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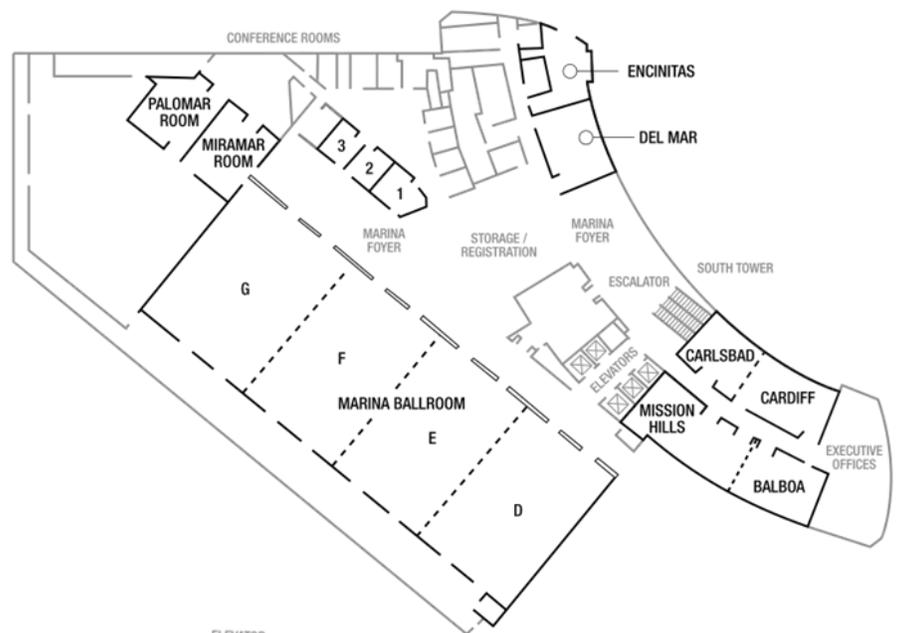
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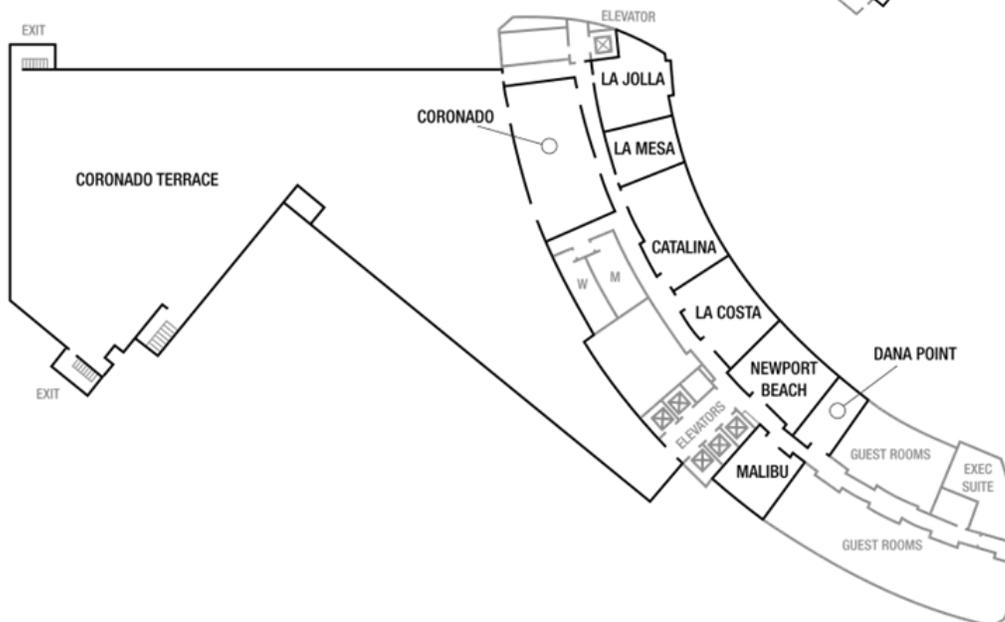
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WELCOME LETTER FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

FMHAC Conference Attendees:

I am especially happy this year to welcome you to the 47th Annual Forensic Mental Health Association of California Conference. Although it means having to wear our grown-up clothes and fixing our hair, it is such a delight to be able to meet in person this year. The COVID pandemic and all of the work-life adjustments it caused has at best slowed us in our professional advancements or at worst, derailed us altogether. This year's in-person conference comes at the time when more than anything else, we all could use a gust of fresh air to fill our cerebral sails and re-inspire our professional missions.



The other obvious big change is our new home. We left our beloved Monterey home after 44 1/3rd conferences. Like skinny jeans after COVID, we outgrew it. We are very excited about this evolution in our conference growth and look forward to all that San Diego and this new conference center have to offer.

One final note: I encourage all conference attendees to seek and consider the conference message or narrative. Existentially speaking, why are any of us here and what the heck are we up to? A hint if I may: You have a part or role in all of this. The field needs your contribution and participation. Far too often, the shiny new wisdom and insights learned in presentations get filed away with conference notes, never to be inducted into the field. Without implementation, the wisdom remains dormant in its idea-stage. I encourage all attendees to consider taking something you learned here and applying it in your corner of the field. We can move the needle, doing our share in advancing the collective knowledge and practices in the field of forensic mental health. Said best in the movie, Goonies: "Down here, it's our time. It's our time down here." Today, we are the stewards. (insert epic movie music here). Wear your stewardship well.

Again, welcome! Enjoy. Learn. Eat.

Kevin Rice, LCSW, CCHP-MH
FMHAC Board President

WELCOME LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello FMHAC Members and Friends,

It is with great joy that I welcome you to the 47th Annual FMHAC Conference in our new home, in sunny San Diego.

When we last met at the 2020 FMHAC Conference (that was abruptly put to a halt,), none of us would have been able to predict what was to come, or how we would make it through to where we are today. This pandemic has reminded us of just how fragile our world can be, and how quickly all the systems that support our most vulnerable communities can be overwhelmed and upended. However, it also showed us that by working together and keeping our focus, we can achieve solidarity.

The Conference we have prepared for you this year upholds our long-standing commitment to providing you with quality education, relevant to your field. It is because of your passion that we can come together this week and unite to achieve your individual and professional goals.

Let's make this week's experience fun and full of learning!

With appreciation and gratitude,

Catherina Isidro
FMHAC Executive Director.



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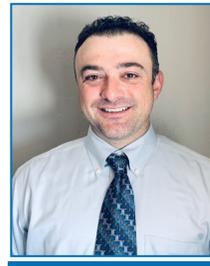
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Child Safety is Important

Sex offender registries give families a false sense of security, and therefore do not protect children or adults. The registries are based upon myths.

Below are true statements about both registries and sex offenders (registrants).

- Child safety is important ¹
- Strangers do not commit most sex offenses ²
- The registry gives parents a false sense of security ³
- Not everyone on the registry is the same ⁴
- Registrants are unlikely to commit a new sex offense ⁵
- Residency restrictions decrease public safety ⁶
- Public registries do not prevent sexual abuse ⁷
- Counseling for registrants is effective ⁸
- Registrants do not harm children on Halloween ⁹
- Registrants have civil rights ¹⁰

No Abuse is Ever Acceptable

The Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offense Laws (ACSOL) is dedicated to protecting the Constitution by restoring the civil rights of registrants and their families. In order to achieve that objective, ACSOL will educate and litigate as well as support or oppose legislation.



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Via USPS:

**Alliance for Constitutional
Sex Offense Laws**

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¹ National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, www.missingkids.org.

² California Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB) A Better Path to Community Safety: Sex Offender Registration in California – Tiering Background Paper (2014), at p. 2 & fn. 2; Kilpatrick, D.G., Edmunds, C.N., & Seymour, A.K., Rape in America: A Report to the Nation (Arlington, VA: National Victim Center, 1992); Ira Mark Ellman, When Amicus Matters and Sex Crime Underreporting Does Not: The Problematic Sex Offender Registry, 7 U. Penn. J. L. & Pub. Affairs 1, 14 & fn. 68 (2021).

³ Andrea Casanova, Founding Director of the ALLY Foundation and mother of sexual assault victim, quoted in CASOMB, Homelessness Among California's Registered Sex Offenders – An Update (Aug. 2011), at p. 1.

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, April 13

12:30 — 1:00 pm

President's Remarks

Kevin Rice, LCSW, CCHP-MH
FMHAC President

1:00 — 2:30 pm

Opening Presentation

Delivering CBT within a Change Oriented Context

- Brian Lovins, PhD

2:30 — 3:45 pm

AM BREAK

2:45 — 6:00 pm

Keynote Presentation

Punishment Consistent with Rehabilitation: California's Criminalization of Youth of Color

- Francis "Frankie" Guzman, JD

4:15 — 4:30 pm

PM BREAK

6:00 — 7:00 pm

Welcome Reception

THURSDAY, April 14

9:00 — 10:30 am

Breakout Presentation 1

10:30 — 10:45 am

AM BREAK

10:45 am — 12:15 pm

Breakout Presentation 2

12:15 — 1:15 pm

LUNCH BREAK

1:15 — 2:45 pm

Breakout Presentation 3

2:45 — 3:00 pm

PM BREAK

3:00 — 4:30 pm

Breakout Presentation 4

4:45 — 5:45 pm

FMHAC Business Meeting

FRIDAY, April 15

9:00 — 10:30 am

Closing Presentation 1

The Fourth Wave of the Opioid Epidemic: Current Trends and Treatment Strategies

- Gloria Miele, PhD

10:30 — 10:45 am

AM BREAK

10:45 am — 12:15 pm

Closing Presentation 2

Decriminalization through Diversion: The Only Way Out

- Katherine Warburton, DO
- Sean Evans, PhD

CONFERENCE AWARDS



WILLIAM T. ROSSITER AWARD

The William T. Rossiter Award honors an individual who has made, over a period of time, an exceptional global contribution to the field of Forensic Mental Health. This year, the award goes to Leon Evans.

Leon Evans



For over 40 years, Leon has worked with community partners in public health and safety to provide innovative approaches to hope and healing. Evans's internationally recognized programs promote a highly effective, cooperative spirit throughout health, law enforcement, judicial, and nonprofit organizations. Leon founded The Center for Health Care Services (CHCS) in San Antonio, Texas, serving as CEO for the renowned organization that improved thousands of people's lives, helping them avoid jail and long-term hospital stays while improving outcomes and driving down the cost of health care, saving \$95M in public funding.

