



First Annual Continuum of Care Reform Conference

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

VERONICA ALLEN, MPA

Veronica Allen is the Finance Officer for the San Diego County Probation Department. Ms. Allen has worked for the County for 26 years and has been with the Probation Department since 2014. She oversees the budget and fiscal units. Ms. Allen has a Bachelor of Science degree from Oregon State University and a Master's in Public Administration from National University.

KAREN BAYLOR

Karen Baylor was appointed as the Deputy Director of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders for the Department of Health Care Services on June 12, 2013. She previously was the Behavioral Health Administrator for the County of San Luis Obispo for eight years. During her time in San Luis Obispo County, she served as President of the California Mental Health Directors Association during 2012. Her previous work experience was in management at a variety of private, non-profits organizations providing children's mental health services. She has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.

MARIE BROWN-MERCADEL

Marie Brown-Mercadel has served as a human services professional for the past 33 years. Her experience includes working with individuals with substance abuse disorders, developmental disabilities, behavioral health issues, child welfare, the aging and disabled population, and at-risk youth. Marie began her career working in an ICF-MR facility in Redlands, California. Observing the importance of advocating for individuals with special needs, for the first 15 years of her career she specialized in residential services.

She began her career with the County of San Diego in 2000 serving as the Executive Assistant to the Director with responsibility for business planning, policy development, monitoring operational outcomes, program redesign, and the implementation of the strengths-based management paradigm. In 2008, she moved to Louisiana where she served as the Chief of Staff for The State of Louisiana's Department of Children and Family Services where she was responsible for the department's legislative agenda, interfacing with the Senate and House of Representatives, and implementing policy and strategic initiatives. She returned to the County of San Diego in 2011 in the role of Assistant Deputy Director within the Health and Human Services Agency. In this role she provided day to day oversight for eligibility operations, child welfare, public health nursing, and health promotions. In 2013, Marie was promoted to the Director position. She received her undergraduate degree in psychology from North Carolina Central University, and a Master's and Doctorate in Organizational Leadership and Management from the University of Phoenix. Marie has been serving as the Assistant Director for Children's Services Division since April 2016.

JOE BAKUNAS

Joe Bakunas is a Division Director with the San Bernadino County Probation Department. He began his career in 1988 as a Deputy Probation Officer. Joe has promoted through the ranks and has held multiple assignments, including Adult Investigations, Adult and Juvenile Supervision, and narcotics officer for a multi-agency drug task force. Joe has extensive experience and training in field operations; including, but not limited to surveillance, warrant service, interviewing and interrogation techniques, narcotics investigations and gangs.

Joe holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from California State University of Fullerton with a major in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sociology.

NIKOLE BELL

Nikole Bell is the Senior Deputy Probation Officer for the Juvenile Placement Unit. She has worked for Probation approximately 10 years. She began her career with San Joaquin County as a Juvenile Detention Officer and quickly promoted to Probation Officer. She has a Master's Degree in Social Work and her current assignment is with the Juvenile Placement Units as the Juvenile Probation RFA Recruitment Officer.

DEBORAH BETZ, LCSW

Deborah Betz, LCSW has served probation youth within Marin County for the past two years. She previously worked with youth in foster care, developed employment opportunities for at-risk youth, facilitated parent education trainings and consulted with parents regarding the behavioral and emotional needs of their children. Deborah has two teen-aged daughters and resides in Marin County.

BETHANY BILYEU, PSY.D., LCPC

Bethany has her doctorate in clinical psychology from Illinois School of Professional Psychology. She has been in the mental health field for nearly twenty years and has over five years of residential treatment experience. Currently, she is the Executive Director of Victor Treatment Centers (VTC), Inc.- Redding. VTC-Redding has completed and submitted their STRTP application.

KIM BINION

Kim Binion, Division Director II, in 1998 graduated from Occidental College and joined the Probation Department soon thereafter as a Probation Correction Officer. She has promoted through the Detention Corrections Bureau's ranks as Probation Corrections Supervisor I, Probation Corrections Supervisor II, Division Director I and Division Director II. She has had a variety of assignments including the Juvenile Detention and Assessment Centers, the Training Unit and the Department's Compliance Unit. In 2013, she earned a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, Sol Price School of Public Policy. Currently she is assigned to the High Desert Juvenile Detention and Assessment Center (HDJDAC) as the Superintendent.

