



**CALIFORNIA BEHAVIORAL
HEALTH POLICY FORUM**

DECEMBER 16-18, 2018

Welcome to San Francisco!

And welcome to the 2018 California Behavioral Health Policy Forum.

On the following pages you will find sessions designed to foster conversation around harm reduction, youth mental health, new legislation and more. We'll talk about what's working and what isn't. Most importantly, we hope you have an opportunity to connect with other "behavioral health champions" around the state.

Thank you for joining us.

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Sunday, December 16, 2018

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm **Early Registration** *Sunset Court*

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm **CBHDA Awards Dinner**
(Invitation Only) *French Parlor*

Monday, December 17, 2018

8:30 am - 10:00 am **Welcome and Keynote by**
Senator Scott Wiener *Twin Peaks*

10:20 am - 11:30 am **1A: Armed with Mental**
Health First Aid *Sea Cliff*

For many students, school is not always a pleasant experience. Most of us know of a young person who is struggling under academic or social anxiety-producing pressures in school, which often result in behavioral health disorders. Mental Health First Aid is a course that teaches us how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. This panel will discuss the need for teachers and students to be equipped with training that will help identify, understand and respond to signs of addictions and mental illnesses.

Veronica Kelley, DSW, Director, San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health

Le Ondra Clark Harvey, PhD, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies

Mara Madrigal-Weiss, Director, Student Wellness and Positive School Climate

Monica Nepomuceno, Education Programs Consultant, Mental Health Services Program, California Department of Education

10:20 am - 11:30 am **1B: Emergency Department**
Overcrowding *Telegraph Hill*

Anyone who has had the occasion to go to a hospital emergency room recently is probably aware that (1) the ER is often overcrowded, and (2) a significant number of patients are there due to a mental health crisis or substance use disorder. The current epidemic of opioid overdoses, involving both prescription pain relievers and heroin, is also having a major impact on emergency rooms. This panel will discuss the challenges of serving this population in crowded ERs, and the importance of developing close collaboration between community addiction and mental health services and Emergency Departments.

Thomas Renfree, Interim Executive Director, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA)

Jim Comes, MD, Chief of Emergency Medicine, UCSF Fresno Emergency Medicine Program

Mary Lally-DeAlba, RN, Director, Nursing Emergency and Medical Surgical Services, Adventist Health

Sheree Lowe, Vice President, Behavioral Health, California Hospital Association

Tony Vartan, MSW, LCSW, Director of Behavioral Health Services, San Joaquin County

10:20 am - 11:30 am **1C: Getting On Par With Parity &**
Other Regulatory Managed Care
Requirements *Pacific Heights*

This panel will discuss best practices in leveraging a contract with an Administrative Service Organization (ASO) to drive performance and meet regulatory requirements related to parity and the Medicaid Final Rule.

Dean True, RN, MPA, President, County Behavioral Directors Association of CA, and Director, Adult Services and Human Services Agency, Shasta County

Sarah Arnquist, MPH, Vice President, Client Partnerships with Beacon Health Options

Ian Johansson, Chief Compliance Officer, Health Plan of San Mateo

12:45 pm - 1:55 pm 2A: Adventures in Harm Reduction
Sea Cliff

From supervised injection facilities to heroin-assisted treatment, “radical” harm reduction strategies that have shown promise in other countries are beginning to gain traction in parts of California and the U.S. At the same time, many communities continue to lack access to basic overdose prevention supplies and medication-assisted treatment for substance use. This panel will interrogate the risks, benefits, and barriers associated with a variety of interventions that can reduce harm from drug and alcohol use. Panelists will identify policy strategies to expand the use of these life-saving practices throughout the state.

Libby Guthrie, EdD, Executive Director, Mendocino County AIDS/Viral Hepatitis Network

Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director, Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness

Alex H. Kral, PhD, Principal Scientist, Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice Division, RTI International

Laura Thomas, PhD, Deputy State Director, California, San Francisco Bay Area, Drug Policy Alliance

12:45 pm - 1:55 pm 2B: Consumer Engagement Through Good Design
Telegraph Hill

How can good design strengthen your brand? How can strengthening your brand help you communicate with consumers? Join Jerry Lowe of Jettoe Advertising & Graphic Design as he walks us through a few branding basics. Jerry won't make you into a branding expert in one hour, but you will learn some real-world tips on how to improve the look of your outreach materials. Watch Jerry redesign a flyer in live-time and learn tips on image selection, headline writing and element placement.

Jerry Lowe, Owner, Jettoe Advertising & Graphic Design

Robb Layne, Director, External Affairs and Communications, CBHDA

12:45 pm - 1:55 pm 2C: Child Welfare, Foster Care and Trauma Informed Strategies
Pacific Heights

This panel will discuss current efforts to create trauma-informed systems for foster youth, how we are identifying and addressing trauma, and strategies to improve foster youth access to mental health services. The current statutory and regulatory environment will be examined, including relevant legislation and Continuum of Care Reform, (which effectively ends the use of foster youth group homes), family mobile response proposals, the delivery of specialty mental health services and health plan provided mental health benefits.

Karen Larsen, LMFT, Director, Yolo County, Health & Human Services Agency

Susanna Kniffen, Senior Director, Child Welfare Policy, Children Now

Frank Mecca, Executive Director, Child Welfare Directors Association (CWDA)

Joy Anderson, No Stigma No Barriers

2:25 pm - 3:30 pm 3A: Youth Mental Health in Conversation
Sea Cliff

Earlier this year, Born This Way Foundation commissioned a study from Benenson Strategy Group. This study asked 20 youth and their parents or guardians to answer a series of questions about their lives, relationships, and mental health in the form of diary entries. For the panel discussion, Born This Way Foundation will highlight the findings from the online diaries and have an open conversation about how we can create a healthy dialogue about mental health within families and beyond.