Leon has held numerous leadership roles at local, state, and national levels, including Chairperson of the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Disability Directors. CNN recognized Leon as one of our nation's Mental Wellness Warriors, receiving such honors as the American Psychiatric Association Gold Award and the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare Directors Service Excellence Award, among others.

Since retiring as CHCS's CEO, Leon testifies and consults on crisis response, jail diversion, and homelessness. Currently, he serves as a member of the National Quality Partners "National Opioid Taskforce," among other organizations.

CHRISTINE M. WEST AWARD

The Christine M. West Award recognizes significant contributions by dedicated individuals working in the field of Forensic Mental Health. This year, FMHAC honors Kate Warburton.

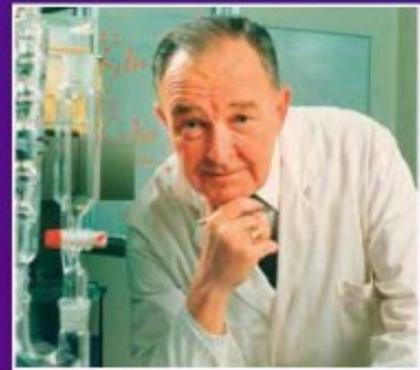
Katherine Warburton, DO

Katherine Warburton is Medical Director and Deputy Director of Clinical Operations for the California Department of State Hospitals. She also serves as Volunteer Clinical Faculty within the UC Davis Division of Psychiatry and the Law. She completed her forensic fellowship at UC Davis under Dr. Charles Scott in 2006. Katherine's areas of interest include public policy, public forensic mental health care delivery systems and inpatient aggression. She has presented both locally and nationally on a number of forensic topics and recently co-edited a textbook on violence in psychiatry.



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12:30 — 1:00 pm

President's Remarks

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1:00 — 2:30 pm

DELIVERING CBT WITHIN A CHANGE ORIENTED CONTEXT

Brian Lovins, PhD

[Marina Ballroom](#)

CE: CPA/BBS/BRN/
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1.5 CE hrs

Over the past 20 years, our work with correctional populations has been focused less on the people and more on the paperwork and process. Often, as agents of change, we have been asked to take on additional evidence-based practices while forgetting why we do this work. This session will recenter us on purpose. We will cut through the administrative processes and have a conversation about how we find purpose in our work. Assessment, core correctional practices, success plans (aka case/supervision plans), and response grids are all important parts of the work, but they are not our end goal. Our end goal is to achieve behavioral change in people that are struggling in their lives. Participants will learn real world, practical ways to rediscover (or enhance) our purpose to help the people involved in the criminal justice system be successful-in turn helping our communities grow.

2:30 — 2:45 pm

BREAK

2:45 — 6:00 pm

PUNISHMENT CONSISTENT WITH REHABILITATION: CALIFORNIA'S CRIMINALIZATION OF YOUTH OF COLOR

Francis "Frankie" Guzman, JD

[Marina Ballroom](#)

CE: CPA/BBS/BRN/
CJER/MCLE/POST

3.0 CE hrs

California is often held up as a progressive state, a champion of health, science and social equity. However, California has often fallen short on its reputation in the areas of youth and racial justice. For example, during the 1990's, amidst a media frenzy that depicted youth of color as "super-predators," racialized "tough on crime" laws were passed in California. By the 2000's, California had become a national leader in youth incarceration and punishment, resulting over-crowded prisons, high recidivism rates and inhumane treatment of system-involved people at a cost of billions of dollars to tax-payers and a decline in public health.

Fortunately, in the last decade, California has made significant shifts away from heavy reliance on punishment and correctional approaches to deal with youth in favor of health-centered approaches with an emphasis on positive youth development. However, California's history continues to influence perceptions of youth of color as inherently more violent and deserving of harsher punishment. Once again, amidst a global pandemic and widespread racialized police violence against people of color, California has begun to reverse course on its commitment to health-first approaches to serving youth and return to heavy investments in policing and punishment for youth and communities of color.

In this session, participants will learn about recent reforms in juvenile and criminal justice laws, and the health and social impacts of these policies on youth and communities of color, from an expert who not only survived poverty, crime, and punishment, but also has been at the forefront of California's youth justice reform movement for the last decade.

6:00 — 7:00 pm

WELCOME RECEPTION

[Coronado Terrace](#)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13 *(continued)***6:00 — 7:00 pm POSTER PRESENTATIONS***Coronado Terrace***IDENTIFYING GROUP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MALTREATED YOUTH WHO SEXUALLY OFFEND AND THOSE WHO DO NOT**

Caterina Pasquali, PhD; Donald Viglione, PhD S. Clark, PsyD

This presentation aims at exploring how antisocial traits, sexual deviancy and limited social competency might potentially discriminate between juvenile sexual offenders (JSOs) and a control group of adolescents who do not sexually offend. Emotional and behavioral differences between JSOs and nonsexual offending (NSO) youth with similar histories of neglect, physical and sexual abuse were examined to identify specific psychological factors that might be associated with sexual offending juvenile males when past history of maltreatment is controlled. Antisocial traits, sexual deviancy and limited social competency were analyzed. Results may benefit the mental health community as identifying what features beyond maltreatment are related to sexually abusive behaviors will lead to a deeper understanding of and possibly treatment for juvenile sexual offenders.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS: REGISTRANT'S EXPERIENCE OF STIGMA ON THE SEX OFFENSE REGISTRY

Jay Stone Rice, PhD, LMFT; Alex Gittinger, ASW, ASAT

Over the past 75 years, the number of offenses requiring sex offense registration has expanded significantly. Currently, there are almost 1 million people who are required to register as sex offenders in the United States. With the implementation of Megan's Law in 2006, information about registrants became readily available to the public. The increasingly punitive nature of registration regulations coupled with the shame, isolation and abuse created by internet exposure has significant mental health implications for registrants. The overpowering stigma associated with the sex offense registry encompasses the offender, their family, and loved ones. Most research has examined the impacts of the registry on the community, specifically as it pertains to public safety. In contrast, this presentation will portray the self-reported experiences of registrants and their loved ones to illustrate how current policies exacerbate the very factors that in many cases have led to an offense in the first place. These narratives will be looked at through several psychosocial theoretical lenses. Many registrants report that their experience with current mandated sex offender treatment programs intensify feelings of shame, rejection and isolation. An alternative model for supporting social reintegration will be presented.

REDUCING THE WAITLIST CRISIS: THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPETENCY RE-EVALUATION PROGRAM

Kari Glenn, PhD; Katie Meseroll, PsyD; Melinda DiCiro, PsyD, ABPP

Currently, there are almost 2,000 individuals committed to the California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) as Incompetent to Stand Trial and awaiting placement. Despite expanding capacity within the DSH facilities, the waitlist and time until placement continues to grow. This is a national crisis that has been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic that stalled admissions into the hospital. An emergency program designed to meet the needs of defendants awaiting competency restoration uncovered several factors that may reduce the waitlist through reevaluation. As a result, California statute established an avenue for the re-evaluation of competency to stand trial and a subsequent DSH program began in July of 2021. Since that time, the California DSH Incompetency to Stand Trial (IST) Re-Evaluation Program has expanded to include most counties across the state. Several initiatives have been developed to benefit those on the waitlist and reduce the number of defendants awaiting restoration treatment. Of the evaluations conducted since January of 2021, 35-40% of those on the waitlist have presented as competent. We present information about the IST Re-Evaluation Program, the initiatives developed, and plans for future research.

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9:00 — 10:30 am BREAKOUT PRESENTATION 1

Marina Ballroom D

RNR IN THE REAL WORLD – PART 1

Tom Granucci, LCSW

CE: CPA/BBS/BRN/
CJER/POST

1.5 CE hrs

CLINICAL

This workshop is designed for those considering, or in the process of, adding evidence-based practices (EBPs), particularly the Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR) model, into their organization's assessment and treatment practices. Part One (90 minutes) will review the RNR model and cover its practical application into day-to-day mental health practice. We will discuss how to integrate a mental health recovery model with public safety goals. Part Two (90 minutes) will practice applying an integrated model to individual treatment planning with case examples. We will then move to thoughts on a systems approach. The focus will be to use implementation science as a framework for successful implementation of the RNR model. The presenter will facilitate a series of small group discussions which will cover organizational development areas of staff selection, training, and coaching; leadership and administrative considerations as well as data driven decision making. Participants will be given time to discuss implementation science ideas and their application to forensic mental health work. This workshop is designed to be interactive and to provide attendees with networking opportunities.

Balboa/Mission Hills

RORSCHACH APPLICATIONS IN A FORENSIC SETTING

Abraham Loebenstein, PhD

Madeleine Starin, PsyD

CE: CPA/BBS/BRN/
CJER/POST

1.5 CE hrs

CLINICAL

This presentation focuses on the benefits of and providing support for the use of the Rorschach (Rorschach-Performance Assessment System; R-PAS) in a forensic setting with case examples. Topics for discussion include a brief overview of the history and improvements made from the Comprehensive System, en vivo performance style, quantitative and qualitative information yielded, types of evaluation, and adolescent and adult case examples including mental competency, violence risk and sex risk where the Rorschach was instrumental in formulating diagnoses and recommendations.

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1.5 CE hrs



AN EVIDENCED-BASED PRACTICAL CURRICULUM FOR THE TREATMENT OF JUVENILES WHO HAVE SEXUALLY OFFENDED

Norbert Ralph, PhD, MPH

The presentation will discuss curriculum for juveniles who have sexually offended. This curriculum is an evidence-based model, shaped by current research regarding affective and culturally sensitive practices. This presentation will discuss the closure of the state program for treatment, developments in the field, characteristics of effective programs and practical and affordable curriculums for this population that would be effective.

Marina Ballroom E

CE: CPA/BBS/BRN/
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1.5 CE hrs



MOBILE CRISIS: A BLUEPRINT FOR DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

Kate Grammy, PsyD
Jennifer MacKinnon, LMFT
Dan Marshall

Mobile Crisis is a well-established best practice for supporting individuals in the community who are experiencing a mental health crisis. Developing a program from the ground up can feel daunting and overwhelming. This panel discussion will present the Solano County model of mobile crisis, including three varied perspectives for designing and implementing mobile crisis. With representatives from County Behavioral Health, a Community-Based Organization and a police department, you will gain insight into the specific strategies used to fund, structure, staff and implement a best-practice in a medium-sized county. Panelists will provide concrete tools, program models and training strategies to effectively develop, create, grow and implement a mobile crisis program that prioritizes community-based support for individuals in crisis. This type of response is highly effective at diverting individuals from emergency services, reducing law enforcement involvement in mental health crises and enhancing the continuum of crisis care countywide.

