

Honorable Ronald Alvarez has been a Circuit Court Judge for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit in Palm Beach County, Florida since 1993. He is currently serving in the Juvenile Division and is a member of the Florida Bar Commission on the Legal Needs of Children. Judge Alvarez is Chairman of the Mental Health Court Committee, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit and is a Board Member for the Palm Beach County Mental Health Association. He is the Vice Chairperson for the Palm Beach County Chapter of Partners in Crisis and a member of the U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Youth Violence 2001 planning board and peer review committee.

Larry Bacon has over 30 years of experience working in the criminal justice field. He is recently retired from the Seminole County Sheriff's Office where he was the Governmental Relations and Special Projects Coordinator. He also served as the State Coordinator for Florida Partners in Crisis, the Chairman of the Seminole County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force and the Vice Chair of the Seminole County Public Safety Coordinating Council. Mr. Bacon has played a key role in the release of the report "Jails: The Asylums of the New Millennium," and is the former Director of Administration for the Orange County, Florida Corrections Division. Mr. Bacon is also a board member for the Mental Health Association of Central Florida.

Honorable Susan Bernardini graduated from Santa Clara University Law School and was admitted to the Bar in 1985. In 1987, she became an attorney with the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office where she remained for 14 years before being elected to the Santa Clara County Superior Court in November of 2000. She currently presides in Santa Clara County's Drug Court Department.

Lieutenant Paul Curry is a professional manager with over 33 years of law enforcement experience complemented by a 14 year proven track record in the achievement of effective legislative advocacy. He is the Legislative Liaison for the Office of the Sheriff in San Bernardino County and has spent considerable time and effort dealing with the growing problem of mental illness in local jails and communities.

Honorable Fred Fujioka presides in the Mental Health Court of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. He is a former practicing attorney and Deputy Public Defender for the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office. He is the President of the Japanese American Bar Association and a member of the California Rural Legal Assistance Board as well as the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Judge Fujioka also serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Southern California School of Medicine and a Voluntary Faculty member at the UCLA/San Fernando Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship program.

Joan Barling Gillice, Ph.D. is the Director of the Division of Special Needs Populations for Maryland's Mental Hygiene Administration. Dr. Gillice has been successful in obtaining private, state, local and federal funding to create a patchwork of services for special needs populations. The developed programs are comprehensive and holistic, providing a multitude of services both in institutions and continuing into the community. Dr. Gillice has also provided consultation to numerous states on developing innovative institutional and community-based systems of care for individuals with co-occurring disorders in the justice system via the GAINS Center and National Institute of Corrections.

Ramiro "Ray" Guevara is the National Director for the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill's (NAMI) "In Our Own Voice" program. Before accepting this national position, he worked for the Stanislaus County Homeless Outreach Program helping coordinate AB 34 programs. Diagnosed with bi-polar disorder, Mr. Guevara's inspiring story of recovery is also featured in PBS's groundbreaking documentary, "Hope on the Street."

Supervisor Muriel Johnson has been a member of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors since 1992 and served as Chair of the Board in 1995 and 1999. Ms. Johnson is the Past President of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC); she serves on the National Association of Counties Health Steering Committee and chairs the Subcommittee on Public Environmental Health. Ms. Johnson also serves as Chair of the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG.)

Connecticut Representative Mike Lawlor represents the Town of East Haven in the Connecticut House of Representatives. He was elected in 1986 and has been the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee for nine years. Representative Lawlor recently co-chaired the Criminal Justice/Mental Health Consensus Project coordinated by the Council of State Governments. Prior to his election, Representative Lawlor was a prosecutor with the State's Attorney's Office in New Haven, Connecticut. He is also an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of New Haven.

Kenneth Mayfield is the President of the National Association of Counties and is serving his third term as County Commissioner in Dallas County, Texas. Mr. Mayfield was formerly a practicing attorney, having served as Assistant District Attorney for Dallas County as well as Chief of the Juvenile Division of the District Attorney's office. He has also served as the President of the Board of Trustees of the Cedar Hill Independent School District.

David Meyer is a Clinical Professor and Research Scholar at the Institute of Psychiatry, Law and Behavioral Sciences of the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine. He previously served as Chief Deputy Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and with the County of Los Angeles Departments of the Public Defender and Community and Senior Services. Mr. Meyer currently serves on the California Council on Mentally Ill Offenders and is an attorney and member of the American Bar Association and its sections on Criminal Justice and Health Care Law and a member of the American Health Lawyers Association.