In 2016, the Department formed a Continuum of Care Steering Committee and she was assigned to co-chair the development the Child and Family Team (CFT) process for the Department.

BRIAN BLALOCK

Brian Blalock is the Law and Policy Coordinator with the policy division at Tipping Point Community, where he currently looks at systemic funding issues that create barriers to entitled services and works collaboratively with public system, provider, and advocate partners to foster workable solutions to complex problems related to poverty. Prior to joining Tipping Point, Brian was the founder and director of the Youth Justice Project (YJP) at Bay Area Legal Aid and has worked as a religious affairs consultant, a fight trainer, and a public school teacher in the south Bronx. He has graduate degrees from Columbia and Harvard and a law degree from Stanford Law School.

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FERLYN BUENAFE

Ferlyn Buenafe has been the Staff Services Manager for Napa County Probation since 2013. She has primary responsibility over the fiscal operations of the department. As a member of the Probation Business Manager's Association for over three years, she has served on the Revenue Committee for two years, participating in the State and CPOC workgroups related to Title IV-E Reconciliation and Continuum of Care. Previously, Ferlyn worked as a consultant for over 14 years, helping local government and school districts prepare and file state mandated cost reimbursement claims.

LISA CAMPBELL-MOTTON

Lisa Campbell-Motton has worked for Los Angeles County Probation for 30 years. She is currently a Los Angeles County Probation Child Welfare Director over Placement Permanency & Quality Assurance (PPQA), a monitoring operation for Probation's Placement Services Bureau, with oversight of the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) and implementation of the countywide System Improvement Plan (SIP), along with Los Angeles County child welfare partners. Her PPQA Team conducts Federal Case Reviews, Family Finding, Permanency Assessments, Adoptions and Legal Guardianships, Group Home/FFA Monitoring, Compliance Investigations, Child Abuse Investigations and the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process. Mrs. Campbell-Motton works with both internal and external stakeholders to improve outcomes for Probation foster youth in the areas of safety, permanency and well-being. She, her PPQA Team, Bench Officers and her colleagues in both child welfare and Probation child welfare achieved the first adoption in delinquency court and have gone on to complete four more, which are five (5) of seven (7) completed in the entire state. Her passion is seeing children achieve a place they can forever call home, no matter what their age.

DANA DELMASTRO

Dana Delmastro is a Research Program Specialist for the California Department of Social Services. For the past nine years, Dana has worked in the Fiscal Forecasting and Policy Branch focusing on Children and Adult programs. His primary responsibilities are developing caseload trends for over twenty different welfare programs and analyzing data for the SSI/SSP program. He has been involved in many special projects such as the implementations of the Foster Care After 18 program and the Federal Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment program. Most recently, Dana helped develop the Home-Based Family Care rate structure and fiscal estimates for the Continuum of Care Reform.

DAHIANA DIAZ

Dahiana Diaz is the first Social Worker III hired through Solano County Probation for implementation of the RFA Process. Her duties include working the placement probation officers and with the children under general placement orders. She is also responsible for recruiting and retaining foster homes for probation youth. Dahiana's background comes from working with children in foster care and adoptions. She also has trained foster families in different scopes around trauma, parenting and working with children in foster care.

BEN DUHEM

Ben Duhem, Deputy Probation Officer II - Family Reunification Unit, began his career in Juvenile Probation in 2010 with Humboldt County as a Field Officer. In 2013, Ben gained experience as a Social Worker and Staff Services Analyst with Child Protective Services in Trinity County. Ben returned to Humboldt County Probation in 2015, joining the Family Reunification Unit, where he currently facilitates Team Decision-Making Meetings (TDMs), coordinates placements, conducts foster parent recruitment and retention activities, and serves as a liaison to Foster Youth Education Services, Child Welfare Services, and other entities.

ROB EDMISTEN

Rob Edmisten has worked with the Sacramento County Probation Department for over 19 years. For over eight years, he was the Department's Evidence-Based Practices coordinator, guiding the implementation of evidence-based practices across all divisions, both juvenile and adult. He has expertise in the areas of assessment, evidence-based programming, outcome measurement, fidelity, and implementation. Rob has a Master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Cincinnati and does contract work with their Corrections Institute. He also teaches with the UC Davis Resource Center for Family-Focused Practice and is a board member for the International Community Corrections Association.