Marina Ballroom G

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1.5 CE hrs



IS THERE LIFE AFTER AB 1810 AND SB 317?

Laura Arnold, JD
Honorable Stephen Manley
Penny Bernhisel, LCSW
Stephanie Regular, JD

A group of criminal justice stakeholders (working in collaborative and mental health courts) will discuss the practical impact of recent legislation enacted due to our collective growing realization that jails are not ideal settings for mental health treatment, that systemic challenges exist (in terms of gaps at the various points in service along the continuum care and value-differences which impede meaningful collaboration and trust-building among stakeholders with differing interests and mandates) and that the only solution to California's mental health problems, particularly with regard to the unsheltered homeless, is courageous and innovative ideas and frank discussions about how, working together, we can achieve our common goals.

AB 1810 (2018) gave rise to mental health diversion, and it even came with money, but in many counties, things were slow to get off the ground. Now (April, 2022), nearly four years later, counties have created all types of mental health diversion programs, working collaboratively, truly seeing and hearing one another and making compromises. With the

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enactment of SB 317 (eff. 1/1/2022), the need for continued collaboration – real collaboration – is even greater. More and more justice-involved adults, afflicted with severe mental illness, are being diverted (hopefully) from high-cost and poor-result traditional sentencing alternatives like incarceration and imprisonment. We need to learn from each other, share our common and different experiences, and continue to work together to effectively engage these traumatized, justifiably mistrustful, and often drug-addicted individuals at the earliest possible point in the sequential intercept model, and, at the latest, the earliest possible point in the criminal justice process. It's not that hard. We just need to figure out how to do it and then commit to getting it done.

Cardiff/Carlsbad

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WORDS TO DEEDS - GET CONNECTED! OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVANCE STATEWIDE BEST PRACTICES IN CRISIS RESPONSE

Ashley Mills, MS
Jonathan Porteus, PhD
Stephanie Welch, MSW

Experts in crisis services will present current initiatives to improve awareness, use and outcomes of mental health crisis response. In addition to highlighting elements of an ideal system, experts will present an overview of California's current crisis response system, including information on the Crisis Now Model, the transition of 988 as the new three-digit number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the implication of this transition for law enforcement and the current 911 system. Presentations also will highlight opportunities for justice system diversion, healthcare integration and coordinated community-based response, including multi-disciplinary mobile response services, as promising crisis prevention strategies.

10:30 – 10:45 am BREAK

10:45 am – 12:15 pm BREAKOUT PRESENTATION 2

Marina Ballroom D

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LEGAL

EFFECTIVE EXPERT TESTIMONY IN COURT—UNDERSTANDING WHAT GETS ADMITTED OR EXCLUDED IF AN EXPERT'S OPINIONS ARE CHALLENGED

John Philipsborn, Med, JD, MAS

While some forensic mental health professionals have qualified and testified in courts on numerous occasions, many have not. Challenges to credentials, and/or the adequacy of the bases for opinions are raised on occasion. Sophisticated litigators may raise legal objections to opinion testimony that even experienced experts may not have encountered. This lecture is aimed at reviewing the legal requirements of and for expert testimony, and the practical ways in which a testifying expert can demonstrate an understanding of the 'gateway' requirements of the admission of expert opinion testimony. A review of some pertinent law, including the Sanchez line of cases will be presented along with recommendations for useful literature that will assist in and enhance preparation.

Balboa/Mission HillsCE: CPA/BBS/BRN/
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1.5 CE hrs

LEGAL

JUVENILE

THE IMPORTANCE OF ADOLESCENT BRAIN DEVELOPMENT IN RELATION TO FRANKLIN HEARING EVALUATIONS: RESEARCH TO PRACTICENicole Vienna, PsyD
Di Nguyen, PsyD

Franklin Hearings have become common in juvenile delinquency court, especially since the passage of prop 57 - where the District Attorney's Office is no longer able to directly file a petition against a minor in adult court regardless of age or seriousness of offense. Many cases are being remanded to the sentencing courts for a hearing. A plethora of requests are pouring in from defense attorneys, parole board attorneys and non-profit firms representing youthful offenders who have been given lengthy sentences and older offenders who are currently serving juvenile LWOP (Life Without Parole) or a lengthy sentence. Attorneys are in need of an expert to complete a psychological evaluation to be reviewed at a future parole hearing or upcoming parole hearing for post-conviction cases. What do you do? Where do you start?

The recentness of Franklin Hearings poses a lot of questions related to how psychological evaluations are completed in a Franklin Hearing. There has not been much training or guidance in the area. This presentation will overview the background of the Franklin and Miller case, PC 3051, the 8th amendment, the neurobiology of adolescent brain development and a look at an approach to completing a psychological evaluation for a Franklin Hearing.

Marina Ballroom FCE: CPA/BBS/BRN/
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1.5 CE hrs

CLINICAL

USING THE INVENTORY OF PROBLEMS – 29 (IOP-29) TO EVALUATE THE CREDIBILITY OF PRESENTED MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMSLuciano Giromini, PhD
Donald Viglione, PhD

The authors will introduce the Inventory of Problems – 29 (IOP-29; Viglione & Giromini 2019) for assessment of false-negative presentations in malingering in forensic mental health and high stakes evaluations. The IOP-29 is recently introduced as a new, brief, self-report, malingering-related measure designed to assist practitioners in evaluating the credibility of various symptom presentations, including those related to (1) depression/anxiety, (2) psychosis/schizophrenia, (3) post-traumatic reactions and (4) neuropsychological/intellectual dysfunction. It includes 29 items, administered via paper-and-pencil format, or online, using a tablet or a PC. Although recently introduced, it has a solid, international research base, with about 15 peer-reviewed published articles addressing the IOP-29. By analyzing the responses to each of these 29 items, a logistic regression-derived formula generates the False Disorder

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Probability Score (FDS), a probability value reflecting the likelihood of drawing that specific IOP-29 from a group of experimental feigners versus a group of bona fide patients. This workshop will describe the research foundation for using the IOP-29 in forensic evaluations and will present guidelines for its use in applied practice. No prior experience with the IOP instruments is required.

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BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT IN A FORENSIC POPULATION

Setareh Khan-Mohammadi, PsyD
Seaaira Reedy, PsyD, CCHP-MH

The principles of Behavior Analysis, an evidence based/systematic approach to observing and understanding human behavior, have been used to successfully treat and reduce a wide range of problem behaviors. Behavioral analytic technologies have also been applied in developing and implementing program curriculum designed to optimize staff efficiency and produce desired, optimal outcomes. This presentation focuses on the application of behavioral principles when working with forensic psychiatric populations. Specifically, this presentation will focus on operationalization of forensic language used to identify the A) problem behavior; B) desired outcome or, desired alternative behaviors; C) specific treatment interventions that will be used to treat/reduce problem behaviors; and D) replicability of treatment interventions utilized with the goal of applying the same interventions to future problem behaviors. Additionally, the presentation will discuss how utilizing a function-based approach is beneficial in addressing various problem behaviors for forensic psychiatric populations, both in the outpatient and inpatient (DSH/CDCR) level, as well as learning how functional-based interventions are to be applied. Lastly, other heavily researched/evidence-based behavioral interventions, such as utilization of preference assessments will be discussed as related to the efficacy such interventions have in increasing appropriate/prosocial behaviors of forensic populations.

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WORDS TO DEEDS - CALIFORNIA IST SOLUTIONS WORKGROUP

Katherine Warburton, DO
Melanie Scott, PsyD
Stephanie Clendenin

This presentation will review the national landscape of the Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) crisis and present an inside look into California's IST Solutions Workgroup process as a collaborative attempt to identify solutions to resolve the crisis in California. Presenters will discuss how the concept of the workgroup was developed, who participated and present a high-level review of the solutions that were proposed, and the feedback received from the workgroup members. This presentation will highlight the key policy issues and themes that emerged, as well as the obstacles that will be tackled ahead to bring to life the sustainable solutions that were discussed.

12:15 — 1:15 pm LUNCH

Coronado Terrace

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1:15 — 2:45 pm **BREAKOUT PRESENTATION 3**

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CLINICAL

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS: RESULTS OF SAN DIEGO'S INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE LEARNING ACADEMY AND CURRICULUM FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS WORKING WITH THE JUSTICE INVOLVED

Geoff Twitchell, PhD
Mack Jenkins

The criminal justice (CJ) system continues to evolve through clinical research and the application of science (e.g., RNR model) while a large number of individuals with behavioral health (mental illness/substance use disorder) issues continue to touch this system. The role of community corrections (CC) professionals now includes not only accountability, but also treatment to facilitate recidivism reduction through recovery and behavior change. Collaboratively applying RNR principles with behavioral health professionals in treatment is key and requires interdisciplinary training to bridge these two distinct cultures. Optimal client outcomes include both recidivism reduction and psychiatric stabilization, which requires an active partnership between criminal justice and behavioral health professionals. Now, mental health providers must use evidence-based practices to target attitudes and behaviors that lead to criminal behavior in addition to psychiatrically stabilizing these complex clients, a task that many are unprepared for. We describe San Diego's development and initial outcomes of a six-day learning academy modeled on the Interprofessional Collaborative Practice (IPC) framework and competencies with the goal of cross-training mental health providers in best practices when working with the justice involved, including those with mental illness. Evaluation ratings post training revealed significant improvements in all four ICP competency areas including interprofessional communication and treatment skills. Results indicate that successful and sustainable partnership through intentional cross-training utilizing an ICP framework can build a common language and a new, client-centered and more comprehensive approach that is shared between the two fields and benefits individual clients and also the communities where they live through increased public safety.

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CLINICAL

THE DRAMA OF TRAUMA: GRASPING THE IMPACT OF FALSE WEB-DRIVEN NARRATIVES WHEN SEEKING TO PREVENT HARM AND HEAL

Glenn Lipson, PhD, ABPP
Brian Spitzberg, PhD, CTM
Wendy Patrick, BA, JD, MDiv, PhD

This multi-disciplinary team shares a background in working on stalking and other threat management cases. Brian Spitzberg has been researching dis/misinformation and the impact of web on Vaccine Denial and January 6th. This research assists in learning about the influence of this behavior. Wendy Patrick will address trauma informed jurisprudence, as she has worked both as defender and a prosecutor. Glenn Lipson will discuss how to combine the elements shared in sentencing reports and the relationship between ACE's and Loneliness.

