



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

TARA ANDERSON

Tara Anderson is Policy and Grants Manager at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. She serves as office policy liaison for issues related to sentencing, pre-trial diversion, human trafficking, victim services, criminal justice realignment, and Prop 47. Tara is also the Director of the San Francisco Sentencing Commission, and office representative on the San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership. She transitioned to the District Attorney's Office after serving as Senior Planner and Policy Analyst for the Violence Prevention and Intervention Unit at San Francisco's Department of Children, Youth and Their Families. Previously, she served as the Children and Family Programs Manager for Centerforce, a non-profit organization working with prisoners, their families, and people released from jails and prisons in Northern and Central California. Tara received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in International Politics at Northeastern University in Boston, and an MPP from UC Berkeley.

KIRSTEN BARLOW, MSW

Kirsten Barlow began serving as Executive Director of the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California in 2015. Previously, Kirsten worked as Executive Officer of the Council on Mentally Ill Offenders, where she developed strategies for keeping youth and adults with mental illness out of the criminal justice system. Between 2009 and 2014, Kirsten was Associate Director at CBHDA, where she directed legislative and budget advocacy efforts. Previously she served as Public Information Officer at the California Department of Mental Health, Legislative Advocate and Information Officer for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, and Principal Consultant to the California State Assembly Committee on Human Services. Kirsten received a Master's of Social Welfare

Degree in management and planning from UC Berkeley, and a Bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.

LISA BATES

Lisa Bates is the Deputy Director for Housing Policy Development at the California Department of Housing and Community Development. She leads the development of a Statewide Housing Plan; and provides policy direction on programs and policy initiatives including regional and local housing needs, homelessness, Veterans housing, and disaster resilience; as well as interagency efforts in transportation, health, and social services. Previously, Lisa led local and regional community development initiatives, created and administered affordable housing financing programs, and oversaw housing policy development at the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency. Lisa received a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from UC Davis.

KAREN BAYLOR, PhD, LMFT

Karen Baylor was appointed as the Deputy Director of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders for the California Department of Health Care Services in 2013. She has a PhD in Clinical Psychology and is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. She previously worked as the Behavioral Health Administrator for San Luis Obispo County, and during her time there, she served as President of the County Behavioral Health Directors Association. Prior to that, Karen worked for non-profit organizations providing children's mental health services in both Texas and California.

STEVE BINDER

Steve Binder is a Deputy Public Defender with the San Diego Office of the Primary Public Defender. He co-founded the Homeless Court Program, and the Veterans Treatment Court, where he represented the first participants to receive Restorative Relief under California Penal Code 1170.9(h). Steve has received many awards for his work, including the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans' Thomas Wynn Sr. Memorial Award, and the U.S. Veterans Affairs Secretary's Award for Achievement in Service to Homeless Veterans. Steve is a Special Advisor and former Chair to the ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty; and he serves on the Judicial Council Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee for the Judicial Counsel of California.

SUSAN BOWER, MSW, MPH

Susan Bower has been with the County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Agency for 20 years. She serves as Assistant Director of Integrative Services where she oversees the Health, Housing, and Human Services Initiative which coordinates systems of services for those involved in the criminal justice system, are homeless, and/or have complex physical and/or behavioral health issues. Susan also works on policy and program development in the County's homeless services system. Previously, Susan was Director of Operations for HHS's Behavioral Health Services Division when San Diego fully merged the Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Services Divisions. There, she oversaw prevention, treatment and recovery services for mental health and substance abuse services through more than 400 contracts, two hospitals, and several county-operated programs. Prior to the establishment of Behavioral Health Services, Susan was the County's Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator for 7 years.

BILL BROWN

Bill Brown was elected as Sheriff-Coroner for Santa Barbara County in 2006, and was reelected in 2010 and 2014. Previously he served as a police officer for the City of Pacifica, as a police officer, supervisor, and manager for the Inglewood Police Department, and as chief of police for the City of Moscow, Idaho and the City of Lompoc. Prior to his law enforcement career, Sheriff Brown served as a paramedic and emergency medical technician in Los Angeles County. He has a Master's Degree in Public Administration from USC, and is a graduate of the Delinquency Control Institute, the FBI National Academy and the FBI National Executive

Institute. He serves on the State of California's Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, and is 1st Vice President of the California State Sheriffs' Association.

