

W2D - Hot Topics Policy Discussion Addressing the Unserved & Underserved: Building Capacity for Early Intervention While Serving Existing Needs

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Level: Intermediate

Track: Words to Deeds

Room: Cypress

CE: CPA/BBS/BRN (1.5)

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Narrative

California state experts will present the newest current policies and funding opportunities available. Subject areas will include: Prevention and early psychosis identification and treatment; Pre-trial diversion addressing the Incompetent to Stand Trial [IST] population; grants administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections; resources to address homelessness, and Mental Health Services and Oversight and Accountability Commission programs. Experts from state departments will include: Department of Health Care Services; Department of State Hospitals; Board of State and Community Corrections; and Mental Health Services and Oversight and Accountability Commission. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask detailed questions to expert leaders about access to available funding.

Bio

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.

He 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, or on Probation, or Parole, and 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 in 2007. 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 recommendations for the Judicial Council Mental Health Task Force that were adopted by the Judicial Council relating to mentally ill offenders. 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.

In 2008, he received the Chief Justice's Award for Exemplary Service and Leadership. In 2012 he received the Leadership in Justice for Children and Families award from Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye, in June, 2013, the Jacob K. Javits National Public Service Award from the American Psychiatric Association for his commitment to reducing stigma and improving the lives of persons with mental illness in the Justice System, and in 2017, the Justice for Veterans highest honor.

He is a graduate of Stanford Law School.

Christina Edens, Deputy Director, Forensic Services Division, California Department of State Hospitals

Chris Edens was appointed as the Deputy Director of the Forensic Services Division at the California Department of State Hospitals earlier this year after serving as the Assistant Deputy Director since 2016. She began her state career with the former Department of Mental Health in 1998 working in a cooperative program that partnered with the Department of Rehabilitation to support the employment needs of individuals with serious mental illness. During her 20 years of service to the department, Ms. Edens has worked in multiple positions focused on the fiscal policy and program issues impacting the state hospital system. She has had the opportunity to lead some of the most significant efforts of the department including the continued expansion of the Jail-Based Competency Treatment Program for felony Incompetent to Stand Trial patients and the launch of the new DSH Diversion Funding Program for pre-trial felony mental health clients.

Brenda Grealish, MA, Acting Deputy Director, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

Brenda Grealish is currently the Acting Deputy Director for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services. She was appointed Assistant Deputy Director for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services within the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) in November 2014. As Acting Deputy Director, Ms. Grealish is responsible for all of the DHCS mental health and substance use disorder divisions. Ms. Grealish began her state career with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. She then worked at the Department of Mental Health for almost ten years in increasingly responsible positions. She has four years of management experience with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation during which she advanced from a Research Manager II to a Research Manager III, then Deputy Director. Prior to her appointment as Assistant Deputy Director, Ms. Grealish was the Chief of the DHCS Mental Health Services Division. Ms. Grealish has a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Psychology.

Helene Zentner, Field Director, California Board of State and Community Corrections

Helene Zentner is a Field Representative with the California Board of State and Community Corrections, where she has held several positions. Her current position is in the Corrections

Planning and Grant Programs Division, and she is the lead staff for several state-funded grants including: The California Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grant; the Proud Parenting Grant, and the Community Corrections Partnership Plans. Over the past decade, Ms. Zentner has provided leadership, coordination, and technical assistance to promote effective state and local efforts and partnerships in California's adult and juvenile criminal justice systems. She works to promote the Board's mission to increase the use of evidence-based practices, and has been certified by the University of Cincinnati Corrections Institute, under Dr. Ed Latessa, to administer the Evidence-Based Correctional Program Checklist, a tool to assess corrections intervention programs on the principles of effectiveness.

Sharmil Shah, PsyD, Chief of Program Operations, Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission

Sharmil Shah has over 20 years of non-profit experience in providing clinical services, management, business development and community outreach. She is currently the Chief of Program Operations at the Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission. She directs, supervises, and manages the day to day operations of a complex, highly visible program that includes the following units: Plan Review, Innovation and Prevention and Early Intervention. Prior to this she has worked at Child Guidance Center, Inc, an Orange County based non-profit as a Child Therapist and then with Family Service Association and the Department of Social Services, as the Director of the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Riverside County. Sharmil received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology at UC Riverside, her Master's degree at Chapman University and her Psy.D at California Southern University, with a specific emphasis on Children and Trauma. She also serves as a Citizen Review Panel Member for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Lahela Mattox, MA, Local Government Liaison/Acting Grant Manager, Homeless Coordinating & Financing Council

Lahela Mattox is the Local Government Liaison for the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) since August 2018. She is also the current Acting Grant Manager for the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). Ms. Mattox is responsible for establishing partnerships with local government agencies, Continuums of Care, homelessness councils, community-based organizations, nonprofit entities, local service providers, consumers, and community members. As the Acting Grant Manager for HEAP, she provides program oversight and technical assistance to the 43 Continuums of Care and 11 large cities, who are the recipients of HEAP funds. Ms. Mattox has more than 20 years of experience in social services, mental health services, and other related fields, both in Hawaii and California. Her career includes both non-profit and government experience in direct services, quality assurance, program management, and program development. Prior to joining HCFC, Ms. Mattox served as Chief of the Certification Unit with the Department of Health Care Services, Mental Health Services Division. She has spent her career working with some of the most vulnerable populations and is passionate about building partnerships and working collaboratively to build stronger communities. Ms. Mattox holds a Master of Arts-Counseling degree from Chapman University, Sacramento Campus and a Bachelor of Arts-Psychology degree from Hawaii Pacific University.

Learning Objectives

1. Participants will be able to identify current available funding possibly applicable to own organization.
2. Participants will be able to describe how to access available funded programs.
3. Participants will be able to analyze whether a discussed current program is appropriate for own organization.