DANNA FABELLA

Danna Fabella received her MSW from the University of California at Berkeley in 1980. She worked in the field of public child welfare from 1980 to 2007 beginning as a social worker and held positions as supervisor, manager, and Director. She worked in Alameda, Sonoma and her last 13 years in Contra Costa where she served as the Child Welfare Director and held the Interim Agency Director position for last year of her tenure. Ms. Fabella is currently an independent consultant working for the Child and Family Policy Institute of California where she was Project Director for the Statewide Linkages Project and currently provides consulting services for the Continuum of Care Reform, the Child Welfare Practice Model, and the Youth Engagement Project. She previously was awarded California's County Welfare Director's Association Leadership Award for working on behalf of vulnerable children and families in California.

TONA FARLOW

Tona Farlow, Probation Officer III, graduated from the University of Central Texas with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice in 1999. In May 2001, she started her career with Orange County Probation Department as a Deputy Probation Counselor and held positions at Los Pinos Camp and Juvenile Hall. In May 2007, Officer Farlow began her career with the San Bernardino County Probation Department as a Probation Officer II. She has worked in juvenile and adult field positions as well as on specialized caseloads such as Gender Specific, SB 678, and Success High. Officer Farlow is currently a certified STC instructor and Defensive Tactics instructor for the training division. She is a master trainer in the following curriculums: Courage to Change, Moving On and Correctional Assessment and Intervention System (CAIS). In 2017, Officer Farlow was promoted to Probation Officer III as the CCR Coordinator. She is currently working on her Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy.

ANA GUDINO

Ana Gudino was in the foster care system between the ages of 14-18. She opted to enter the extended foster care system in October 2016. She has access to the services/resources of AB12/THP+FC. She is no longer on probation, is successfully employed and will attend Sierra College in Rocklin this fall.

MARK HAKE

Chief Probation Officer Mark A. Hake has 28 years of experience within the Riverside County Probation Department. He began his distinguished career in 1989 as a Group Counselor at Riverside Juvenile Hall. He gained experience as a Deputy Probation Officer, Senior Probation Officer, Supervising Probation Officer, Assistant Division Director, Division Director, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, and Assistant Chief. In 2013, he was proudly appointed Chief Probation Officer of Riverside County. His leadership was instrumental in the implementation of SB 678, Evidence-Based Probation Supervision Program; and AB 109, Public Safety Realignment. Chief Hake is chairman of the Riverside County Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC); and a current member of the Chief Probation Officers of California

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(CPOC), Association of Riverside County Chief of Police and Sheriff (ARCCOPS), Riverside County Law Enforcement Administrators Association (RCLEAA), Community Connect Advisory Board, and CA Forward Justice Systems Change Initiative (J-SCI) Executive Steering Committee. Chief Hake holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of California, Riverside.

LINDA HALL

Linda Hall is a Staff Services Manager Specialist working on special projects. Linda has worked for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Fiscal Policy and Analysis Bureau, since 2010. She has worked on all Social Services programs with a focus on Children's Programs. Currently, her primary assignment is the Continuum of Care Reform implementation. Prior to working for CDSS, Linda worked for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

DR. LAURA HEINTZ

Dr. Laura Heintz brings over 23 years of residential and community based children's service experience along with a passion for serving her community to her role as CEO of Stanford Youth Solutions, formerly known as Stanford Home for Children. The organization was founded as an orphanage in 1900. Stanford has a rich legacy that has transformed over the years into a completely community-based organization serving youth referred through schools, child welfare, probation and mental health. Dr. Heintz holds a Doctorate in Psychology from the Professional School of Psychology; a Master's degree in Holistic Studies from John F. Kennedy University and a double BA in Human Development and Psychology from the University of the Pacific.

SHELBY HOWARD

Shelby Howard is the Executive Director of Resource Family Programs at Seneca Family of Agencies, supporting Seneca's foster care and adoption programs throughout the state. Shelby has been with Seneca for nine years, working in wraparound, permanency, and foster care. She is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.

STEPHANIE JAMES

Stephanie L. James has been the Chief Probation Officer for the San Joaquin County Probation Department since March 2012. She has worked for the Department since 1994 and worked her way up through the ranks. As Chief Probation Officer, she has championed the use of evidence-based practices, positive youth development, and data-driven decision making within Probation and with her county partners. Stephanie has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, as well as a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from California State University, Sacramento. She has been awarded the Outstanding Professional in Law Enforcement Award from the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission of San Joaquin County and the Don L. Asher Memorial Law Day Award. She also serves as a Board Member for the Workforce Investment Board, the One.Charter School, and Give Every Child a Chance. Stephanie is an active member of numerous committees and collaborative workgroups in her field and is often called upon to present at trainings and conferences.