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CLINICAL

LATINX MASCULINITY AND TREATMENT OF VIOLENCE IN CORRECTIONAL PRACTICE

Rogelio Serrano, LMFT, PsyD

Violence prevention is a significant area of focus for clinicians working within various correctional environments. Evidence-based practices to prevent, treat, and predict violent behaviors have been employed within the correctional clinical practice arena from standardized approaches developed for general populations. In order to provide tailored clinical interventions to address prison violence in men it is important to consider the

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intersections of gender socialization, culture and contextual factors for specific populations. The Latinx community has continually been overrepresented within the correctional systems of the United States and developing strategies for violence treatment and prevention may lead to more efficient clinical interventions for this population.

In this presentation, participants will gain in depth understanding of how various factors of the Latinx prison male population combine to often develop and sustain violent behaviors. Through case examples and analysis of current clinical strategies, participants will learn sequenced lines of interventions to facilitate treatment of violence with Latinx incarcerated men.

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VETERANS WHO COMMIT SEXUAL OFFENSES: WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT THEIR CHARACTERISTICS, RISK FACTORS AND TREATMENT NEEDS?

Stephanie Brooks Holliday, PhD

Although veterans have lower incarceration rates than civilians, large national surveys find higher rates of incarceration for sexual offenses among veterans compared to non-veterans. However, there remain questions as to the factors associated with sexual offending behavior among veterans, whether these veterans have unique treatment needs, and whether their likelihood of re-offending differs from civilians. In this presentation, we will review the findings of a series of studies aimed at exploring these questions, including analyses of data from the Bureau of Justice Statistics to examine differences between veteran and civilian sexual offenders, as well as longitudinal analyses of veterans forensically housed under the California Sexually Violent Predator statute in California. We will describe clinical and offense-related characteristics, patterns of recidivism and factors associated with recidivism within this unique subpopulation.

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CRISIS CO-RESPONSE TEAMS: FOSTERING COLLABORATION BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Shanjay Shah, LCSW
Annadenisse Briz

In today's society, there is a movement to direct persons with known or suspected mental health issues or crisis away from traditional law enforcement response. Since the 1990s, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) and Department of Mental Health (DMH) have fielded crisis co-response teams known as the LASD Mental Evaluation Team (MET). The LASD MET deploys a specially trained deputy sheriff with a DMH licensed clinical social worker, marriage and family therapist, registered nurse, or psychologist in plain clothes in unmarked patient-centric vehicles. In addition to crisis response, the LASD MET has a robust training mission and Risk Assessment Management Program (RAMP) that works to provide long-term intervention strategies, investigations and case follow-up to persons experiencing mental health issues.

Attendees of this presentation should expect to hear a candid discussion from a law enforcement manager and mental health manager on how to better foster collaboration between law enforcement and mental health professionals.

The framework of the presentation will take the attendee through an overview of the nation's largest Sheriff's Department's efforts in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health to field successful co-response teams, effective mental health diversion and intervention strategies and work towards better Alternatives to Incarceration. The positive collaboration between law enforcement and mental health professionals is critical to the success of any co-response model.

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WORDS TO DEEDS - ENGAGE ME: EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES TO WELCOME, SERVE AND SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS TRANSITIONING FROM INCARCERATION

Mona Minton, MA, CTP, CAIP, PhD
Andrea Dauber-Griffin, PhD
Brenda Grealish, MA

California is making substantial investments across multiple delivery systems that serve individuals who have behavioral health needs and are transitioning from jails/prisons to local communities, as well as those who are at risk of entering the justice system, including health and behavioral health care, social services and housing. Historically, even in instances when there has been sufficient capacity, there has been low engagement and service utilization, which has occurred for a variety of reasons (stigma, fear, complex system navigation, etc.). In this session, you will learn about Project In-Reach, which is an outreach and engagement program operating in San Diego County that is designed to help incarcerated individuals with substance use and/or mental health disorders as they prepare for community re-entry. In particular, you will understand how and why peers (individuals with lived experience in the behavioral health and criminal justice systems) are employed to provide support throughout the transition process and will hear first-hand what is most helpful from individuals transitioning from incarceration need and want to achieve success in their communities.

2:45 — 3:00 pm BREAK

3:00 — 4:30 pm BREAKOUT PRESENTATION 4

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EXAMINING "JUSTICE INVOLVED" THE LAW BEHIND REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION SCHEMES

Catherine Carpenter, JD

Forensic mental health professionals are on the front lines in treating and supervising justice-involved individuals. This presentation is designed to highlight what "justice-involved" means for one who has committed a sex crime. It will highlight the prominent legal and sociological theories that have shaped registration and notification schemes and it will analyze recent best-evidence practices used by courts to reframe how the law categorizes and punishes these individuals.

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CLINICAL

INTENTIONAL COMMUNITY COLLABORATION: THERAPEUTIC JUSTICE WITHOUT SILOS

Leon Evans
Christopher Zubiate, DHA, MSW

Recent changes to California's state hospitalization policy for LPS conservatees will likely pressure service capacity at local hospitals, emergency rooms, crisis services and jails. Evidence-based practices often do not meet the unique challenges that systems face due to existing silos. Fortunately, a value-based reimbursement environment offers clear direction for policy makers and front-line services by adapting effective models of care. By intentionally identifying and removing siloed services, not only can intentional collaboration develop, but existing opportunities to braid, blend and integrate funding can be a force multiplier. The presenters will share a matrix of previous studies related to cost avoidance studies in Bexar and San Antonio counties as well applicable outcome indicators relevant to California behavioral health, social services and justice systems. The presenters will crosswalk data methodology for calculating cost offsets specific to mental illness, substance use and homelessness. Lastly, a broad overview and adaptations of the Modified Therapeutic Community (MTC) as researched by Sacks et al. will be shared for discussion.

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CLINICAL

COMBATting RECIDIVISM

Rhonda Higgins, PsyD

This presentation will introduce treatment providers to the JIMH population (specifically parolees) and how to provide effective treatment. It is our responsibility to keep the community safe with two primary goals in mind: reduce psychiatric hospitalizations and combat recidivism. There are several aspects regarding treatment provision for parolees to successfully accomplish these goals. The experience of incarceration is traumatic, as such our initial focus will center upon engaging and establishing rapport with parolees through a trauma-informed lens. Adjusting to the community is another barrier that will need to be addressed when providing outpatient services. This training will demonstrate several factors to consider when reintegrating parolees into the community to ensure safety and a solid foundation for treatment facilitation. Mental health assessments, treatment modalities, and community resources will be discussed.

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CLINICAL

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STRIVING FOR ACCURACY IN A "NOISY" WORLD: RECOGNIZING BIAS AND ERROR IN FORENSIC AND CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING

Joseph Lockhart, PhD, ABPP
Saty Satya-Murti, MD, FAAN

Error and bias are increasingly recognized as problems in medical and forensic evaluations. These problems are ubiquitous: they affect fields from violence risk assessments to forensic pathology, and visual tasks such as eyewitness identification to radiology. Prior assumptions, base-rate unawareness, extraneous but seemingly relevant information and personal human cognitive limitations carry the potential for misdiagnoses or error.

Human decision-making, even without bias, is often "noisy." Both noise and bias introduce errors in human judgement. Studies by experts demonstrate a surprisingly high level of variability, both between experts, and even when the same expert is asked to make a second judgment. This is "noise"; while this "noise" can often be quantified in the clinical and forensic domains, it typically remains invisible until deliberately studied.

This presentation will provide attendees with recent, significant examples of clinical and forensic bias and error, chosen from both literature and popular culture. It will discuss the relevant empirical research, including recent research on visual errors (including eyewitness testimony) and how task-irrelevant factors may affect medical diagnostic and forensic pathology determinations. It will also discuss the potential impact of "noise" in decision making and how it may affect expert conclusions.

Finally, it will suggest approaches to mitigate bias and errors, with recommendations as to how the forensic expert may convey these complex topics in testimony.

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JUVENILE

NEURODEVELOPMENTAL FACTORS FOR PROBATION YOUTH: PRACTICAL APPROACHES FOR ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT

Norbert Ralph, PhD, MPH

There is strong evidence that brain development and neurodevelopmental factors are a significant and modifiable risk factor for juvenile recidivism. This presentation discusses brain and related development during adolescence in probation and average populations, its relevance for high-risk behaviors including delinquency, how concretely psychosocial immaturity can be practically assessed and important, practical, evidence-based methods for effective treatment and prevention of recidivism.

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WORDS TO DEEDS - DON'T LIGHT YOUR TREATMENT DOLLARS ON FIRE – SECURING SUPPORTED HOUSING TO MAXIMIZE TREATMENT ENGAGEMENT

Lahela Mattox, MA
Tyler Fong
Judi Nightingale, RN, DrPH
Rebecca Jester, LCSW
Curtis Howard

People who have been incarcerated are nearly ten times more likely to experience homelessness than the general population. Successfully transitioning from a custodial environment to the community requires immediate access to safe and stable housing as well as supportive services to end the cycle of homelessness and incarceration, and to promote overall safety goals. People with mental health and/or substance use disorders are particularly vulnerable to frequent cycling through the custody system and having multiple law enforcement contacts. This workshop will highlight integrated approaches to housing and services, including an innovative approach implemented in San Diego. This program involves the San Diego Sheriff's Department working closely with a community-based organization to coordinate care and housing for people who are repeatedly incarcerated for short periods of time through the local jail system, are homeless and have mental health problems, to ultimately increase the number of days the individual remains in the community. This is achieved through immediate access to housing, even if temporary, upon release from jail and intensive care coordination to address behavioral and physical health needs. Strategies for leveraging funding available through CalAIM and partnerships with Medi-Cal Health Plans to support health and housing among probationers will be shared that can be replicated in other communities throughout the State. Integrating funds across multiple revenue streams through a Flexible Housing Pool to provide immediate access to housing will be highlighted, as well as how this approach can be a critical community tool to demystify and simplify the often-overwhelming challenge of housing for people who are impacted by the justice system.

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9:00 — 10:30 am CLOSING PRESENTATION 1

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CLINICAL

THE FOURTH WAVE OF THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC: CURRENT TRENDS AND TREATMENT STRATEGIES

Gloria Miele, PhD

This presentation will address "The Fourth Wave" of the opioid epidemic, including recent data on rising mortality due to fentanyl alone and in combination with methamphetamine. The rise of polysubstance use raises the complexity of treatment and the risk of overdose. Best practices for treatment options, including use of medications will be discussed, as well as other evidence-based strategies for client engagement and risk reduction.

