

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Bill Brown

Bill Brown has served as Santa Barbara County's Sheriff-Coroner since January 9, 2007. He was first elected on November 7, 2006, re-elected to a second term in June 2010, re-elected to a third term in June 2014, and re-elected yet again to a fourth term in June 2018. Sheriff Brown began his law enforcement career in 1977 with the Pacifica Police Department in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 1980, he transferred to the Inglewood Police Department. He served the Los Angeles County community until 1992, when he was selected as Chief of Police for the City of Moscow, Idaho. In that position, he was responsible for overseeing police operations for both the City of Moscow and the University of Idaho. In 1995, Brown was selected as Chief of Police for the City of Lompoc, being only the eighth person to hold the title of police chief in that community since it incorporated in 1899. He led the Lompoc Police Department for the next 11 years until being elected to his present office. Sheriff Brown received his master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California in 1995. He was president of the 91st Class of Delinquency Control Institute, and is a graduate of the Northwest Command College, the 169th Session of the FBI National Academy, and the 33rd Session of the FBI National Executive Institute. Since 2010, he has served as a Commissioner on the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission for the State of California, and he leads Santa Barbara County's version of "Stepping Up," a National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jails. Sheriff Brown is also Chairman of the Santa Barbara County Law Enforcement Chiefs (C.L.E.C). Sheriff Brown and his wife, Donna have been happily married for 40 years and have three grown children.

Corrin Buchanan

Corrin Buchanan serves as the Deputy Secretary for Policy and Strategic Planning at the California Health & Human Services Agency. Corrin has spent most of her career in systems change work in state and local government. Prior to joining CalHHS, Corrin served at the Assistant Director of Housing and Homelessness for the California Department of Social Services. She worked for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services as the Deputy Director for the Office of Diversion and Reentry where she oversaw countywide behavioral health diversion, reentry, and youth diversion and development efforts. Also, with Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, she launched and managed the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool, a locally funded rental subsidy program with the Housing for Health division. Corrin was Health Program Planner for Housing and Urban Health at the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the Community Programs Director for the San Francisco

Women's Building. Corrin holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in Public Policy from UC Berkeley.

Erika Cristo

Erika Cristo is the Assistant Deputy Director (ADD), Community Services and Licensing & Certification, Behavioral Health at the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). In this role, Erika serves as the policy lead for all crisis continuum of care initiatives and proposals and behavioral health policy related to improving care for children and youth, particularly for children in the child welfare system. Erika also serves as DHCS' behavioral health lead on efforts to improve the quality of behavioral health data reporting and use and provides leadership support for the Community Services and Licensing & Certification Divisions related to departmental priorities in these areas. Erika has over 20 years of State of California experience in the behavioral health field. She began her state career as an Associate Mental Health Specialist with the former Department of Mental Health, and has worked in various analyst, specialist, and management capacities since then. Prior to her ADD role, Erika was the Branch Chief overseeing the Program Policy, Legislation, and Regulations Branch in the DHCS Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Services Division, where she was responsible for overseeing teams analyzing, developing, and implementing policy related to the Medi-Cal behavioral health delivery systems, including DHCS' CalAIM Behavioral Health initiatives. Erika earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of California, Davis, which solidified her desire to pursue a career in public service.

Budge Currier

Since 2011 Budge has served with the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). In his current role, Budge is responsible for the 9-1-1 system that supports 438 Public Safety Answering Points with over 27 million 9-1-1 calls per year. He manages the Emergency Communications Division serves as the California Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) to provide communications planning, coordination, and response. Budge also serves as the President of the National Association of State 9-1-1 Administrators (NASNA). Budge provides the strategic vision to integrate new technologies by developing the roadmap, ensuring sustainable funding model, aligning with statutes and regulations, completing the procurement process, and providing a governance structure to implement and manage the solution. Budge has over 30 years of communication's experience and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from University of Michigan and a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. Budge is a member of NENA, APCO, NCSWIC, and NASNA.