JOELLE KEWISH

Joelle Kewish is the Juvenile Division Manager for the Tuolumne County Probation Department. Raised in Calaveras County, Joelle now resides in Tuolumne County. She has been a Probation Officer for 12 years. Her career has focused exclusively on working with juveniles and their families. Prior to becoming Division Manager, Joelle worked as a school resource officer and in intake and court services. Joelle has a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Stanislaus State University.

LORI KEZOS

Lori Kezos is the Administrator of Transitional Programs at Boys Republic, where she has worked for 27 years. Boys Republic has facilities in San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties and serves foster youth placed by

the Probation Departments of many Counties throughout California. Ms. Kezos has received an STRTP Administrator certificate. She developed and manages Boys Republic's transitional programs which include; Independent Living group homes, THP+FC and aftercare with the primary goal for our young people to become self-sufficient, productive members of society.

RICHARD KNECHT

Richard Knecht is a consultant with the Integrated Human Services Group. He also presently serves as an advisor to CDSS, offering guidance and cross-system technical assistance to multiple partners in building shared management processes for children and families. He has delivered program operations, leadership, strategic planning and training services to public and private healthcare and human service systems for more than 26 years. Richard is the former Chief Operating Officer of a large behavioral health hospital, and the recently retired Director of Placer County's Children's System of Care. He is currently the Chair of the Board of Directors at Ifoster.org, the country's online resource portal for Foster and Kinship care youth and their providers.

ROSEMARY LAMB MCCOOL

Rosie McCool is Deputy Director with the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) with primary responsibility over juvenile justice policy as well as assisting with overseeing the day to day operations of the association. She has been with CPOC for almost four years. Prior to joining CPOC, Rosie worked on public safety policy at the California State Association of Counties. She initially moved to Sacramento from southern California to participate in the Capitol Fellows Program as an Executive Fellow in Attorney General Bill Lockyer's Office. Before her time in Sacramento, Rosie worked at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino and also worked with at-risk youth while residing in Tucson, Arizona after graduating from the University of Arizona.

WILL LIGHTBOURNE

Will Lightbourne was appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to be Director of the California Department of Social Services in April 2011.

Prior to becoming CDSS Director, Will served for twenty years as the director of county human services agencies in Santa Clara, San Francisco and Santa Cruz counties, and before that served as Director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

SANDRA MANCILLA

Sandra Mancilla, B.A., is a Deputy Probation Officer in Marin County, who has worked in the field of probation since 2008. She has a wide variety of experience in juvenile probation, both in institutions and community supervision. In her current assignment, Sandra works with youth who have been ordered into out-of-home care.

MONICA MARTINEZ

Monica Martinez leads Santa Cruz County's largest community-based not-for-profit organization, Encompass Community Services, where she provides vision for large-scale change at the local level. Martinez is a community champion with a reputation of using evidence-based, outcome-driven strategies to achieve results. She believes our most basic human right to live healthy lives is intrinsically tied to dignity, equity and opportunity for all people. As CEO at Encompass Monica oversees a budget of \$30 million, 40 programs and 500+ employees, all working together to support the community with services centered on family and social well-being, early childhood development, integrated behavioral health and housing. Monica is currently an appointed member of the Santa Cruz County Human Services Commission, sits on the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, and is Board Chair of FoodWhat?!, a youth empowerment program. She has a Master in Public Administration from the University of Southern California, and a B.A. in Political Science from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Speaker Biographies

EDWARD MILLER

Edward Miller is the Assistant Chief Probation Officer for the County of Shasta. He started his career in the criminal justice field over 32 years ago as a supervision staff for a ranch facility, while running a six bed facility for youth involved in the child welfare system. Twenty nine years ago he was hired by Shasta County Probation Department as a Juvenile Corrections Officer and has promoted through the ranks. Over the years, he has worked in many different positions allowing him the opportunity to become an expert in all areas of community corrections. His passion is with juvenile community corrections, specifically juvenile institutions, rehabilitative programs both in and out of custody, and he is the North State expert on the Continuum of Care Reform. He is committed to improving the lives of young people in the community and volunteers his time to work with nonprofits in the community that support his vision of healthy youth.