MARY BUTLER, LMFT

Mary Butler has worked for Napa County for more than 30 years, and currently serves as Chief Probation Officer, where she is responsible for the Adult and Juvenile divisions of probation and Juvenile Hall. Previously, Mary was the County Health and Human Services Department's Mental Health and Child Protective Services Manager.

DIANE CUMMINS

Diane Cummins serves as Special Advisor to the Governor on State and Local Realignment. She returned to public service in 2011 after retiring from work at the State Capitol in 2008, where she was the Chief Fiscal Policy Advisor for two Senate President pro Tems. Prior to this, Diane served as the Chief Deputy Director for Budgets at the California Department of Finance. She held numerous positions at the Department, and specialized in local government and health and human services. Diane was the key Department staff person on the 1991 Realignment, the 1997 assumption of state trial court funding, and the 1997 welfare reform resulting in the CalWORKs program.

MARK DELGADO

Mark Delgado is the Executive Director of Los Angeles County's Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee, a multi-agency committee created by the Board of Supervisors to bring together the elements of the local justice system. Mark oversees the development and implementation of strategic plans, policy initiatives, and special programs to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice system. Previously, Mark was the Assistant Chief Field Deputy in the District Attorney's Office, where he supervised the Community Outreach Unit and worked on a variety of crime prevention initiatives. Mark received his Bachelor's Degree from Princeton University and a certificate in collaboration and governance from the Executive Education Program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

TOBY EWING, PhD

Toby Ewing is the Executive Director of the Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission, which oversees the state's mental health system. Toby has worked in public policy for more than two decades, for the California State Assembly, the State Senate, and the Little Hoover Commission. He served as Director of the California Research Bureau and helped launch two non-profits working to improve governance in California, including California Forward. Toby researched and co-drafted legislation to establish the Council on Mentally Ill Offenders, and co-authored an article analyzing linked mental health and criminal justice data in California. Throughout his career, Toby has promoted outcome-driven decision-making, transparency, and accountability to improve services and outcomes. His work has focused on mental health services, Veterans' programs, child welfare services, results-based accountability through budgeting and management strategies, and the use of information tools to drive better outcomes and accountability. Toby has a PhD in sociology from Syracuse University.

HALLIE FADER-TOWE

Hallie Fader-Towe is Senior Policy Advisor for the Council of State Governments Justice Center, where she works with policymakers and jurisdictions around the country on the collaborative and data-driven planning and implementation of policies and programs to address criminal justice functions from initial detention through reentry, with a focus on individuals with mental illness. Most recently, she has been working with local and state policymakers in California to safely reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails through the Stepping Up Initiative. She has written on dispute systems design for state trial courts, pretrial responses to those with mental illnesses, information-sharing between criminal justice and mental health systems, and mental health court design and implementation. Previously, Hallie was a management consultant with McKinsey & Company in New York. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Brown University and a JD from Harvard Law School.

GEORGE GASCÓN

George Gascón was appointed District Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco in 2011. During his tenure he has worked to modernize the criminal justice system by launching innovative programs geared toward reducing and preventing crime, and by advocating for reduced reliance on jails and prisons. George launched the nation's first Alternative Sentencing Program, California's first Crime Strategies Unit, and the state's first Neighborhood Courts Program. Statewide, he has been the leading voice behind Propositions 47 and 36. He is also responsible for the world-wide movement known as the Secure Our Smartphones Initiative which resulted in SB 962, landmark legislation that has drastically reduced robberies involving smartphones. In his more than 30-year career in law enforcement, Gascón rose through the ranks of the Los Angeles Police Department from patrol officer all the way to Assistant Chief. He has also served in the U.S. Army, as Chief of Police in Mesa, Arizona, and as Chief of Police in San Francisco.