10:30 — 10:45 am BREAK

10:45 am — 12:15 pm CLOSING PRESENTATION 2

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CLINICAL

DECRIMINALIZATION THROUGH DIVERSION: THE ONLY WAY OUT

Katherine Warburton, DO
Sean Evans, PhD

This presentation will focus on the role that forensic mental health diversion can serve in decriminalizing individuals with serious mental illness who experience criminal justice involvement. Specifically, this presentation will review the history of criminalization from the mid-1800's to the current crisis. Also, the existing literature on mental health diversion will be reviewed. Finally, the California Department of State Hospitals Diversion program and its initial outcomes will be presented.

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ABOUT DOUGLAS

Douglas Taylor Smith, LCSW, was a dedicated leader and ardent advocate in the field of Forensic Mental Health. For nearly 30 years, he worked for the San Diego County Behavioral Health Department, serving as the Program Manager for the Conditional Release Program for most of those years.

Douglas was also a member of FMHAC since almost its inception over 40 years ago. He served on the Board of Directors as Secretary, and as Treasurer. In acknowledgement of his contributions to the field, he was the proud recipient of the Christine M. West Award in 2011.

One of the many qualities Douglas is fondly remembered for is his passion for the field of Forensic Mental Health and for FMHAC's role in advancing the field. He was always eager to warmly welcome early career professionals into the field, sharing with them what he had learned over the years and assisting them in networking at the annual FMHAC conference. Those he welcomed could go on to reach out to him any time for advice as they navigated the challenges inherent in this work. He would always have a story, a wise euphemism from his childhood, or words of camaraderie that would make the burdens of doing this challenging work more bearable.

Although Douglas passed in March 2019, his passion for the field will live on in the Douglas Taylor Smith Scholarship. Each year, one early career professional will be selected as the recipient of the scholarship and will be awarded free tuition to the FMHAC conference.

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Laura Arnold, JD — Hailing from Cleveland, Ohio, Laura Arnold has made California her home since 1995, and she currently resides in Modesto, California. She is the President of the California Public Defenders Association. Over the past quarter-century Laura has been a tireless advocate for the rights of indigent, justice-involved children and adults, working as a public defender in Southern California, the Inland Empire, the Central Valley and the Central Coast. Laura regularly presents on issues of substantive criminal law and procedure for the California Public Defender's Association and local bar associations. Laura has presented for FMHAC on the subject of Juvenile Transfer ("Fitness") hearings and Mental Health Diversion. Since 2016, Laura has served the California Judicial Council as an appointee to the Council's Criminal Law Advisory Committee.



Penny Bernhisel, LCSW — Penny Bernhisel is the Clinical Program Supervisor at Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services. She supervises the County's Behavioral Health Court, the Court Advocacy Project, the Misdemeanor IST Program and she is also developing and finalizing a 3-year 3M dollar pilot program with the Department of State Hospitals. She has been working as a behavioral health clinician since 2006, has been a licensed clinical social worker since 2012 and was honored in 2018 by the Alameda County Mental Health Association as recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award.



Annadenisse Briz — Annadenisse is a 22 year veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and has been a hostage/crisis negotiator for 21 years. Having had experience working as a Licensed Psychiatric Technician for the Department of Mental Health before becoming a deputy, Annadenisse was a mental health worker on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Mental Evaluation Team for 5 ½ years. The unit partners a Deputy Sheriff and Department of Mental Health clinician to assist field deputies when they encounter a mentally ill individual in crisis or involved in a tactical operation. Annadenisse was promoted to Sergeant in May of 2010 and is currently working as the Acting Lieutenant, overseeing the Mental Evaluation Team (MET).



Catherine Carpenter, JD — Catherine, the Honorable Arleigh M. Woods and William T. Woods Professor of Law at Southwestern Law School, teaches and writes in the area of criminal law. She was elected to the prestigious American Law Institute (ALI) in 2012 where she serves on the Advisory Committee examining the Model Penal Code's laws on sexual assault. She is also Vice President of Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offenses (ACSOL) and Executive Director of Access to Restorative Justice Fund (ARJ), which strives for reintegration of the marginalized through education and advocacy. Catherine's primary scholarly focus is on sex crimes and sex offense registration laws. Her scholarship has been influential - cited by courts, law professors, attorneys, as



Stephanie Clendenin — Stephanie Clendenin was appointed director of the Department of State Hospitals by Governor Newsom in 2019. She served as chief deputy director of the department from 2015 to 2018. Prior to joining DSH, she held multiple positions at the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). She was appointed to this position by Governor Brown in June 2011. She managed OSHPD's operating divisions responsible for the building and financing of health facility infrastructure, the collection and analyses of healthcare data, and the development and expansion of

healthcare professionals to serve and improve the delivery of healthcare, particularly in medically underserved communities in California. Ms. Clendenin has over 28 years of experience with the State of California. Ms. Clendenin's previous government experience includes positions with Cal-Fire, Department of Finance, the former Department of Health Services, and the Department of General Services.



Andrea Dauber-Griffin, PhD — Andrea is the Senior Program Director of Project In-Reach and Project In-Reach Ministry at the Neighborhood House Association. The In-Reach programs provide pre-release engagement and needs assessment, discharge planning and post release wraparound services to individuals living with serious mental illness and co-occurring disorders in County custody. Andrea has a background in research, teaching and coaching and over 10 years of experience in the criminal justice system. She has focused her energy on applying her theoretical and practical knowledge to advancing policies and programs to improve services for justice-involved individuals. She is passionate about policy and advocacy and leads San Diego County's Reentry Roundtable's policy and legal initiatives. As a member of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology, she has set out to explore how sociology can contribute perspectives and knowledge to developing clinical interventions for communities, organizations and groups who are justice-involved.



Leon Evans — For over 40 years, Leon has worked with community partners in public health and safety to provide innovative approaches to hope and healing. Evans' internationally recognized programs promote a highly effective, cooperative spirit throughout health, law enforcement, judicial, and nonprofit organizations. Leon founded The Center for Health Care Services (CHCS) in San Antonio, Texas, serving as CEO for the renowned organization that improved thousands of people's lives, helping them avoid jail and long-term hospital stays while improving outcomes and driving down the cost of health care, saving \$95M in public funding. Leon has held numerous leadership roles at local, state, and national levels, including Chairperson of the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Disability Directors. CNN recognized Leon as one of our nation's Mental Wellness Warriors, receiving such honors as the American Psychiatric Association Gold Award and the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare Directors Service Excellence Award, among others. Since retiring as CHCS's CEO, Leon testifies and consults on crisis response, jail diversion, and homelessness. Currently, he serves as a member of the National Quality Partners "National Opioid Taskforce," among other organizations.



Sean Evans, PhD, MA — Sean Evans is a licensed clinical forensic psychologist with a Ph.D. and M.A. in clinical psychology from Loma Linda University. He completed his clinical internship at Patton State Hospital. Following his internship year, he was hired as a staff psychologist and eventually achieved the rank of Senior Psychologist Supervisor at Patton State Hospital. Sean left full time employment at Patton to pursue academia, achieving the rank of a tenured associate professor and department chair in the Department of Psychology and Neuroscience at La Sierra University. He returned to full time employment at Department of State Hospitals - Sacramento in 2018 serving in the Office of Clinical Research and Program Implementation as a Senior Psychologist Specialist. Additionally, he is a supervisor with the Forensic Psychology Postdoctoral Fellowship Program at Patton State Hospital. Sean currently serves as Senior Psychologist Supervisor and Clinical Lead in the DSH IST Felony Diversion Program. His research interests include violence risk assessment, serious mental illness and violence, and situational (institutional) risk factors associated with violence.

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Tyler Fong — Tyler has worked alongside vulnerable populations for over 16 years in the Bay Area, Los Angeles County, the Inland Empire and San Diego. Currently, Tyler is the Senior Director of Program Initiatives at Brilliant Corners, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to using housing as a healthcare intervention/solution for individuals experiencing homelessness. While with Brilliant Corners, Tyler was one of the program architects for the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool, a nationally recognized rental subsidy and housing administration program in Los Angeles that has housed over 8,000 Angelenos since 2013. Tyler currently provides oversight to similar programs in the Bay Area, Inland Empire and San Diego.



Luciano Giromini, PhD — Luciano is an Associate Professor in the PhD Psychology Program at the University of Torino in Italy. He has presented roughly 40 workshops, seminars and invited lectures mainly on the IOP and Rorschach (R-PAS) in Italy and other countries in Europe (e.g., Spain, Switzerland, UK, Croatia) and the United States. As a professor, he teaches assessment courses as well as psychometrics and supervises dissertation students and research projects. He is a skilled researcher who has published approximately 70 peer-reviewed research papers, books, chapters, and other pieces, as well as a co-author of the IOP-29.



Kate Grammy, PsyD — Kate is a forensic psychologist who is currently the Behavioral Health Administrator for Solano County Behavioral Health. Throughout her career, Kate has overseen the care of behavioral health consumers who are the most psychiatrically unstable and high-risk. She has provided psychological assessment, treatment and consultation to superior courts for high-risk criminal offenders, inpatient psychiatric treatment within a super-max prison crisis unit and conducted research related to sexual offending behavior. Kate is passionate about supporting the most vulnerable in our communities with thoughtful, research-based interventions that are person-centered, strength-based and efficient in their delivery. Most recently, Kate has focused on developing and implementing programs designed to reduce systemic barriers to care. She is also invested in the training and development of the next generation of mental health providers and actively pursues opportunities to teach, train and mentor students and trainees within the field of psychology.



Tom Granucci, LCSW — Tom worked for 13 years in the mental health field before joining the U.S. Probation Office in 1999. His mental health career included outpatient work with severely mentally ill adults and adolescents (including adolescents who had committed sex offenses), residential treatment with adolescents involved in the juvenile justice system and managed mental health and substance abuse care. As a U.S. Probation Officer/Mental Health Treatment Specialist, Tom managed a specialized caseload of mentally ill clients and sex offenders for over eight years. As a Supervisory U.S. Probation Officer he led a team of six officers and was a leader in evidence-based practices (EBP) implementation. In 2015, he assumed the role of the Central District of California's first EBP Coordinator. As such, he was responsible for EBP implementation in the second largest federal district in the U.S., which included 7 counties and 12 field offices. Tom was an original member of the California State University, Los Angeles Forensic Social Work Advisory Board and has been a part-time faculty member in the School of Social Work since 2003, teaching forensic social work. He also serves on the Board of Directors, as Chair of the Conference Planning Committee, of the Forensic Mental Health Association of California. Tom retired from the U.S. Probation Office in 2019 after 20 years of service. He is a Senior Associate with Kmodity Corp, a corrections management consulting firm that provides implementation support, training and technical assistance from pretrial to parole to federal, state and local agencies working with justice-involved individuals.



Brenda Grealish, MA — Brenda Grealish is currently the Executive Officer of the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health, which is part of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. She served as Chief for the Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Division at the California Department of Health Care Services since 2019, where she served in several positions since 2013, including Chief of the former Mental Health Services Division and Assistant Deputy and Acting Deputy Director for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services. She held several positions at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Office of Research from 2009 to 2013, including Deputy Director, Research Manager III and Research Manager II. Brenda held several positions at the former California Department of Mental Health from 1999 to 2009, including Research Program Specialist I, Research Analyst II and Research Analyst I. She earned a Master of Arts degree in psychology from California State University Sacramento.



Francis "Frankie" Guzman, JD — Attorney Frankie Guzman is the Senior Director of the Youth Justice Initiative at the National Center for Youth Law. Frankie leads a team of attorneys, policy advocates and community organizers working to eliminate the practice of prosecuting and incarcerating children in California's adult criminal justice system, reduce incarceration and justice system involvement, and increase developmentally appropriate services and opportunities for youth in their home communities. Raised in a poor, mostly immigrant community plagued by crime, drugs and gang activity, Guzman experienced his parents' divorce and his family's subsequent homelessness at age 3, the life-imprisonment of his 16-year-old brother at age 5 and the loss of numerous childhood friends to community violence. By age 13, Frankie was involved with a local youth street gang. At age 15, he was arrested for armed robbery and, on his first offense, was sentenced to serve 15 years in the California Youth Authority. Released on parole after six years, Frankie attended law school and became an expert in juvenile law and policy with a focus on ending the prosecution of juveniles as adults. Through partnerships with community organizations and advocacy groups, Guzman has helped lead California's effort to reduce the number of youths in the adult system by passing legislation that established Youth Offender Parole Hearings, reformed Juvenile Transfer Hearings and eliminated prosecutors' direct file authority. More recently, Frankie helped lead statewide efforts to eliminate California's practice of prosecuting 14 and 15-year-olds as adults, prohibit the incarceration of children under age 12 in the juvenile system and secure approximately \$60 million dollars to expand pre-arrest diversion programs and developmentally appropriate, culturally relevant community-based services for youth in California.



Rhonda Higgins, PsyD — Rhonda is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist who has proudly served Justice Involved Mental Health (JIMH) populations in the County of Los Angeles since 2001, following the completion of her undergraduate studies in Psychology in 2001. Upon earning her PsyD in 2012, As a psychology resident, she oversaw 2 adult psychiatric units, Incompetent to Stand Trial and Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity. SFETC prepared her for her directorial role in justice involved mental health as a Program Administrator for the largest justice involved mental health and clinical case management program in Los Angeles County, Telecare CORE LA. Rhonda's 7-year tenure at Telecare provide her the opportunity to further enhance JIMH population(s), while ensuring safety and successful rehabilitation in the community. She currently consults with JIMH service providers on combatting recidivism and has partnered with the Los Angeles Department of Mental Health, UCLA, and Mental Health Los Angeles training programs for peer support specialists. Rhonda's current role is an opportunity for her to contribute to the forensic psychology profession and to inspire the next generation of JIMH professionals to embrace concepts of member-centered care, recovery, empowerment, cultural humility, community partner collaborations, and community-based service models that emphasize diversity, equity, and inclusion.

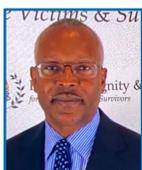
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Stephanie Brooks Holiday, PhD — Stephanie is a clinical forensic psychologist and behavioral scientist at the RAND Corporation. Her work has focused on a wide range of topics, including best practices in forensic mental health assessment, risk assessment, adherence to the risk-need responsivity model and the evaluation of diversion and reentry programs. She has also conducted research related to justice-involved veterans, with a focus on using administrative data to examine the characteristics of veterans who have committed sexual offenses. Prior to RAND, Stephanie completed her PhD at Drexel University and her clinical internships and postdoctoral fellowship at the Washington DC VA Medical Center.



Curtis Howard — Curtis Howard is a two-time published author and lived experience consultant in homelessness, re-entry, substance abuse, gangs, and carceral logics. He is currently the lead organizer for the San Diego Chapter of All of Us or None, a national organization that advocates for formerly incarcerated people and their families. Curtis resides in San Diego, California.



Mack Jenkins — Mack's career in the justice system spans more than forty years. He retired as the chief probation officer for San Diego County. Over the course of his career Mack has developed expertise in the application of evidenced-based practices for community supervision and gained more than 25 years of experience working in drug courts and collaborative justice programs. He has served on a number of national boards including the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center. Mack is a past President of the Chief Probation Officers of California and former Vice President of the American Probation and Parole Association. He sits as a gubernatorial appointee on California's Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health which advises the Governor's office and state legislature on the intersection between the criminal justice system and behavioral health. He is also a legislative appointee to the California Prison Industry Authority (CALPIA) Board of Directors. CALPIA oversees the operation of more than 120 businesses employing roughly 4000 prison inmates in the California prison system. Mack is a former Senior Policy advisor with the CSG Justice Center and works currently as a criminal justice consultant. He is an adjunct instructor in criminal justice and holds a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of California, Irvine along with a Master's degree in criminal justice from California State University, Long Beach.



Rebecca Jester, LCSW — Rebecca joined PATH in August 2018 as a clinician in Whole Person Wellness before transitioning to serve as the Program Manager for Community Care Coordination (C3) in September 2019. Rebecca helped implement and develop the C3 program through her exceptional leadership and clinical skills. Under her leadership, C3 has demonstrated the effectiveness of intensive care coordination in reducing recidivism and increasing housing stability for those with serious mental illness leaving local jails. C3 now serves as a model for other re-entry programs in the community. Rebecca is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Prior to arriving at PATH San Diego, Rebecca worked as a psychotherapist with children, adolescents and families in Los Angeles County. Rebecca holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communicative Disorders from California State University, Long Beach and a Master of Social Work from the University of Southern California.



Setareh Khan-Mohammadi, PsyD — Setareh is a licensed clinical and forensic psychologist. She serves as the Community Program Director for MHM Ventura CONREP. Prior to this, she worked as a Forensic Clinician for MHM San Bernardino CONREP as well as MHM Ventura

CONREP. Setareh provides expertise in clinical, risk, behavior management consultation and training. She has conducted numerous trainings on behavior management in a forensic population. Setareh's experience includes providing expert testimony, conducting risk assessments, as well as providing a wide array of psychological testing. She has provided evidence-based treatment in both inpatient and outpatient mental health facilities and worked in an outpatient neuropsychological clinic. She received a Bachelor's Degree from California State University, and a Doctorate in Psychology, from Alliant International University. Setareh is a licensed psychologist in California.



Glenn Lipson, PhD, ABPP — Glenn is a Diplomate in forensic psychology and an expert in interpersonal relationships, resiliency, misconduct and threat assessment. He is frequently retained as an expert evaluating various claimants providing an expert opinion. He has worked as both a correctional and police psychologist. When at Menninger's he was involved with evaluations of mental health services in both Nevada and Kansas. His testimony in cases like People versus Nunn have helped define the scope of expert testimony. For over 25 years he has worked with schools, addressing sexual misconduct and school violence prevention. Glenn is active in the national threat assessment community and has presented on the links between social media and increases in sexual assault for the Department of Defense. He is the manager of the NASDTEC (National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification) Academy. A recipient of their Doug Bates Award for contributions to school safety and ethical practices. He has worked internationally with regulatory boards in providing education on recognizing grooming at CLEAR. Glenn is also a US State Department recommended speaker, recognizing his expertise and making it available to other countries on topics such as cyber risk assessment and Interpersonal Violence. He is also the CEO of Making Right Choices. Finally, he is researching and creating online assessment tools to assist in reporting, supporting and creating restorative justice interventions in situations of boundary violations.



Joseph Lockhart, PhD, ABPP — Jerry is Board Certified in forensic psychology and has been involved in forensic mental health, correctional mental health and forensic assessment for over twenty years. Currently, Jerry is an SVP Evaluator with the Forensic Services Division of the Department of State hospitals, where he conducts risk (such as offenders with mental disorders and sexually violent predators) and adjudicative competency assessments. Jerry has authored several articles on cognitive bias with Saty Satya-Murti, separate articles on malingering and the statistics of risk prediction, as well as conducting research on the reliability of SVP assessments. Other interests include Refugee/Asylum evaluations, statistics and keeping his Pugs content.



Abraham Loebenstein, PhD — Abraham is a clinical and forensic psychologist, based in San Diego and Riverside Counties, with extensive experience in the forensic evaluation of adults and adolescents in the justice system. His experience as a prison psychologist, a psychodynamic psychotherapist and a forensic evaluator gives him a balanced, well-rounded and culturally sensitive perspective on the assessment and treatment process. Abraham's forensic assessment specialties include competency to stand trial opinions, psychodiagnostic clarification, sexual misconduct risk, violence recidivism risk and suitability for mental health diversion. Abraham initially trained in the Comprehensive System in 1987 as a graduate student under Donald Viglione, PhD. He was later retrained by Donald in the Rorschach Performance Assessment System (R-PAS) in 2012 and was excited by the potential of the Rorschach in forensic settings. He has since utilized the Rorschach in compliance with R-PAS in more than 500 Forensic Assessments. He hopes this will enable Donald to eventually forgive him for all the times he was daydreaming in class.

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Brian Lovins, PhD — Brian is a Principal for Justice System Partners. He earned his PhD in Criminology from the University of Cincinnati. He is the current President for the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA). Brian routinely helps jurisdictions understand their local systems, helps stakeholders analyze and interpret their data and provides practical, real-world solutions to addressing today's justice system challenges. Prior to JSP, Brian worked for Harris County CSCD as the Assistant Director. He was tasked with developing and implementing agency wide change plans to drive increased successful completion rates. In addition, he was the Associate Director for the University of Cincinnati's Corrections Institute—the School of Criminal Justice's training and research department. He has developed a state-wide juvenile risk assessment (Ohio Youth Assessment System: OYAS) and adult risk assessment (Ohio Risk Assessment System: ORAS), as well as validation of a series of post-adjudication (TRAS) and additional pretrial risk assessments. Brian has been invited to present to over 200 agencies and routinely trains agencies in the principles of effective intervention, risk assessment and the delivery of cognitive-behavioral interventions.



Jennifer MacKinnon, LMFT — Serving as the Clinical Associate Director for the Outpatient and Mobile Crisis teams along with various program roles in Wraparound and Community based services for 20 years at Uplift Family Services, Jennifer has a passion for our customers and their families, showing them hope for their future, offering skills for their lives and leaning into how to meet their needs for today.