Amy Ellis

Amy Ellis is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who has worked for Placer County since 2001. After receiving her Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from University of Nebraska-Lincoln, she returned to her roots in Placer County. Amy started her career working with Children and Families in schools, homes, the community, and in the office. She also worked in Child Welfare emergency services programs. Desiring to work with even more populations, she transferred to the Adult System of Care. During her time in Adult Behavioral Health, she has worked in Substance Use, Mental Health, embedded with Probation, in Homeless services, and more. A year later, she became a supervisor for several adult programs. She promoted again to become the Manager of Substance Use and Mental Health Services and focused on developing co-occurring focused programs and expanding the Substance use continuum for five years. Finally, Amy has served as the Director of Adult Systems of Care and Behavioral Health Director since 2017. As director, her focus has been on developing the treatment continuum, improving access to care and crisis services, promoting housing and homelessness solutions for the county, and developing relationships beyond behavioral health to strengthen care coordination.

Toby Ewing

Toby Ewing, Ph. D is the Executive Director of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, which is the state agency working to transform California's community mental health system. Toby leads the Commission's work in undertaking deep dive policy projects designed to support legislation, new investments, and programmatic reforms. Recent projects focus on enhancing prevention and early intervention opportunities in mental health, strengthening mental health through workplace initiatives, expanding school mental health strategies, addressing suicide and suicide risks, and reducing criminal justice involvement of mental health clients. The Commission also conducts research and program evaluations and hosts a transparency suite to provide public access to information on mental health spending, programs, and outcomes. Notable initiatives include launching an Innovation Summit and an Innovation Incubator to shape the State's annual \$100+ million investment in creative responses to mental health challenges, piloting the use of Psychiatric Advanced Directives as a strategy to prevent recurring mental health crises, developing a health care learning network focused on early response to psychoses, and introducing and scaling evidence-based practices across the state. For most of his career, Toby has worked on governance reform, oversight and improving outcomes of public programs across a range of policy issues, including mental health, child welfare, immigrant integration, workforce and higher education, veterans' issues, performance management, and

accountability systems. From 2011 through 2014, Toby served as a consultant to the California State Senate. He served as Director of the California Research Bureau from 2009 to 2011. Prior to that, he helped launch and run non-profit organizations focused on improving governance in California. Toby has presented at international, national, state, and local events on themes relating to governance and governance reform, mental health, and wellbeing. He has published and been featured in several media and related publications. Toby did his undergraduate studies at Grinnell College, received a Ph.D. in Sociology from Syracuse University, and served as a Fulbright Scholar in Central America.

Tyler Fong

Tyler Fong is the Senior Director of Program Initiatives of Brilliant Corners. In this role, he provides strategic and high-level support for three major regions running Property-Related Tenant Services programs. He managed the Neighborhood Stabilization Program Permanent Supportive Housing Project and designed, implemented, and managed the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool while managing a budget exceeding \$100 million. He was responsible for managing a team of 70 staff members. He earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Leticia Galyean

Leticia Galyean, LCSW is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Seneca Family of Agencies, a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing Unconditional Care to youth and their families throughout California and the state of Washington. She received both her bachelor's degree and Master of Social Work from the University of California, Berkeley. Leticia began her career with Seneca in 2001 as a counselor inspired by the passionate belief that the effects of childhood trauma should be patiently and persistently supported in the context of family and community. Throughout her tenure at Seneca, Leticia has served as a Program Director; Regional Executive Director; Executive Director of Data, Evaluation, and Strategic Initiatives; and Chief Operating Officer. Leticia is a frequent presenter at national conferences on Seneca's Unconditional Care treatment model and behavioral health interventions. As CEO, Leticia oversees all aspects of Seneca including 150+ programs, with 1,400+ employees, serving 18,000+ youth and their families, annually. She has served as a member of several policy development groups in California at both the county and state-level and sits on the Board of Directors for Soar for Youth. From the time she was a counselor through her entire tenure at Seneca, Leticia has led with the vision to strengthen the larger systems of care for our most vulnerable youth and their families.