GILBERT GONZALES

Gilbert Gonzales has more than 30 years of experience in the fields of substance abuse, mental health, and crisis prevention as a clinician, university faculty, program director, and policy advisor. He has led strategic planning, treatment and policy development, and training, as well as systems change initiatives to help service providers promote collaboration and build capacity. Gilbert began as a psychologist evaluating and providing treatment to jail inmates in a maximum-security setting. He then began program development and administrative leadership in various mental health and forensic settings. Gilbert is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) reviewer for Jail Diversion and Specialty Courts programs, and has provided evaluation and consultation in administrative and clinical settings. He is a member of SAMHSA's National Leadership Forum for Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Services, the National Stepping Up Initiative, and the White House Data-Driven Justice Initiative; as well as a National Association of Counties Board Member, and Vice President of the National Association of Community Behavioral Health Disabilities Directors. Previously, Gilbert was as an Infantry Officer in the US Army. He received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and his second Master's degree from Trinity University in Clinical Psychology. He received his first Master's Degree, in Public Service, from Western Kentucky University in Bowlinggreen.

DAVID GRILLO, LMSW-C

David Grillo is the Homeless & Justice Outreach Programs Manager for the Veteran's Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System, where he oversees outreach to a catchment area spanning ten counties, including eight active Veterans Treatment Courts and incarcerated Veterans in 18 county jails, and more than 40 state and federal prison facilities. David has facilitated a number of Veteran-specific trainings for law enforcement and first responders, including a forthcoming police training video for nationwide distribution. He has a Master's Degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan and has worked in mental health, homeless, and criminal justice outreach programs at the VA facilities in Palo Alto and Ann Arbor, Michigan over the past ten years.

JENNIFER JOHNSON

Jennifer Johnson is a Deputy Public Defender in San Francisco and represents between 100 and 125 seriously mentally ill clients in Behavioral Health Court. She has been with the mental health court since 2002, and was involved in both the planning and implementation of the program. Beyond her work in the courtroom, Jennifer is actively involved in helping shape public policy related to mentally ill offenders at the local, state and national levels. Jennifer is a partner in Johnson Woods Education where she has created a national continuing education program for lawyers in all practice areas entitled "Where Mental Health Meets the Law." She is on an expert panel for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and has been a lecturer at UC Berkeley, School of Law since 2013.

JONATHAN JOHNSON, LCSW

Jonathan Johnson is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 15 years of experience working with homeless and severely mentally ill individuals in San Francisco. He currently serves as the Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Program Director for the San Francisco Veterans Healthcare System, which provides clinical treatment to Veterans participating in San Francisco's Veterans Justice Court. Jonathan's experience also includes providing direct care, as well as administrative oversight, for programs providing intensive case management to individuals with severe mental illness and high utilization of San Francisco County Jails and inpatient psychiatric units.

SCOTT KERNAN

Scott Kernan currently serves as Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), where he was Undersecretary for Operations from March to December 2015 and from 2007 to 2008. Scott was the agency's Deputy Director of Adult Institutions from 2006 to 2007. Previously, Scott served as a correctional officer and administrator at facilities throughout the state, including as Warden at California State Prison, Sacramento, and at Mule Creek State Prison. Scott was owner at Kernan Consulting from 2011 to 2015, and he served in the U.S. Navy from 1979 to 1982.

JACKIE LACEY

Jackie Lacey was first elected Los Angeles County District Attorney in 2012 as the first woman and first African American to the office since its establishment in 1850. Her top priority is keeping the streets of Los Angeles County safe from violent and dangerous criminals. She is also committed to safeguarding crime victims' rights. As Founder and Chair of the Los Angeles County Criminal Justice Mental Health Advisory Board, District Attorney Lacey led a multidisciplinary effort to develop a comprehensive mental health diversion program. In 2015 the Advisory Board published "A Blueprint for Change." The recommendations resulted in the creation of the Office of Diversion and Reentry. District Attorney Lacey is a graduate of USC and UC Irvine. She has been a prosecutor for more than 30 years.