BRETT MORANDA

Brett Moranda Supervising Probation Officer - Family Reunification Unit, began his career in probation as extra help in the Juvenile Hall in the fall of 1991. He graduated college from Humboldt State University in 1991 with his B.A. in Psychology and was then accepted into the HSU School Psychology/School Counseling Master's Program. In 1993, Brett finished the Master's program and then in 1994 he made a permanent career move and was hired as a Deputy Probation Officer for the Humboldt County Probation Department. Brett supervised both adults and juveniles as a Probation Officer for 6 years until he was promoted to Senior Probation Officer for the Family Reunification Unit facilitating family team meetings for Probation's Wraparound program. He was promoted to his current position in January 2007 as the Supervising Probation Officer of the Family Reunification Unit. Brett's direction for the unit includes building strong relationships with the youth as well as positive relationships with foster parents/Resource Families through contacts and dialogue. Brett wants to see the unit continue to be a responsive placement unit of support for resource families in our community.

LISA MOLINAR

Lisa Molinar, MA, is the President of Shared Vision Consultants, Inc. a California, Human Services consulting agency, specializing in Child Welfare Organizations. Lisa created Shared Vision Consultants in 2005, developed a team of experts, and began to offer assistance to counties who were struggling to meet the challenges of organizational planning, program implementation, and providing training to their Child Welfare Staff. With her background in child welfare, and a Master's degree in organizational management, she combines her expertise in many areas which include: implementing best practices in child welfare, probation and behavioral health; a focus on training curriculum development; and facilitating organizational development in Human Services agencies. Among others, her partnerships include; universities, regional social services consortiums, statewide change agencies, counties and the state of California (CDSS). With a current focus on statewide Continuous Care Reform (CCR) implementation, Lisa and Shared Vision Consultants, are currently assisting multiple counties with their CCR planning, including Resource Family Approval and Retention Recruitment and Support.

TRACIE NEAL

Tracie Neal is the Chief Probation Officer for the County of Shasta. Chief Neal has twenty one years of experience in the field of adult and juvenile community corrections. Chief Neal began her career as a Juvenile Group Counselor and Deputy Probation Officer with Humboldt County Probation Department and then worked for Mono County Probation Department and promoted through the ranks to Assistant Chief Probation Officer. She earned her Master of Arts degree in Sociology and her Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Work from Humboldt State University. She is committed to the field of probation, evidenced-based practices and rehabilitative efforts.

JESSICA NOWLAN

Jessica Nowlan is the Executive Director of the Young Women's Freedom Center, formerly the Center for Young Women's Development. She is an advocate for women and girls and has spent the majority of her career working to develop and implement innovative programming and strategies based on the principles that those most impacted must be at the forefront of decision making about their own lives. Prior to her current role, Jessica worked for several years as an entrepreneur as a consultant to organizations working with women and girls and at the intersections of violence, incarceration/ re-entry and workforce development. She has managed the youth WIOA program in Marin County, implemented innovative workforce solutions programs survivors of intimate partner violence, and has been a consultant for Five Keys Charter Schools and Programs around areas of expansion and fundraising. She has experience in the social impact sector, founding two social impact businesses and providing consulting to low-income, formerly incarcerated, and women business owners. She currently sits on the Board of Directors of San Francisco's Pre-trial Diversion program and is active in her community. She is a Bay Area native and currently lives in Oakland with her youngest sons.

STUART OPPENHEIM

Mr. Oppenheim began his career as an AFDC eligibility worker in 1973 for the San Francisco County Department of Social Services. Over the next 31 years, he worked in a broad range of public social service areas at progressive levels of responsibility. Mr. Oppenheim earned his MSW in 1979 while working for the Department of Social Services and worked at every level and in every phase of the Child Welfare program. He began working for San Mateo County in 1988 and, after 15 years as the Director of Child and Family Services, he retired from county service in March 2004. In September 2004, Mr. Oppenheim was named the founding executive director of the Child and Family Policy Institute of California, where he currently oversees research, training, education and technical assistance activities that are helping to improve the delivery of human services programs throughout California.

AKKIA PRIDE-POLK

Akkia received her MSW from UC Berkeley in 2001 and has worked in the field of Child Welfare for 16 years. She started off as a social worker in Alameda and Yolo County. In 2008, She was hired as a Social Worker Supervisor in San Joaquin County. She is currently a Child Welfare Division Chief in San Joaquin County, where she manages Resource Family Approval, Adoptions and Permanent Placement.