Brenda Grealish

Brenda Grealish is currently the Executive Officer of the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH), which is part of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Prior to joining CCJBH, she worked at the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), where she served in several positions, including Chief of the former Mental Health Services Division, and Assistant Deputy and Acting Deputy Director for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services. Prior to working at DHCS, she held several positions at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Office of Research, including Deputy Director, Research Manager III and Research Manager II. In her early career, she held several positions at the former California Department of Mental Health, including Research Program Specialist I and Research Analyst I/II. She earned a Master of Arts degree in Psychology from California State University, Sacramento.

Karleen Jakowski

Karleen Jakowski, LMFT is the Assistant Director of the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) and serves as the Mental Health Director for Yolo County. In her current role, Karleen supports the Adult and Aging and Child, Youth, and Family branches of HHSA which serve as fully integrated systems of care providing a myriad of health, behavioral health, and social services to Yolo County residents. Karleen has a broad range of Behavioral Health, Social Services and Juvenile Justice experience and has provided behavioral health services in Yolo County for much of the past two decades, where she has demonstrated a continuous commitment to upstream investments in the mental health and substance use disorder continuum through the development of strong, collaborative relationships with community partners and stakeholders to provide the highest quality of care to her community's most vulnerable residents.

Manuel J. Jiménez, Jr.

Manuel J. Jiménez Jr., LMFT has worked in the mental health profession for 31 years. Throughout his career he has assumed a variety of leadership roles in his field as well as in his community. While working for Santa Cruz County Children's Mental Health, he created innovative programs for SED children. Mr. Jiménez served as the Ethnic Services Coordinator in El Dorado County where he worked for over 6 years. In 2002, he created a dual diagnosis program called Un Paso Adelante, which served the Latino community in San Joaquin County. Also, while working for San Joaquin County Mental Health, he served as a program manager for several mental health programs serving adults. He also served as a Section Manager in Sonoma County. He also served as the Mental Health Director and Alcohol & Drug Administrator, and Public Guardian/Conservator for Merced County.

As the Behavioral Health Director for Alameda County, he operated a \$450 million budget. Recently he is the owner of A Step Forward, A Path to Wellness. He also founded First Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center, a nonprofit agency providing mental health services in Merced, Stanislaus, and Madera Counties. More recently, FBHUCC merged with La Familia Counseling Services. He served on the Governing Board of the California Behavioral Health Director's Association, the Statewide Mental Health & Spirituality Initiative Committee, State Department of Mental Health's Cultural Competency Advisory Committee. Mr. Jiménez has served as the vice chair of the Council of Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health, an appointment by Governor Jerry Brown. Mr. Jiménez is currently on the Board of Directors of Sutter Health. He has served on numerous non-profit boards and commissions. Notably, he received the honor of being appointed the first chair of the Latino Affairs Commission for the City of South Lake Tahoe. He also participated on the Juvenile Commission for the El Dorado County, and as president of the San Joaquin County Management Association. He also served on the First 5 Commission for Merced County. In 1999 the Clinton administration appointed him to the Lake Tahoe Federal Advisory Committee. Mr. Jiménez is currently on the Board of Directors of Sutter Health.

Veronica A. Kelley

Dr. Veronica A. Kelley is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of California. She currently serves as the Chief of Mental Health & Recovery Services for the Orange County Health Care Agency, overseeing the public behavioral health system. Prior to that she served for 13 years with San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health, the most recent assignment was her appointment as the Behavioral Health Director from 2006-2021. She is a Board Member for NAMI California and is the Past President of the County Behavioral Health Directors Association and co-chairs the Substance Abuse, Prevention & Treatment Committee. She is an Associate Member of the American Society of Addiction Medicine and holds numerous positions on statewide committees, including an appointment to the Governors No Place Like Home Advisory Board. She is an Assistant Clinical Professor at Loma Linda School of Social Work & Social Ecology and a Professor at Mount Saint Mary's University in the Social Work and Sociology programs.

