

WORDS TO DEEDS

CHANGING THE PARADIGM FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH



A PROJECT OF THE FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

Moving from Words to Deeds: Breakout Sessions

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 2:25 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Breakout Guide – Participants

Discussion Questions:

1. **Is our leadership committed?** *Discussion with participants about the extent to which they feel like they have leadership engagement with their efforts (Stepping Up or diversion generally) and any barriers to such engagement.*

2. **Do we conduct timely screening and assessment?** *Discussion about the importance of universal screening of everyone who is booked into jail using a validated tool for mental health needs (this is not the same as suicide risk), and a definition of Serious Mental Illness that is shared between jail and county behavioral health staff.*



- 3. Do we have baseline data?** *Discussion about what it would take to have accurate data about:*
- Jail Admissions – the number of people with mental illnesses who are booked into jail
 - Their average length of stay in jail
 - Percentage of people with mental illnesses who are connected to treatment following release
 - Their recidivism rate

- 4. Have we prioritized policy, practice, and funding improvements?** *This will lead into tomorrow's conversation.*

- 5. What have you heard in today's discussion that you can see transforming into a deed when you get home?**

Additional Notes:

