

Words to Deeds – The Case for IST Diversion

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Track: Words to Deeds

CE: CPA/BBS/BRN (1.5)

Narrative

State and national expert, Dr. Katherine Warburton will provide a review of the historical, national and research trends that support the case for mental health diversion with specific emphasis on diversion of individuals found incompetent to stand trial (IST). The session will enhance audience understanding of the national IST problem and provide insight as to why more and more individuals with serious mental health disorders are ending up in jail; and why we must look to community-based solutions to help solve the problem. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions to improve their own professional effectiveness.

Bio

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Katherine is the Medical Director, and Deputy Director of Clinical Operations, for the California Department of State Hospitals. She is board certified in adult and forensic psychiatry. Katherine is an Associate Professor on the Clinical Faculty at the UC Davis School of Medicine. She has lectured and published on forensic topics related to violence and competence to stand trial. She is editor of a textbook titled Violence in Psychiatry.

Learning Objectives

- Participants will be able to identify historical trends of the state hospital system and impact of key policy decisions.
- Participants will be able to identify current national trends of inpatient forensic services and spending
- Participants will be able to identify and describe the factors that have contributed to the increase in the IST findings and commitments to the state hospitals
- Participants will be able to identify the trends of IST commitments, and the programs developed in response to the demand for more IST services
- Participants will be able to identify the reasons for supporting IST diversion