KATHLEEN LACEY, LCSW

Kathleen Lacey is the Director of the UC San Francisco's Citywide Case Management Forensic Program, which provides services to 300 people with serious mental illness who are involved in the criminal justice system. With more than 25 years of experience in the criminal justice and mental health systems, Kathleen was instrumental in implementing San Francisco's response to the state's Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction Grant in 1999, and she continues to develop programs including: The Women's Integrated Skills and Health Project; a supported employment program; the Housing Employment Recovery Outcomes Project; and mental health services for the San Francisco Sheriff's Department and Adult Probation Department. Kathleen contributed considerably in the creation of the San Francisco Behavioral Health Court in 2003. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy and Speech Communications from Gonzaga University, and a Master's Degree in Social Welfare from UC Berkeley.

JANE LOVELLE, LCSW, MPH

Jane Lovelle is a consultant, working with counties to enhance mental health programs and treatment in correctional settings. She also conducts surveys for the California Institute of Medical Quality to ensure standards for inmates with mental illness in jails, juvenile halls, and boys' camps. Jane also works in Reception at San Quentin Prison. Previously, Jane served as Deputy Director of Jail Psychiatric Services in San Francisco, as the former Co-Director of Intern Training, and as the Solano County Jail Mental Health Director. She also worked for UC San Francisco as a researcher in the field of HIV and high-risk behaviors. Jane has been actively involved in the Forensic Mental Health Association of California for the past 10 years, serving as Director of Conference, Director of Education, and on the Planning Committee. Early in her career, Jane was one of the first female professional poker players in Las Vegas, and she used her winnings to put herself through school. Jane received her degrees from Columbia University and UC Berkeley.

HON. STEPHEN V. MANLEY

Stephen Manley is a Superior Court Judge in Santa Clara County and has served as a Judge for over 30 years. He is the Supervising Judge of all Felony and Misdemeanor mental health and drug cases. Judge Manley developed and personally presides over a number of Treatment Court programs and calendars that include more than 2,300 offenders who are mentally ill, mentally challenged, substance abusers, and homeless. By appointment of the Chief Justice, he serves on the California Council on Mentally Ill Offenders. Judge Manley also serves on the Mental Health Task Force of the California Judicial Council, and the Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee. In Santa Clara County, Judge Manley serves as the Vice Chair of the Jail Diversion and Alternatives to Incarceration Committee, which has successfully developed and made recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors resulting in the funding of diversion and other alternatives to jail incarceration for mentally ill and homeless offenders. He serves on the faculty of the California Judicial College, and other judicial education programs throughout the State and Nation. Judge Manley is a graduate of Stanford Law School.

ROSIE McCOOL

Rosie McCool is the Deputy Director of the Chief Probation Officers of California where she oversees juvenile justice policy for probation chiefs. Previously, she was the Senior Legislative Analyst at the California State Association of Counties working on public safety policy. Rosie is a native of Southern California, and relocated to Sacramento to participate in the Capitol Fellows program at Sacramento State's Center for California Studies.

TERRI McDONALD

Terri McDonald has more than 35 years of experience working in mental health, including state corrections and local jails. She began her career as a counselor in secured mental health treatment facilities and transitioned to a law enforcement career in 1988, working as a correctional officer for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). During her tenure with CDCR, Terri worked her way from correctional officer to Undersecretary of Operations, responsible for overseeing California's prison, parole, and juvenile justice system. Terri then served as Los Angeles County Assistant Sheriff, leading reform efforts in the largest jail system in the U.S. She recently retired and is working part time as a Senior Policy Advisor to Los Angeles County's Office of Diversion and Reentry where she manages diversion and reentry initiatives, including a new program to case manage all female inmates in the Los Angeles County jail system, from entry to release.

DAVE MEYER

Dave 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 where he is responsible for the criminal law and the mental health law curricula. He also consults nationwide with health care and indigent defense providers. Dave previously served as Chief Deputy Director and Counsel of the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health, as Director of the Department of Community and Senior Affairs, and as Interim Public Defender and Chief Deputy of the Public Defender. Dave is an attorney, specializing in mental health law and criminal defense for more than 40 years. He also serves on the California Council on Mentally Ill Offenders, the Executive Steering Committee of the California Mentally Ill Offenders Program, and is an internal Board member of the Elyn Saks Institute of Mental Health Law, Policy and Ethics of the University of Southern California Gould School of Law.

SHERRI MORGAN, JD, MSW

Sherri Morgan is a Health Information Privacy Specialist for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights. As a member of the Privacy Division's policy team, she writes guidance and regulations on health information privacy and security, and she also provides assistance for enforcement of the HIPAA Rules. Prior to working for HHS, Sherri developed expertise on the privacy and confidentiality of mental health information as Associate Counsel for the National Association of Social Workers, Legal Defense Fund.

LINDA PENNER

Linda Penner has served as a member of the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and its predecessor, the Corrections Standards Authority Board, since 2007. She has also been a member of the BSCC's State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention since 2007. Previously, Linda was Chief Probation Officer for Fresno County, where she initiated policies, practices, and services to reduce crime victims through an emphasis on assessment-based accountability and programs. As Chief, Linda promoted a realignment 'safety net' through innovative supervision and service programs, including a multi-agency supervision team, and use of evidence-based services to form the nucleus of the public safety response to the legislation. Prior to this, Linda chaired the Fresno County Community Corrections Partnership, and served as President of the California Probation Officers Association of California.

JOEL ROSENTHAL, PhD

Joel Rosenthal serves as the National Training Director for VHA Veterans Justice Programs where he develops and oversees training for the 325 staff responsible for outreach to justice-involved Veterans in prisons, jails, and courts throughout the U.S. Previously, Joel worked for the VA Palo Alto Healthcare System, providing clinical care and program leadership in mental health, trauma, substance dependence, and homelessness. In addition, Joel was VISN 21 tri-state (California, Nevada, and Hawaii) Regional Coordinator for Reentry and Justice Services where he was directly involved in the justice-related activities of VA Palo Alto, with notable participation in jail and prison outreach/reentry planning, and assistance in staffing for the Santa Clara County Veterans Treatment Court. Joel received his PhD in Clinical Psychology from Georgia State University in 1988 and has been a licensed practicing clinical psychologist in California since 1990.

MARTIN RYAN

Amador County Sheriff Martin Ryan is a 41-year law enforcement veteran. He started his career with the Amador County District Attorney's Office as an investigator and spent the next 25 years with the California Department of Justice as a Special Agent assigned to the California Bureau of Investigation. Sheriff Ryan retired as Chief of the CBI in 2005 after serving seven years in that post. He was elected as the 25th Sheriff of Amador County in 2006, following his grandfather who served as the Amador County Sheriff for 40 years. Sheriff Ryan is a graduate of UC Davis, the FBI National Academy, the FBI Executive Development Course, the UC Davis Executive Development Course, and the POST Command College. Active in the California State Sheriffs' Association, Sheriff Ryan is the Immediate Past President, and serves as the Chairman of the Tribal Issue Committee, as well as Vice-Chairman of both the Associate Membership and Publications Committee and the Political Action Committee.

PATRICIA RYAN, MPA

Patricia Ryan retired in 2013 as Executive Director of the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California, the statewide advocacy association representing local public behavioral health departments and services. She had served in that position since 2001, and has been involved in mental health advocacy at the state and federal levels for more than 30 years. Patricia is currently an independent behavioral health consultant, as well as a Senior Policy Consultant with Harbage Consulting, a health care policy consulting firm. She also serves as a Senior Fellow of the National Association of Counties County Innovation Network (COIN), and is an active emeritus member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Directors, for which she chairs its State Association Directors Committee. Patricia received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

SHEILA SMALLWOOD MARKHAM

Sheila Markham serves as the Vice President of Sales and Physician Recruitment for Precise Telehealth. She has been involved with telehealth solutions for more than 10 years; and has led growth strategies to expand core business, develop new services, build strategic partnerships, and develop healthcare solutions across the health care continuum and private sector enterprise markets. With more than 20 years of healthcare experience in sales and marketing, Sheila shares a broad range of experiences in clinical healthcare business development, telemedicine, and healthcare technology. Prior to joining Precise Telehealth, Sheila was the Vice President of Enterprise Telehealth Programs for the California Telehealth Network, a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to the expansion of telehealth in California.