AMIE PRUTCH

Amie Prutch, MSW, is a Manger III at Stanislaus County Adult and Child Family Services Division and currently manages the Court Units, Resource Family Approval Unit, and Adoptions Unit. She has been in the social work field for almost twenty years and has served in many different roles in Child Welfare. She has worked as a Social Worker in Family Reunification, Adoptions, and Extended Foster Care, was a Coordinator for the Independent Living Skills Program for many years, and also served as the Foster/Adoptive Parent Recruiter and Trainer for many years.

JEFF RACKMIL, LCSW

Jeff Rackmil, LCSW is the Children & Young Adult System of Care Director for Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS). Jeff began his career with Alameda County BHCS in 1998 and has held the positions of: System of Care Coordinator, Assistant Director Children's System of Care and Juvenile Justice Health Services Director. Jeff has played an instrumental role in developing an integrated System of Care approach, partnering with child-serving agencies including Social Services, Juvenile Probation, School Districts, Public Defender, District Attorney, Regional Center, and many others. Jeff firmly believes that in order to be effective in helping the children and families of Alameda County, agencies must work collaboratively.

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JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ

Jennifer Rodriguez, J.D., is Executive Director of the Youth Law Center (YLC), where she works to transform the foster care and juvenile justice systems to ones that produce positive outcomes for youth. As a former foster youth who also spent time in juvenile justice institutions, Jennifer has spent most of her life advocating for changes in systems, and has become recognized for her dedication to reforming systems to centrally focus on the needs of children. Jennifer's advocacy has resulted in significant national policy, practice and culture changes around the fundamental needs of youth and formally including system involved youth as part of all policy processes. Jennifer's focus is on ensuring children and youth involved in foster care and juvenile justice receive the parenting necessary to heal and thrive and live in conditions that meet their developmental and emotional needs.

TERENCE M. ROONEY, PH.D.

Dr. Terence Rooney is currently the Director of Colusa County Behavioral Health. Soon after the onset of his Director position in 2013, he actively participated in the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) as a Governing Board member and Co-Chaired the Children's System of Care Committee. Dr. Rooney is the current Board President of CalMHSA, and is a Consultant for Mendocino Youth Services and Mendocino Behavioral Health and Recovery Services. He is a former Napa County Mental Health Deputy Director and Lake County Mental Health Deputy Director for Clinical Services.

Dr. Rooney received his B.A. in Psychology from Sonoma State University, his M.A. Counseling Psychology from Professional School for Humanistic Studies, and his Ph.D. in Clinical/Organizational Psychology from The Professional School of Psychology.

As a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, his vast thirty-five (35) years of experience in the public and private sector has benefitted the California counties in implementation of CCR, as an active participant on many of the committees and work groups.

SARA ROGERS

Sara Rogers is the Chief of the Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Bureau within the California Department of Social Services, leading the Department's implementation efforts for AB 403 and CCR. Prior to this role, Sara served as committee staff to the Senate Human Services Committee in the California State Senate with responsibility for child welfare policy and Community Care Licensing issues, among others. She served as a legislative policy consultant to State Senator Sheila Kuehl and Senator Mark Leno with responsibility for health care policy, state budget, and human services policy. Sara has more than 15 years of health and human services policy experience in the California Legislature and with the California Department of Social Services.

MONICA ROSE

Monica Rose received her Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice; thus, pursued her career with the Riverside County Probation Department. She has been with Riverside County Probation for 18 years. She has had several responsibilities as a probation officer, in both adult and juvenile assignments, including juvenile institutions. Currently she is the Supervising Probation Officer for the Juvenile Projects Unit, where she manages the implementation process and day to day operations of the Continuum of Care (CCR) requirements.

KIM SAING

Kim Saing has worked in the Behavioral/Mental Health field for over 18 years. She is a Licensed Marriage Family Therapist. She is currently the Chief Mental Health Clinician for San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services. Prior to joining San Joaquin County, Kim worked in Stanislaus County, with the county and the non-profits agencies. Primary populations she works with are youth in the juvenile justice or foster care setting.

