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AGENDA OVERVIEW

**times are approx. subject to change*

9:00 a.m.	Opening Remarks ■ Brenda Grealish – Executive Director, Commission for Behavioral Health ■ Caroline Whistler – CEO & Co-Founder, Third Sector
9:30 a.m.	<i>Prop 36 - Lessons Learned on Drug Offenses & Cross System Partnerships</i> <u>Facilitator:</u> Doug Bond – President & CEO, Amity Foundation
10:30 a.m.	<i>Forensic Full Service Partnerships - Best Practices for Accelerating Reentry and Wellness</i> <u>Facilitator:</u> Will Rhett – Managing Director, Behavioral Health, Third Sector
11:30 a.m.	Lunch, Paradigm Awards Presentation & Networking
12:45 p.m.	<i>Alternative Emergency Response - Scaling What Works to Sustain Mobile Crisis Programs in this Funding Environment</i> <u>Facilitator:</u> Tara Gamboa-Eastman – Director of Government Affairs, Steinberg Institute
2:00 p.m.	Break – 15 minutes
2:15 p.m.	<i>Creating Pathways to Meaningful Employment for Supportive Housing Residents and People Experiencing Homelessness</i> <u>Facilitator:</u> Lewis Brown – Senior Policy Manager, California State Policy, Corporation for Supportive Housing
3:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks: <i>Building Toward a Shared Narrative</i> ■ Oscar Benitez – Managing Director of Diversion & Reentry, Third Sector ■ Brenda Grealish – Executive Director, Commission for Behavioral Health
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn

**Agenda for October 9 CSH Policy Summit forthcoming*