Honorable Stephen Manley — Stephen Manley is a Superior Court Judge in Santa Clara County and has served as a Judge for over 30 years. He presently serves as the Supervising Judge of all Felony and Misdemeanor mental health and drug cases in the Criminal Division of the Court. Stephen developed and personally presides over a number of Treatment Court programs and calendars that include more than 2,000 offenders who participate in treatment and rehabilitation services while in Diversion, on Probation, or on Parole, who are mentally ill, mentally challenged and substance abusers. He established one of the first Mental Health Courts in the Nation in 1998, one of the first Veterans Treatment Courts in 2012 as well as the first Parolee Reentry Court in California. The Mental Health Treatment Court and Veterans Treatment Court are two of the largest in the Nation. By appointment of the Chief Justice, he serves as a member of the California Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health that advises the Governor and Legislature on policy issues relating to the mentally ill, and he is Chair of the Mental Health Committee of the Advisory Committee to the Judicial Council. He served on and authored recommendation for the Judicial Council Mental Health Task Force. He recently served as the Co-Chair with a Member of the Board of Supervisors of his County for the Jail Diversion and Custody Operations Task Force. He has also served on the faculty of the California Judicial College and speaks throughout the Country. He is a graduate of Stanford Law School.



Dan Marshall — Dan is a police Lieutenant with the Fairfield Police Department. He is the department's Mental Health Liaison to Solano County Health and Social Services. He has implemented and overseen the department's Peer Support Program, Homeless Intervention Team, Crisis Intervention Team and was a

Crisis/Hostage Negotiator and Team Leader for twelve years. Dan worked with Solano County Health & Social Services to implement the Mobile Crisis program in Solano County, using Fairfield PD as a pilot program. As a member of the Homeless Intervention Team. Dan has had thousands of contacts with behavioral health consumers. He is a consumer's family member and is passionate about developing law enforcement officers to have compassion, empathy and a calm approach in engaging some of our most vulnerable in the community. Dan believes in utilizing best-practices to reduce the stigma of mental health and law enforcement. He has focused not only on the mental health of those in our community, but of officers too, implementing programs to reduce compassion fatigue and stress in the department.



Lahela Mattox, MA — Lahela is the COO of the Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves as the lead planning, data and policy agency for San Diego's Continuum of Care. Lahela has more than two decades of experience at state, local government and non-profit, in behavioral health, homelessness and housing, poverty programs and workforce development in both California and Hawaii. Prior to joining RTFH, Lahela served as a Director with the State of California's Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC). She worked with California's 44 CoCs and 13 largest cities and was instrumental in executing the \$500 million Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), implementing the State's Housing First Policy and developing the \$650 million Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP). Lahela is a respected professional leader, recognized for cultivating partnerships, leveraging resources and deploying technical assistance to local jurisdictions in addressing the homelessness crisis. Since arriving in San Diego in December 2019, Lahela supported RTFH in launching a regional Flexible Housing Pool, provided recommendations and fiscal guidance on housing focused solutions during the public health pandemic and has secured additional state and local funding for initiatives to end homelessness in San Diego. Lahela holds an MA in Career Counseling from Chapman University and a BA in Psychology from Hawaii Pacific University. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, hiking, paddle boarding, and dancing hula.



Gloria Miele, PhD — Gloria has been helping health care providers put science into practice for over twenty-five years. She is currently Program Director for State Opioid Projects at UCLA's Integrated Substance Abuse Programs (ISAP), where she helps lead statewide initiatives to provide training and technical assistance for California's health care workforce treating people with opioid and other substance use disorders. She is also Chair of UCLA ISAP's Continuing Medical Education Committee. From 2001-2016, Gloria was Training Director for NIDA's Clinical Trials Network's Greater New York Node, where she designed, developed and delivered training for national multisite effectiveness trials, including reducing HIV risk for substance using women, treating women with trauma and substance use disorders, testing technology-assisted care in clinical practice and evaluating medications for opioid use disorder. She was Instructor of Clinical Psychology (in Psychiatry) at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons for twenty years. She is co-author of *Trauma Services for Women in Substance Abuse Treatment: An Integrated Approach* (APA Press, 2010), as well as dozens of peer-reviewed and other publications. She volunteers for a variety of non-profits and serves on various boards, including the Institutional Review Board for California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI) and the Scientific Advisory Board for the International Center on Responsible Gaming (ICRG). Other interests include leadership development in nonprofit and healthcare settings and self-care for helping professionals.

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Ashley Mills, MS — Ashley is a Research Supervisor with California's Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and has been staff to the Commission for over eight years. She currently leads a team implementing the Commission's prevention and early intervention initiative, and she is lead author of *Striving for Zero: California's Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention, 2020-2025*. Ashley also was the staff lead on the Commission's policy research project on criminal justice and mental health, which was completed in December 2017. Prior to joining the Commission, Ashley held positions with the California Department of Justice and the California Governor's Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy.



Mona Minton, MA, CTP, CAIP, PhD — Mona speaks and understands multiple languages (English, Spanish, Hindi and Gujarati) and currently serves on 6 committees throughout the East/Central San Diego and North County regions, lending her expertise to address a variety of socio-economic, gender and cultural issues. While working for other organizations such as Circle of Friends,

Department of Family Services, North County Serenity House, Mental Health Clinics and Psychiatric Units, State Prisons and San Diego County Jails, Mona has made significant contributions in women and men's prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery programs. Born and raised in India until age 8, she is passionate about improving the quality of life for women, children and families. Her multi-cultural background enables her to view treatment options from varying perspectives that address socio-economic, gender inequality and stereotypes common to women of color. With over 18 years of experience in clinical research and development, Mona is accustomed to working with diverse groups such as but not limited to the homeless and incarcerated population and changing demographics that provide counseling and supportive services for drug and alcohol dependency, domestic violence, sex offenders, adolescence support, trauma and mental health. Mona has experience working with the judicial system as an advocate for children, battered men, women and older Americans. She worked with the Child Protective Custody Department of Family Services of Las Vegas for five years and has four years of experience working at the High Desert State Prison in Las Vegas. She has also worked with San Diego County jails for over 7 years, all of which she feels has broadened her understanding of individuals' issues related to incarceration, reentry, recidivism and post re-release linkages. After being inspired by her own personal experiences of drug use, 13 years in recovery, being in and out of court systems, family relationships, trauma and being a cancer survivor, Mona remains dedicated to men and women's wellness, family advocacy and sharing her expertise with those in need. Mona has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy.



Di Nguyen, PsyD— Di is a waived clinical psychologist with Los Angeles County Department of Health Services-Correctional Health Services. She is currently working on the Mental Health Unit providing treatment for severely mentally ill patients in the county jail system. She is also a registered psychological assistant at Vienna Psychological Group, a forensic private practice, where

she assists with court-ordered juvenile cases. She recently graduated from The Wright Institute with her doctorate and received her MA and BA from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Her background includes working with children, adolescents, and their families, justice-involved individuals, SMI population, sex offenders and Vietnamese immigrants. In addition, she serves as a per-diem crisis line counselor on the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.



Judi Nightingale, RN, DrPH — Judi is an RN with a Doctorate in Public Health in Prevention. Her career started in Maternal-Child health. At 26, she started a new NICU at Riverside Community Hospital and has been in administration ever since. Her career with Riverside County started as the nursing administrator over maternal-child inpatient areas. She was the Chief Nursing Officer of the County Medical Center for two years prior to her current position as the Director of Population Health for Riverside University Health System. Judi is passionate about providing care to underserved populations. She successfully applied for monies from DHCS to direct a program for transition in care out of incarceration where more than 13,000 clients have been screened and linked to resources to help them successfully reintegrate into society and reduce the rate of re-incarceration.



Wendy Patrick, BA, JD, MDiv, PhD — Wendy is a career prosecutor, named the Public Lawyer of the Year by the California State Bar Public Law Section. She has completed over 165 trials ranging from stalking to domestic violence, to first-degree murder. She teaches and trains on a variety of legal topics around the world.



John Philipsborn, Med, JD, MAS — John is a practicing lawyer who has been writing for and teaching members of the forensic mental health and legal professions for more than thirty of his forty years in practice. He has litigated numerous complex criminal cases, and continues to be involved in capital and non-capital cases in various parts of the country in both Federal and State courts. He has qualified as an expert on various issues in Federal and State courts, and has worked with many psychologists, psychiatrists and neuroscientists during his career. He has presented on various topics to FMHAC audiences.



Jonathan Porteus, PhD — Jonathan is the CEO of WellSpace. He is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Addictionologist, who has extensive experience in health and behavioral health integration, evidence-based practice and clinical research and evaluation. He also has extensive experience in program development, including outpatient, residential and systems-level interventions (e.g., creation of trauma-informed initial assessment for NY State Office of Mental Health psychiatric facilities). His clinical practice includes addiction, compulsive behavior and suicidal crisis, trauma practice, integrated behavioral health, primary care and behavioral health treatment across all levels care. Jonathan has conducted training in Motivational Interviewing, behavioral interventions around compulsive behavior, PTSD, complex trauma, chronic medical conditions and co-occurring disorders treatment and built the Outpatient Drug Treatment system for the Republic of Vietnam. Jonathan has taught graduate school for over a decade, was an Adjunct Professor at Adelphi University, tenured Professor at CSU Sacramento and has variously lectured and presented to organizations and professional groups.



Norbert Ralph, PhD, MPH — Norbert is a clinical psychologist, neuropsychologist, and epidemiologist, who for over 20 years has worked with juvenile justice populations doing both neuropsychological assessments and also treatment to prevent recidivism. He has over 40 publications of various types related to his presentation.



Seaira Reedy, PsyD, CCHP-MH — Seaira is a licensed clinical and forensic psychologist. She serves a dual role as the Clinical Director for MHM's eight conditional release programs with the California Department of State Hospitals and as a lead member of Centurion's clinical operations behavioral health team.

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Seaira provides expertise in clinical, risk, behavior management consultation and training. She also has expertise in public safety psychology. Her experience includes providing competency evaluation and training, as well as malingering assessments and she is qualified to provide expert testimony in the State of California. Seaira has provided correctional, clinical and forensic psychological services in jail mental health, community mental health as well as inpatient and outpatient neuropsychological clinics. She received a Bachelor's Degree from Miami University, and a Doctorate in Psychology, from Alliant International University. Seaira is a licensed psychologist in California and Colorado.



