his experience with San Diego County, Mr. Janssen held several executive-level positions with the State of California, among them director of the State Department of General Services and assistant secretary of the Agriculture & Services Agency.

San Diego Sheriff Bill Kolender

Sheriff Bill Kolender was elected as San Diego County Sheriff in 1995 and is a current member of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), which oversees the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act. Prior to his election, Sheriff Kolender served as Chief of the San Diego Police Department for 13 years, and later was appointed as Director of the California Youth Authority by Governor Pete Wilson. Sheriff Kolender has received many honors over the years, including "Outstanding Alumnus" from San Diego State University in 1985, the Urban League's "Equal Opportunity Award" in 1981, and the "Diogenes Award for Truth and Honesty in Government" from the San Diego Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America in 1978. Sheriff Kolender is the immediate past president of the California State Sheriffs' Association.

David Meyer — Clinical Professor/Research Scholar

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. He also provides consultation services to mental health and criminal justice organizations and serves on the California Council on Mentally Ill Offenders. Mr. Meyer previously served as Chief Deputy Director and Chief of Justice Programs of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. He was a criminal defense attorney for more than 20 years. Mr. Meyer obtained his JD degree from the University of California Los Angeles School of Law. He has written and taught extensively on the subjects of mental health law and criminal law mental defenses.

Mark Refowitz — Orange County Mental Health Director

Since 2004, Mark Refowitz has been the Director of Behavioral Health Services for the Orange County Health Care Agency. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Refowitz served as the Mental Health Director for San Diego County for three years. He has an extensive resume of leadership positions in public mental health that include an appointment as Assistant Commissioner for Mental Health for the State of Massachusetts, and served on the senior staff of the Federal Receiver appointed to transform the Community Mental Health system in Washington, DC. Mr. Refowitz is also the current Chair of the California Forensic Mental Health Committee, and past Chair of the National County Behavioral Health Director's Forensic Chair. He is the Co-Chair of the California Mental Health Directors Association's Information Technology Committee and a board member for the California Institute for Mental Health.

Yolo County Supervisor Helen Thomson

Helen Thomson currently serves on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, representing the 2nd District, and is a long-time champion of mental health issues. Previously, Supervisor Thomson served in the California State Assembly for three terms where she authored several bills improving access to mental health care, most notably Assembly Bill 88, the mental health parity bill, and Assembly Bill 1421 ("Laura's Law"), establishing a court-ordered program of Assisted Outpatient Treatment for individuals with severe mental illness. In addition, Supervisor Thomson currently serves as the Chair of Yolo County's Strategy Committee that focuses on alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness. She also assisted in the development of the county's mental health program and is the Chair of the California State Association of Counties' Health and Human Services Committee.

From Words to Deeds

Changing the Paradigm for Criminal Justice and Mental Health

The Third in a Series of Interactive Workshops

July 14, 2006

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Welcome and thank you for attending today's **interactive workshop**.

Continuing the momentum from last summer's workshop in Orange County, today we focus our attention on how to make "cents" of criminal justice and mental health through collaborative efforts, driven by the goal of ending the criminalization of individuals with mental illness.

We will examine "best practices" from around the state and explore specific jail diversion tactics to reduce the fiscal burden on the criminal justice system and improve the lives of individuals with mental illness by providing appropriate access to treatment rather than criminalizing them for their illness. By supporting proven strategies that promote early intervention, access to effective treatments, planned reentry and the preservation of public safety, we can make significant progress in relieving California's criminal justice system and the people the state serves.

We hope that when our workshop concludes, you will have an increased knowledge of how to access existing and new funding opportunities, and how to develop powerful collaborations to impact decisions that will facilitate jail diversion. We also hope you leave knowing your work is benefiting all Californians, saving money and more importantly, saving lives.

Gary Penrod
San Bernardino County Sheriff

Curtis Hill
San Benito County Sheriff

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Agenda

- 9:30 a.m. Registration**
- 10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction**
- Dave Meyer – Clinical Professor/Research Scholar
 - San Benito County Sheriff Curtis Hill
- 10:30 a.m. Making "Cents" of Criminal Justice and Mental Health: Getting Your Piece of The Pie — A panel discussion moderated by Dave Meyer**
- Carol Hood – Deputy Director, Mental Health Services Act
 - Supervisor Helen Thomson – Yolo County Board of Supervisors, 2nd District
 - Mark Refowitz – Orange County Mental Health Director
 - David Janssen – Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Officer
 - Kathleen Connolly – San Francisco Citywide Case Management Forensics Team
- Noon Lunch**
- Keynote Address: Success in Collaboration**
San Diego County Sheriff Bill Kolender
- 1:30 p.m. Working Groups**
- Strategic Collaborations – Goldenrod
 - Successful Community Reintegration – Purple
 - Funding Sources & Opportunities – Burgundy
 - Effective Communications – Blue
- 3:30 p.m. Working Group Reports**
- 4:00 p.m. Closing**

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

To obtain more information about this effort, or the group of individuals who have joined together in this effort, please write to, call, or email Perry Communications Group at:

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