CHARTIER SANFORD

Growing up in Sacramento, CA, Chartier experienced significant challenges as a youth, living away from his family in residential care after being removed from his mother and siblings. This eventually resulted in him becoming involved in both the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice systems and he struggled with stability. Chartier was connected to team of support and championed for himself to successfully reunify with his family and graduate high school. Chartier is currently enrolled as a student at a local college and aspires to continue to champion for other youth involved in the juvenile justice system through peer supportive services. He has participated in training panels for the Continuum of Care Reform CFT orientations with the UC Davis Resource Center for Family Focused Practice.

ANGIE SCHWARTZ

Angie Schwartz is the Policy Director at the Alliance for Children's Rights where she has been instrumental in passage of key reforms including the extension of foster care to 21, creation of a state-only funding system for kinship foster parents, and development of a screening process to improve access to disability benefits. Prior to joining the Alliance, Angie was an impact litigator at the Public Interest Law Project and was a Skadden Fellow for the National Center for Youth Law. Angie earned her B.A., Magna Cum Laude, from American University, and her J.D. with distinction from Stanford Law School.

MICHAEL SHORES

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Michael Shores is a 25-year veteran of the Sacramento County Probation Department with previous assignments in nearly every division within the Department. Mr. Shores' extensive background has helped Sacramento County become a leader in Juvenile Justice, and he continues to seek innovative ways to challenge and change the culture of the Juvenile System. Under his leadership, the Sacramento County Probation Department has twice been the recipient of Performance Based Standards Learning Institute's Barbara Allen-Hagen (BAH) award for work in reducing incidents of force as well as use of isolation. Mr. Shores' vision for the Juvenile Justice community is one of collaboration and teamwork to build sustainable programs that positively impact the lives of all Sacramento County youth while providing a positive, safe experience for staff.

ELIZABETH SIGGINS

Elizabeth Siggins works as a Project Consultant on some of the most critical adult and juvenile justice system reform efforts facing state and local governments. Elizabeth spent almost 10 years as an executive with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) including as CDCR's Director of Rehabilitative Programs where she oversaw the education, substance abuse treatment, and other rehabilitative programs for the state's prison and parole systems. Prior to that, she coordinated the state's juvenile justice reforms for CDCR's Division of Juvenile Justice. Elizabeth has also worked with the California Legislature, for the Office of the Inspector General, and with several nonprofit organizations in California and New York. Elizabeth has a MPP from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

JILL SILVA

Jill Silva is currently a consultant for CPOC. She retired as the Chief Probation Officer for Stanislaus County in February 2017. She began her career as a Deputy Probation Officer in 1989 and worked her way up through the ranks while serving in a multitude of assignments, including Juvenile, Adult and Institutions Divisions. As the Chief Probation Officer, Jill led the department in improving services for youth in the areas of gender-responsiveness, reducing racial and ethnic disparities and addressing the needs of the LGBT population. Jill has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from California State University, Fresno. She previously served as a Council Member in the City of Hughson and was recognized as the 2017 California Assembly Woman of the Year for District 12.

Speaker Biographies

RACHEL SMITH

Rachel Smith has cared for youth on probation through her role as a foster parent in the Marin Youth (MyHome) program for the past two years. She previously served high-risk adolescents for five years as a full time professional parent and has worked within the mental health field for 10 years. Rachel lives in Marin County with her husband Stephen and two youth residing with them through the Marin Probation MyHome program.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER MARK STONE

Mark Stone represents the people of California's 29th Assembly District, which includes the Monterey Bay. As Chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, Stone has written numerous laws to transform the state's child welfare system to help protect and improve the lives of its most vulnerable residents. Prior to his time as a state legislator, he served as a California Coastal Commissioner, a Santa Cruz County Supervisor, a local school board trustee, and an attorney in the tech industry.

JUAN TAIZAN

Juan Taizan is the Juvenile Justice/Child & Family Services Health Services Director for Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (BHCS). Prior to joining BHCS, Mr. Taizan spent over 10 years working in community health. His career in community health started with Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center Inc, where he helped design and facilitate programs for young men of color, directed one of the agency's school-based health centers, and managed a multidisciplinary team including mental health and primary care providers. Most recently, Mr. Taizan was the Associate Director for the California School-Based Health Alliance, where he was responsible for developing tools for school-based health centers to become more integral to the health care and education systems. As Associate Director, he helped design and secure funding for several major projects including over \$3 million to fund trauma-informed services for youth in Oakland and Richmond.