Stephanie Regular, JD — Stephanie Regular is the Chairperson of the California Public Defender's Association's Mental Health/Civil Commitment Committee and the Supervisor of the Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office's Mental Health Unit. She was amicus counsel in *Stiavetti v. Ahlin* and has been appellate counsel in several cases in the First District Court of

Appeal, including *In re Loveton*, in which the Court affirmed a sixty-day admission deadline for IST's committed out of the County's superior court. With over twenty years of experience as a public defender, Stephanie has handled hundreds of mental health cases, including cases of competent to stand trial, involuntary medication and civil commitment cases. Stephanie emerged as a leader in the statewide effort to reduce wait-times for state hospital admissions of individuals found incompetent to stand trial. Her behind-the-scenes efforts were critical for the enactment of SB 1187 and SB 317. Stephanie is a member of the Words to Deeds Leadership Group and CPDA's delegate to the State's IST Solutions Workgroup.



Saty Satya-Murti, MD, FAAN — Saty is a Fulbright scholar, neurologist and health policy consultant. Although retired from clinical practice, he frequently consults with major pharmaceutical and medical device companies seeking federal approval. Saty has authored many peer-reviewed scientific articles and book reviews and has written several book chapters and articles on the history of medicine. He is an Editorial Board member for the journal of "Neurology: Clinical Practice." His other interests include solar cooking, xeriscaping, grandparenting and volunteering.



Melanie Scott, PsyD — Melanie is an Acting Assistant Deputy Director for the Community Forensic Partnerships Division at the California Department of State Hospitals, overseeing the Forensic Conditional Release Programs (CONREP) and the Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) Programs. Melanie was trained in forensic psychology while completing a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at Yale University in the Division of Law and Psychiatry. She has extensive experience evaluating and treating forensic populations with a specialty in incompetent to stand trial and serious mental illness populations. She has been retained as an expert in both state and federal criminal cases in multiple states across the country.



Rogelio Serrano, LMFT, PsyD — Rogelio currently works as a Clinical Psychologist for the Federal Bureau of Prisons at the Federal Corrections Institute in Terminal Island, California. He holds dual licenses as a Clinical Psychologist and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. His primary clinical work involves psychological treatment for male federal inmates on management of chronic mental illness, crisis intervention, violence and suicide prevention, anger management and community reintegration. He is also an Adjunct Faculty member at Pepperdine University's, Graduate School of Education and Psychology. Prior to his career with the Bureau of Prisons, Rogelio worked as a Marriage and Family Therapist in community mental health and private

practice, focusing on clinical treatment of complex trauma, dual diagnosis, chronically mentally ill, Latino men and couples. He provides consultation and training for community organizations on issues related to criminal behavior, masculinity development, anger management, trauma, play therapy, multicultural therapy and risk assessment. His research interests are in the area of men and masculinities, violence prevention, domestic violence and qualitative research methods.



Sanjay Shah, LCSW — Sanjay is a Mental Health Clinical Program Manager for the LA County Department of Mental Health (DMH)-Emergency Outreach and Triage Division. He manages clinicians working in Mental Evaluation Teams working as co-responder with Los Angeles Sheriff Department Deputies since 2016. Sanjay has been trained in a range of modalities including Recovery Oriented Approach,

Crisis Intervention Therapy, Brief Problem-Solving Therapy, Assessing and Managing Suicidal Risk, School Threat Assessment and Management, Individual Psychotherapy, Group Psychotherapy and Trauma Informed Therapy. He has 31 years of experience in rendering mental health services to individual, group and family in outpatient mental health setup, Psychiatric Emergency Room Services, ACCESS Center and Law Enforcement Teams. Sanjay's educational background includes an MSW and LCSW in the State of California. He is a dedicated mental health professional committed to the mission of the Mental Evaluation



Brian Spitzberg, PhD, CTM — Brian is Senate Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the School of Communication at San Diego State University. He received his BA at University of Texas—Arlington (1978), his MA (1980) and PhD (1981) at University of Southern California, and his Certified Threat Management (CTMTM) status in 2017. He is a Core Researcher in the Center for Communication, Health and

the Public Good, and a Co-founder and Advisory Board member in the Center for Human Dynamics in the Mobile Age, SDSU. He received the 2009 Western States Communication Association Career Scholar Award, the 2011 National Communication Association Larry Kibler Memorial Award, the 2017 Mark Knapp NCA Award for career contribution to the study of Interpersonal Communication, and the 2020 National Communication Association career Distinguished Scholar Award. His coauthored book *The Dark Side of Relationship Pursuit* won both the biennial International Association for Relationship Research Book Award (1st ed.: 2008) and the NCA Gerald Miller book award (2nd ed., 2015). He is author or coauthor of over 160 scholarly articles and book chapters, cited over 16,000 times ($h = 64$, $i10 = 135$). He has coauthored and co-edited several scholarly books on communication competence and the dark side of communication. His primary areas of research involve social media and meme diffusion, assessment, interpersonal communication skills, jealousy, conflict, threats, coercion, violence, and stalking.



Madeleine Starin, PsyD — Madeleine is a pre-licensed psychologist working as a registered psychological assistant under the license and supervision of forensic psychologist, Abraham Loebenstein, PhD. In this role since 2018, Madeleine is responsible for conducting psychological evaluations and primarily works with adolescent populations in the juvenile justice system. Referrals are received from

attorneys working in the public defender's office. Assessments range from standard psychological, violence risk, sex risk, fire-setting risk, threat risk and competence. Madeleine also works as an Adjunct Professor at Alliant International University, San Diego, teaching two class sections of PSY6504; Personality Assessment II (Rorschach). She considers Donald Viglione, PhD a mentor. She hopes to be licensed as a clinical psychologist by the end of 2021. Madeleine resides in San Marcos, CA within San Diego County and lives with her husband and infant daughter.

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Geoff Twitchell, PhD — Geoff is a licensed clinical psychologist with training and expertise in severe mental illness and addiction. He has worked in the area of forensics for the past 10 years, first as Treatment Director for San Diego County Probation and now in a new role in Sacramento County as Forensic Behavioral Health Division Manager. Geoff serves as liaison to county justice partners including Sheriff's Department, Public Defender, District Attorney's Office and Superior Court. Priority areas include system design, mental health diversion, and bridging public safety and behavioral health cultures for optimal client outcomes in the areas of recidivism, substance use and mental illness. Training incorporates the Interprofessional Collaborative Practice model and competencies. Geoff holds a clinical faculty appointment at the University of California San Diego. He received his Bachelor's from the University of Washington, his doctorate from Michigan State University and a Postdoctoral Fellowship at UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs.



Nicole Vienna, PsyD — Nicole is a licensed psychologist with specialization in forensic and neuropsychological evaluations. Nicole received her PsyD in Clinical Forensic Psychology from Alliant International University, Irvine/San Diego. She also completed a now APA Accredited Pre-Doctoral Internship at the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Men's Forensic Outpatient

Program at Twin Towers Correctional Facility, where she received specialized training in clinical and forensic psychology. Nicole completed Postdoctoral Rotations at Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, Juvenile Justice Camps and Halls, where she received specialized training in adolescent psychological assessment and treatment. She completed a two-year post-doctorate specialization program in neuropsychology from Fielding Graduate University. Nicole is also a member of The Los Angeles County Juvenile Delinquency Expert Panel and Los Angeles Adult Criminal Panel of Psychologists. Nicole has trained and worked in a variety of correctional and forensic settings including forensic state hospitals, county jails, juvenile hall and juvenile camps. In addition, she worked as a forensic evaluator for Gateways Conditional Release Program (CONREP) where she assessed progress in treatment and suitability for community outpatient treatment placement. She is currently in her fifth year of operating her forensic group private practice that includes another forensic psychologist, two psychological assistants, one research intern and an office administrator. Her forensic interests include youthful offender evaluations, NGRI, mitigation for high stakes sentencing evaluations, and neurodevelopmental disorders in the forensic populations.



Donald Viglione, PhD — Donald is a Distinguished Professor at Alliant International University in San Diego. He maintains an active practice in clinical, forensic and high-stakes assessment and supervises graduate practicum students. He has published over 100 articles and presented or co-presented approximately 70 workshops and 140 presentations around the United States, Europe, South America and Brazil. He teaches applied and psychometric assessment courses. Donald has served as the Director of the Clinical PhD and Clinical PsyD Programs at Alliant. He is a co-author of the IOP-29.



Kit Wall — Promoting everything from policy reform issues, nonprofit organizations, and political campaigns to rock shows and media events, Kit Wall uses her repertoire of organizational/communication skills for policy consultation, writing, production, and management. Her promotion and publicity experience includes professional sports, entertainment, commercial

real estate and government affairs. Since 1987, Kit has focused on government relations and public policy, managing coalition and grassroots efforts for corporate, nonprofit, and governmental organizations, as well as ballot initiatives, legislative and candidate campaigns. In 2001, while working for Eli Lilly and Company, she focused efforts on jail diversion specialization across the U.S., initiating the Words to Deeds concept, which has developed into California's renowned interdisciplinary leadership forum.



Katherine Warburton, DO — Katherine Warburton is Medical Director and Deputy Director of Clinical Operations for the California Department of State Hospitals. She also serves as Volunteer Clinical Faculty within the UC Davis Division of Psychiatry and the Law. She completed her forensic fellowship at UC Davis under Dr. Charles Scott in 2006. Katherine's areas of interest include public policy,

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Stephanie Welch, MSW — Stephanie is the Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health for the California Health and Human Services (CalHHS) Agency. In this role she acts as a senior advisor to the Secretary of CalHHS and other state departments on behavioral health policy. In addition, the Deputy Secretary builds bridges across various government sectors and with stakeholders from diverse

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Christopher Zubiate, DHA, MSW — Christopher's professional background in healthcare administration and clinical social work informs his practice, research and program development. As a faith-driven executive and founder of successful social and healthcare enterprises, he believes quality care is achieved when a values-driven team embraces evidenced-based models of care.

He completed his doctoral work at the Medical University of South Carolina in Health Administration and is a member of the American College of Health Care Executives (ACHE) and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). For nearly 20 years, Christopher has been singularly focused on bringing social & economic value to one of California's most disenfranchised and unhealthy populations—individuals with persistent mental illness. By actively promoting community integration, he has created some of the most innovative treatment solutions for people who are typically homeless, incarcerated, or institutionalized. Christopher has founded and help fund a variety of community education, social and healthcare agencies. He has managed treatment centers, specialty hospital programs and mental health clinics. He has chaired administrative bodies, presented at conferences and consulted on competent research design and services in ethnic communities. He currently serves as a board member for the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center as well as volunteers for Catholic organizations.



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