

Intentional Community Collaboration: Therapeutic Justice without Silos

Level

Intermediate

CE

CPA/BBS/BRN/CJER

Track

Clinical

Bio

Leon Evans

For almost forty years, Leon has worked with community partners in public health and safety to provide innovative approaches to hope and healing. In the process of helping individuals and families regain independent, productive lives, Leon's programs have saved over \$95 million in taxpayer dollars over the past eight years and helped make Bexar County a healthier place to live. Leon's internationally recognized programs are the result of a highly effective and cooperative spirit throughout the health, law enforcement, judicial and non-profit organizations in San Antonio, Bexar County and the Nation. Leon maintains a rigorous travel schedule, testifying at the local, state, and federal level on crisis, jail diversion and homelessness. Leon was recognized by CNN as one of our Nations Mental Warriors, whose programs have received the American Psychiatric Association Gold Award, and many other citations and recognitions for innovations and community partnerships and collaborations. He is currently a member of the National Quality Partners "National Opioid Taskforce."

Christopher Zubiato, DHA, MSW

Christopher brings a wealth of professional experience, knowledge and energy to health policy, administration and practice. His 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.

Narrative

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.

Learning Objectives

Describe three differences between cost benefit, cost offset and cost avoidance.

List three relevant cost categories related to cost avoidance.

Describe three methods of cost avoidance used in San Antonio and Bexar counties.

Identify three data sources and needs to adopt/adapt to local systems.