Sam S. Knudsen

Samuel S. Knudsen, B.A., J.D began his career sharing lived experience of drug and alcohol abuse and recovery with Adolescents at a private psychiatric treatment center in San Diego County. While there, his interest led him to graduating from San Diego State Univ. in 1990 with a B.A. in psychology. After being assigned to assist with adults on a locked unit, he became focused on legal issues related to involuntary holds and treatment and found himself in law school at National

University School of Law and passing the State Bar in 1995. The interest in forensic mental health grew while volunteering with the Alternate Public Defender's office and throughout his 28-year legal career, the last 18 years at the San Bernardino County Public Defenders facing Forensic mental health issues and often handling IST and MDO cases. Sam has served as the Vice-President of FMHAC for the past 10 years.

Jim Kooler

Jim Kooler, Dr. P.H. serves as the Special Consultant for the Office of Strategic Partnerships at the CA Dept. of Health Care Services. In this role, he is responsible for leading the CalHOPE crisis counseling program and policy efforts to see that youth receive the behavioral health services they need. He previously served as the Assistant Deputy Director for Behavioral Health at DHCS, the Administrator for the California Friday Night Live Partnership, and the California Center for Youth Development and Health Promotion. He has designed and implemented effective alcohol and other drug prevention and youth development programs at the County and State levels for over 38 years. He helped to pioneer the Friday Night Live (FNL), Club Live (CL), FNL Kids, and FNL Mentoring programs. He helped create the Betting On Our Future (BOOF) problem gambling prevention program. He champions youth development in multiple settings and was responsible for developing the Quality Assurance Standards for the California Mentor Initiative and the California Governor's Mentoring Partnership.

Stacy Kuwahara

Stacy Kuwahara was appointed the Behavioral Health Director for Kern County in 2021. She oversees the Kern County Mental Health Plan, responsible for providing a full array of mental health and substance use services for Medi-Cal Beneficiaries in Kern. She is a licensed Marriage Family Counselor and has over 20 years' experience working in the mental health field. Prior to working in the county, she has worked throughout California for private organizations and spent time working for the National Health System in England. Ms. Kuwahara is certified as a Lean Six Sigma Greenbelt. She holds a master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute.

Karen Larsen

Karen Larsen brings a rich history of public service and proven leadership to the role of the Steinberg Institute's first Chief Executive Officer. Prior to joining the Steinberg Institute, Karen served as the Director of Yolo County's Health and Human Services Agency, an integrated agency providing social services, public health, mental health, and substance abuse services to the over 212,000 residents of Davis, W. Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland. Prior to her work at the county, Karen spent 20 years caring for uninsured,

undocumented, and underserved people in community clinics and non-profit agencies. Her commitment to integrating care has not only ensured people receive the care they need but has exponentially improved the outcomes for those who have both a behavioral health challenge and other comorbid physical health conditions. Her leadership has inspired others to build bridges across systems as a mechanism for improving outcomes between health systems, the criminal justice community, school districts, cities, and many other key stakeholder groups and organizations. This innovative model has served as a beacon that has cleared the way for the development of innumerable innovative programs with braided funding streams that maximized services for those in need across the state. In addition to her work at the local level, Karen has been an active member of many statewide groups engaging in cross-system collaboration to address all determinants of health, including the California Welfare Directors Association and California Behavioral Health Directors Association where she co-chaired the Children's Committee and Criminal Justice Committee. Karen also plays a leadership role on the Child Welfare Council as the co-chair of the Behavioral Health Committee; on the CalAIM Foster Care Model of Care Workgroup; and, as a member of California's Department of Health Care Services' Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory Committee. She also is a member of the California Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Task Force. Karen is the mother of three children and a rescue dog. She has a long-term partner, is a member of the LGBTQ community, and is a long-time resident of Sacramento. Her self-care strategies include daily walks, a gallon of water a day, and gardening.