ERICKA TERKELSEN

Ericka Terkelsen Deputy Probation Officer II - Family Reunification Unit, graduated from college in 2005 with her B.S. in Criminology. She began her career in probation in the fall of 2008, as a Correctional Deputy Probation Officer in a Juvenile Hall in San Diego, CA. In the fall of 2014 she relocated to Humboldt County and was hired as a Deputy Probation Officer with Humboldt County Probation. She began working as a diversion officer and then transferred to the Family Reunification Unit as the out-of-county placement officer which includes travel to various California locations. As part of her assignment, she facilitates monthly Treatment Team Meetings/Child and Family Team Meetings with the out-of-county placement youth, families, care providers/facilities, mental health professionals, and community support persons. Ericka fully embraces the Family Reunification Unit's goal of sustaining positive relationships with the youth as well as the foster parents/resource families or residential treatment providers by maintaining regular contact and providing ongoing support. Ericka is optimistic that many of the new CCR regulations and evolving practices will result in greater success for Probation youth.

VALERIE THOMPSON

Valerie Thompson is the Assistant Chief Probation Officer for the Santa Cruz County Probation Department and is responsible for the oversight of the Juvenile Division, Juvenile Hall, Personnel and budget. The Probation Department is a Model Site for the Annie E. Casey Foundation's (AECF) Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), and Valerie is responsible for hosting numerous delegations from across the country interested in learning about and implementing detention reform efforts. She has been with the department since 2013 and has worked to implement Risk Based Supervision, Results Based Accountability, Systems Change,

and cross divisional alignment. In 2015, Valerie oversaw successful State and Federal grant applications totaling over two million dollars for the department and community partners. Valerie retired from the Virginia Dept. of Juvenile Justice in 2013, and has held every juvenile supervision field assignment prior to advancing to probation administration in Virginia. She applies her 30 years of experience in probation to ensure equitable and inclusive probation practices that are data driven, rooted in research and collaboration. Valerie is a national JDAI Fundamentals trainer and also provides Risk Based Supervision and Systems Change training. She has a B.A. in Sociology from Norfolk State University, Norfolk, Virginia and is an Alumni of the AECF Applied Leadership Network.

YULIANA VALENZUELA

Yuliana Valenzuela, Deputy Probation Officer with the County of Marin, has been with the department for approximately 12 years. She is currently assigned to the placement unit. She has been in this assignment for approximately 4 years.

DIANNA WAGNER

Dianna Wagner, M.S., LMFT - Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency Children's Branch Director over Child Welfare and Children's Mental Health. Dianna has a unique perspective having worked at a local nonprofit as a therapist for 8 years and then as an administrator for 8 years dealing with children impacted by abuse and neglect from the child welfare and probation system. This experience gave her firsthand knowledge of the struggles children within these systems have at managing traumatic experiences as they were raised in the foster care and juvenile justice systems. Upon joining the Shasta County Children's Services team nearly 3 years ago and the Strengthening Families Collaborative in 2015, Dianna's goal is to increase the collaborative approach in order to better serve the children and families in Shasta County.

MANDEE WOODS

Mandee Woods began her career with the Riverside County Probation Department as a non-sworn support staff in August of 2008. While working in a support capacity, she was promoted to a Supervising Office Assistant and earned her Bachelor's degree in Public Administration. Once she obtained her degree she proceeded through the process to become a Deputy Probation Officer. She has been instrumental in the research development and implementation of Riverside County Probation's Continuum of Care (CCR) plan. Currently, she is the Senior Probation Officer for the Juvenile Projects Unit, where her primary assignment is to facilitate Child and Family Team meetings; she also provides training to department staff relating to CCR and represents the department in several interagency committees.

KIMBERLY WRIGLEY, LCSW

Kim Wrigley has worked in the child welfare system for over 18 years; the last 16 of those years with CDSS. She began her work in the counties conducting court investigations and providing family reunification/maintenance services. Since coming to CDSS, Kim has worked directly with children, families and counties as an adoptions worker and supervisor. Over 5 years ago, she changed her focus from field work to policy work as the Adoptions Policy manager. She also began her work on the Resource Family Approval (RFA) program at the same time. For the last 2 years as the RFA Program Manager, she has worked with her team and early implementing counties exclusively on the development of policies related to RFA and the operationalization of the RFA Program. Kim has recently accepted the position of Bureau Chief in CDSS and will oversee the units working on RFA policy, program services and implementation and stakeholder engagement and communication.