KEVIN SMITH

Kevin managed the Orange County Jail Mental Health Program for 17 years, and formed a multi-agency Orange County Jail suicide prevention team that led the country in the lowest mega jail suicide rate for more than 10 years. He co-produced the suicide prevention learning system, "On Your Watch," and has participated in the development of most of the Words to Deeds conferences. Kevin was the Division Manager for Adult Inpatient, Housing and Homeless Services, and co-produced the learning system, "Another Kind of Valor," to assist the community in working with returning Veterans. Kevin was appointed Interim Public Guardian for two years, and now serves as the Ethnic Services Manager for Behavioral Health Services.

LANETTA SMYTH, LCSW

Lanetta Smyth is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and has worked for the Department of Veteran Affairs for almost five years. She started as a HUD-VASH case manager for the VA Northern California Healthcare System in Martinez, and went on to become Site Supervisor for that program. Lanetta began supervising the "Northern Counties" for the San Francisco VA Medical Center in May of 2015, and she now oversees a multidisciplinary team that provides permanent and supportive housing for 496 Veterans and their families in Sonoma, Mendocino, and Lake Counties. Lanetta's work involves partnerships such as the HUD-VASH and Catholic Charities collaboration in Santa Rosa, which provides housing, case management, and support services to some of the most vulnerable members of the community.

MICHAEL THOMPSON

Michael Thompson has worked on criminal justice policy issues for nearly 20 years. He started with The Council of State Governments (CSG) in 1997 as a policy analyst and the sole staff person assigned to the criminal justice program for CSG's Eastern Regional Conference. Under his leadership, that program launched major projects in the areas of victim rights, criminal justice/mental health collaboration, and prisoner reentry. Since transforming the regional criminal justice program into the national CSG Justice Center, Mike designed the Justice Reinvestment Initiative and conceptualized the organization's work in school discipline. Mike has authored numerous publications and testified before Congress on multiple occasions. Previously, Mike worked for the Office of the Court Monitor in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He received a Bachelor's Degree with Honors from Middlebury College.

GEOFF R. TWITCHELL, PhD

Geoff Twitchell is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist with advanced training in addiction and treatment of co-occurring disorders. Geoff took his position as Director of Treatment and Clinical Services for the San Diego County Probation Department in September 2013. In this new position for Probation, he has identified, implemented and evaluated evidence based treatments that address the unique characteristics and needs of adult offenders and justice involved youth populations. Geoff leads a San Diego County Justice Initiative to evaluate offender based treatment programs for adherence to evidence based practices through use of the Correctional Program Checklist 2.0. He also serves as the Clinical Liaison to Juvenile and Adult Superior Courts, community treatment providers, Behavioral Health Services, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, and Office of the Public Defender. Geoff co-chairs the County Offender Treatment Committee, where his education and training in clinical assessment informs the process for obtaining valid and reliable mental health, offender risk, and substance use data to aid the judicial process.

KIT WALL

Promoting everything from policy reform issues, nonprofit organizations, and political campaigns to rock shows and media events, Kit Wall uses her organizational and 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, non-profit, 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 the current interdisciplinary leadership forum.

CLAUDIA WILLIAMS

Claudia Williams is Senior Advisor for Health Technology and Innovation at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. In this role she helps lead the President's Precision Medicine Initiative and the Data-Driven Justice Initiative, collaborating with communities and private and public sector partners that are leveraging HITECH, new payment models and open data to remake the digital landscape in health care, improving health and producing cost savings. Previously, Claudia was Director of Health Information Exchange at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), galvanizing national progress on sharing of health information between providers, with patients and for research. Prior to joining HHS, she was Director of Health Policy and Public Affairs at the Markle Foundation, where she led Connecting for Health, a 100-member public-private collaborative of tech, provider, consumer and health plan leaders working to improve health and health care through health IT. Claudia received a Master's Degree in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard School of Public Health and a Bachelor's Degree from Duke University.

HELENE ZENTNER

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 Programs Division, and she is the lead staff for several state and federally-funded grants, including: The California Mentally Ill Offender Crime Reduction (MIOCR) Grant; the Federal Title II Formula Juvenile Justice Grant; the Federal Tribal Youth Grant; and the Federal Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities Grant. Over the past decade, Helene 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. Helene 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.