Cherylynn Lee

Dr. Lee is a culturally competent First Responder Psychologist, specializing in Police Psychology. She has served with the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office as the Behavioral Sciences Manager since 2015. Dr. Lee graduated with her master's degree and PhD in Clinical Health Psychology from the prestigious California School of Professional Psychology in San Diego. She completed residencies in Bariatrics, Family Medicine and Mindfulness at the University of California San Diego (UCSD) and completed her doctoral internship at the San Mateo Medical Center where she treated patients in the Intensive Care Unit, Palliative Care Program and Medical Surgical Unit. Dr. Lee is the first Behavioral Sciences Manager for the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office. The Behavioral Sciences Unit (BSU) is responsible for all POST certified Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) for the Sheriff's Office, and all Santa Barbara County law enforcement agencies receive CIT training through the Sheriff's Office. The BSU is also home to Santa Barbara County's first law enforcement mental health co-response team. The teams consist of CIT trained deputies and licensed clinicians from Behavioral Wellness. Together, they respond to mental health crisis calls coming through 911.

In addition to managing CIT training and the co-response teams, Dr. Lee oversees the Sheriffs Medication Assisted Treatment Program, is a member of the Hostage Negotiation Team, is an on-call consultant and oversees the departments wellness team and peer support program. She is a member of the Santa Barbara County Community Wellness Team, South County Opioid Coalition and is a board member for CALM, a local organization that provides services for children who have been abused. Dr. Lee is also a subject matter expert with California Peace Officers Standards and Training (P.O.S.T) on both officer and dispatcher wellness and has contributed to multiple wellness projects available to all 82,000 peace officers across the state of California. Dr. Lee has a private practice in the Santa Ynez Valley where she sees first responders exclusively and specializes in treating Post Traumatic Stress Injury, burnout and job performance improvement. She has conducted multiple critical incident stress debriefs for officer involved shootings, line of duty deaths, and other critical incidents. Dr. Lee is married to her husband Jason, and they have two children, Sagan (age 4) and Theo (age 1year). They are centrally located in the Santa Ynez valley and enjoy being with friends and family and exploring local hiking trails.

Lahela Mattox

Ms. Mattox has more than 20 years of experience in behavioral health, homelessness and housing, poverty programs, and workforce development in both California and Hawaii. Since arriving in San Diego in December 2019, Ms. Mattox supported RTFH in launching a regional Flexible Housing Pool and provided recommendations and fiscal guidance on housing focused solutions during the public health pandemic. She continues to focus on securing funding to support the work of the region, including a contract with the San Diego Port Authority to address unsheltered homelessness and direct funding from the State of California to implement an initiative to strengthen community connections through grassroots organizations focusing on families, the aging population, BIPOC, and other marginalized populations who represent an especially vulnerable segment of the homeless population. Prior to joining RTFH, Lahela served as a Director with the State of California's Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC), now Cal ICH. Ms. Mattox provided support to California's 44 CoC's and 13 largest cities and was instrumental in executing two State funding programs of \$1.2billion and implementing the State's Housing First Policy. Ms. Mattox is a respected professional leader, recognized for cultivating partnerships, leveraging resources, and deploying technical assistance to local jurisdictions in addressing the homelessness crisis.

Tom Orrock

Tom Orrock is the Chief of Community Engagement and Grants at the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission. Tom and his team manage the implementation of the Commission's Mental Health Wellness Act grants, the Mental Health Student Services Act, the Early Psychosis Intervention Plus program, the *allcove* Youth Drop-In Center grants, and the mental health statewide advocacy contracts. He has been licensed as a Marriage and Family Therapist since 1995, serving in both the private and public mental health systems of care. Tom began his mental health profession working with youth in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. He and his wife have lived experience in parenting a child with learning differences and mental health challenges. He is an avid SF Giants fan, enjoys cooking and spending time with his family and long-time friends.

Teresa Pasquini

Teresa Paquini is a California mom on a mission for reforming local, state and national mental health systems. Teresa is a long time NAMI member as the family member of a son and brother living with serious mental illness. Her 45-yr lived experience drives her current passion for "Housing That Heals". As a nine-year former member of the Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission, Teresa was an outspoken champion for the most vulnerable and often forgotten SMI population. She is a founding member of the Behavioral Health Care Partnership (BHCP) at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center (CCRMC). As Chair of the BHCP for five years, she served as a member of the Executive Leadership Team of CCRMC. Teresa's provided testimony in multiple forums including the Institute of Healthcare Improvement, the National Quality Forum, and an event on Capitol Hill advocating for The Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act. Recently, she provided written and oral testimony at the California Committee on the Revision of Penal Code and an LPS Hearing of the California Assembly.