Michele Saunders, LCSW is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with Lakeside Alternatives in Orlando, Florida with more than 22 years of experience in her field. Ms. Saunders has managed Lakeside's adult and children's case management services as well as its assessment center where she developed the first mobile crisis team with involuntary commitment capabilities. She currently serves as Vice President of Community Relations. Ms. Saunders has been involved in the development and implementation of the Crisis Intervention Team – a police based crisis response model developing jail diversion programs and conducting training and educational workshops on mental health issues. Ms. Saunders has been the Chairperson for the Public Education and Awareness Campaign for Florida's Partners In Crisis for two years.

Kathy Wild, RN, CCHP is the Health Care Administrator of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, responsible for the Department's Health Services Division. Ms. Wild serves on the Board of Directors of the American Correctional Health Services Association and is currently the President of the California/Nevada Chapter. Ms. Wild has spent the last 19 years of her career in the correctional health care field.

Steven Williams is the Warden of Dorchester County Department of Corrections in Maryland, a position he has held since 1992. He has an extensive history in the field of criminal justice, serving as Deputy Sheriff, then as Criminal Investigator and later as Chief Deputy Sheriff. He has served as the representative to the Maryland Association of Counties and is currently the President of the Maryland Correctional Administrators Association.

Maximizing Resources with Minimal Funds

A Mental Health Summit for County Law Enforcement

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National Sheriffs' Association

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We live in interesting times, to coin a phrase. The \$38 billion California budget deficit threatens county health care, social services, homeless housing and law enforcement. At the same time, the growing burden of indigent care and the increasing numbers of people with mental illness in the criminal justice system presses our diminished resources even further. Are our courts and jails truly becoming the default mental health system?

To paraphrase another ancient proverb, the converse of our adversity is our opportunity. Creative solutions can be found to the joint problems of county mental health, human services and law enforcement agencies in this difficult time. “Maximizing Resources with Minimal Funds” is an opportunity for policy makers and providers to learn about the best practices that exist in our country for addressing these problems without additional resources. It also provides an opportunity to network and discuss solutions among professionals from law enforcement, mental health and government administration from across the nation.

“Maximizing Resources with Minimal Funds” will focus on two themes. Collaborations between the criminal justice system, mental health and human services providers can leverage the existing resources of both to meet the unique problems of each. In addition, during the day, we will also focus on seeking funding from sources other than those on which we have traditionally relied. The National Association of Counties and the California State Association of Counties present this conference to allow us to learn from one another and teach one another how to survive our adversity and move forward during these most interesting times.

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Sheraton Grand's Magnolia Room

- 10:00 a.m. **Welcome & Introduction**
Muriel Johnson, Past President, California State Association of Counties
Dave Meyer, Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Law, USC Keck School of Medicine
- 10:30 a.m. **Diverting Individuals with Mental Illness from Jail**
Ken Mayfield, President, National Association of Counties
- 11:00 a.m. **Criminal Courts and Human Services: Making Things Work**
Mental Health Court –
Hon. Fred J. Fujioka, Judge of the Superior Court, Los Angeles County
Hon. Susan R. Bernardini, Judge of the Superior Court, Santa Clara County
Dave Meyer
Beyond SPAN (San Bernardino Partners for Aftercare Networking Program) –
Paul Curry, Deputy Sheriff, Lieutenant, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department
Kathy Wild, Health Services Administrator, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
Special Presentation – Hope on the Street: Making it to the Other Side
Ray Guevara, Director, “In Our Own Voice,” National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
- 1:30 p.m. **Maximizing Grant Potential**
The Maryland Model –
Dr. Joan Barling Gillece, Ph.D., Director of Special Needs Populations,
Maryland Mental Hygiene Administration
Steven Williams, Warden, Dorchester County Detention Center, Maryland
Council on State Governments Project –
Representative Mike Lawlor, Chair, Judicial Committee, State of Connecticut
- 3:00 p.m. **Getting the Most from What You've Got: Partners in Crisis**
Larry Bacon, Florida Sheriffs Association, Former State Coordinator, Florida Partners in Crisis
Michele Saunders, LCSW, Vice President for Community Relations, Lakeside Alternatives
Hon. Ronald V. Alvarez, Circuit Court Judge, Palm Beach County, Florida
- 4:30 p.m. **Roundtable Discussion**
Moderator: Dave Meyer
Open Forum: Q & A for Presenters
- 5:30 p.m. **Sheraton Grand's Camellia Room**
Networking Reception
Hosted reception, hors d'oeuvres will be served

AGENDA