Jonathan Porteus

Jonathan is the CEO of WellSpace Health. He is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Addictionologist with 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, alternatives to incarceration, assertive community interventions, and care transitions including hospital discharge and deflection. His clinical practice includes addiction, compulsive behavior crisis engagement, 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 taught graduate school for over a decade as an Adjunct Professor at Adelphi University and tenured Professor at CSU Sacramento and has variously lectured and presented to organizations and professional groups. As CEO of WellSpace Health, Jonathan has grown a robust health and behavioral health system serving over 130,000 individuals in the Sacramento region by blending an FQHC, a substance-use disorders continuum of care, extensive care transition programs, a CCBHC and a 988 Crisis Center.

Shari Sinwelski

Shari Sinwelski is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor in the State of California and has over 25 years of experience in mental health, rape crisis, domestic violence, crisis intervention and suicide prevention. As Vice President of Crisis Care at the Suicide Prevention Center at Didi Hirsch, she oversees all suicide prevention programs, including the implementation of 988. Shari has also served as the Vice-President of National Networks for Vibrant Emotional Health where she held the role of Deputy Director of the National Suicide Prevention Hotline and played a key role in bringing 988 to fruition nation-wide. Shari has directed several hotlines that are part of the Lifeline including: the Suicide Prevention Center in Los Angeles, Vialink in New Orleans and 211 Big Bend in Tallahassee. She has facilitated several local, state and national wide crisis center telephony and CRM implementations. Shari co-created the Didi Hirsch Survivors of Suicide Attempts Support group curriculum for individuals who have survived a suicide attempt and worked with many suicide attempt survivors when she facilitated the group from its inception. She later co-authored the Didi Hirsch manual and training to bring this support group to individuals nationally and around the world. The focus of the curriculum is based on seeing strength and resiliency in participants and helping them to discover that within themselves. Shari has trained thousands of individuals in crisis intervention and suicide prevention. She has provided subject matter expertise and mental health support for many national publications, major television networks and Broadway productions. She holds a BS in Psychology and master's and Educational Specialist degrees in Mental Health Counseling from Florida State University.

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.

Stephanie Welch

Stephanie N. Welch was appointed Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health at the California Health & Human Services Agency in 2020 where she serves as primary advisor on behavioral health policy for the Secretary of CalHHS. Prior to her appointment as Deputy Secretary, Stephanie previously served as Executive Officer for the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health since 2015. She was the Senior Program Manager for the California Mental Health Services Authority from 2011 to 2015, an Associate Policy Director at the County Behavioral Health Directors Association from 2007 to 2011, and the Associate Director of Public Policy at the Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies from 2000 to 2005. Stephanie earned a bachelor's degree in Social Work from the University of California at Davis and a master's degree in Social Work from the University of Southern California.

Scott Zeller

Scott Zeller, MD is Vice President for Acute Psychiatry at the multistate multispecialty physician group partnership Vituity; a professor at two medical schools; Past President of the American Association for Emergency Psychiatry; Past Chair of the Coalition on Psychiatric Emergencies; and former Chief of Psychiatric Emergency Services for the Alameda Health System in Oakland, CA, where he developed the "Alameda Model." He has authored multiple textbooks, book chapters, and peer-reviewed articles, lectures internationally, and is known as the co-inventor of On-Demand Emergency Telepsychiatry and the creator of the EmPATH Unit (Emergency Psychiatry Assessment, Treatment and Healing Unit) model for behavioral health emergency care. He led Project BETA (Best Practices in the Evaluation and Treatment of Agitation), which produced guidelines that have revolutionized the care approach to agitated individuals around the world. He was awarded the 2015 USA Doctor of the Year by the National Council for Behavioral Health, the 2019 California Hospital Association Heerman Award for making a landmark contribution to improving California healthcare, and in 2020 was named one of the "ten most influential people in healthcare design" by *Healthcare Design Magazine*.