Maya Smith, Executive Director, Born This Way Foundation

April Johnson, Communications Director, Aging Up

Joshua Martin Caldwell, Youth, Larkin Street Youth Services

“For the children who enter the foster care system, their physical safety is paramount, but their mental health needs are also critical to their ongoing wellbeing and development.”

– Rita L. Soronen

2:25 pm - 3:30 pm **3B: Leadership and Policy:
The Inextricable Link**
Telegraph Hill

During this facilitated panel discussion, alumni of the CIBHS Leadership Institute will discuss the many connections between leadership and policy such as key attributes needed to have an impact in the policy area and the dynamic tension between being both “implementers of policy” and needing to influence and shape policy discussions that are happening at the local, state, and federal levels.

Debbie Innes-Gomberg, PhD, Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

Alissa Nourse, MEd, Consultant, Former Director of Alpine County Behavioral Health Department

Dean True, RN, MPA, President, County Behavioral Directors Association of CA, and Director, Adult Services and Human Services Agency, Shasta County

Nancy Peña, PhD, Behavioral Health Consultant, Former Director of Behavioral Health, Santa Clara County

Tommy Royston, MEd, Assistant Director of Executive Education, USC Price School of Public Policy

3:40 pm - 4:45 pm **4A: Suicide as a National Epidemic**
Sea Cliff

Suicide rates have increased in almost every state in the past two decades, with California showing a 15% increase from 1999 to 2016. This panel will attempt to uncover what’s behind this spike by exploring the anthropological, epidemiological, cultural and societal factors of suicide. What should Counties do to prevent the continued rise in suicide rates, and what more should we do to better suicide prevention?

Terry Rooney, PhD, Director, Colusa County Behavioral Health

Curley L Bonds, MD, Chief Deputy Director, Clinical Operations, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

Kelechi Ubozoh, Tech Suite Peer and Community Engagement Manager, CalMHSA

3:40 pm - 4:45 pm **4B: Policy Driving Outcomes:
Outcomes Driving Policy**
Telegraph Hill

Statewide approaches to outcome collection and reporting initiated by counties will be highlighted with a focus on policy and legislative actions that promote outcomes-driven policy development.

Debbie Innes-Gomberg, PhD, Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

Toby Ewing, PhD, Executive Director, Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC)

Samantha Spangler, PhD, Director Research and Evaluations, California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS)

3:40 pm - 4:45 pm **4C: Criminal Justice Diversion
Opportunities** *Pacific Heights*

Nationally, nearly two million people with mental illness are booked into jails each year and almost two-thirds have a co-occurring substance use disorder. Serving individuals in the intersection of behavioral health and criminal justice is difficult, but diversion can be an effective alternative to incarceration. New legislation, AB 1810, in 2018 created an on-going pathway for pre-trial diversion of individuals with a mental illness. In addition, this legislation provides short-term funding to expand and support programs or interventions. This panel will address the opportunities and challenges that this new legislation creates to serve individuals who had previously been unserved and underserved in the community.

Anne Robin, LMFT, Behavioral Health Director, San Luis Obispo County

Alice Gleghorn, PhD, Director, Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness

Judge Stephen Manley, Superior Court Judge, Santa Clara County

Stephanie Welch, MSW, Executive Officer, Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH)

Tracy Macuga, Public Defender, Santa Barbara County Public Defender’s Office



8:40 am - 9:20 am **Welcome and Keynote by Rita Soronen** *Twin Peaks*

9:30 am - 10:40 am **5A: Treating Away Homelessness?** *Sea Cliff*

Across the nation we are seeing an unprecedented rise in homelessness, leaving many searching for a solution that always seems just out of reach. Is mental health care, substance use disorder treatment and housing enough to get someone off the streets? This panel will ask the hard questions as it tries to determine what is needed to overcome this societal crisis.

Kavoos Ghane Bassiri, LMFT, LPCC, CGP, Director of Behavioral Health Services, San Francisco Department of Public Health

Karen Lancaster, LMFT, Program Director, San Francisco Fully Integrated Recovery Services Team (SF FIRST), San Francisco Department of Public Health

Barry Zevin, MD, Medical Director, Street Medicine and Shelter Health, San Francisco Department of Public Health

Kelly Hiramoto, LCSW, Director, Transitions Division, San Francisco Health Network, San Francisco Department of Public Health

9:30 am - 10:40 am **5B: Collaboration On Campus** *Telegraph Hill*

This panel will be discussing how schools and Behavioral Health are working together to provide better access to referrals and services through improved policy.

Amie Miller, PhD, Behavioral Health Director, Monterey County

Nancy Kotowski, PhD, Monterey County Superintendent of Schools

Amanda M. Dickey, Esq., Director, Intergovernmental and Legal Affairs, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association

9:30 am - 10:40 am **5C: From Policy to Outcomes Across City and County Jurisdictions** *Pacific Heights*

The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) has administered local, regional, and statewide mental health programs on behalf of the California counties and cities since 2004. Ranging from stigma and discrimination, suicide prevention, student mental health initiative, and innovations, learn how county identified programs administered through CalMHSA are meeting the outcomes of the Mental Health Services Act.

Terence Rooney, PhD, Director, Colusa County Behavioral Health

Sharon Ishikawa, PhD, MHSA Coordinator/Administrative Manager, Orange County Health Care Agency

Kelechi Ubozoh, Tech Suite State Peer and Community Engagement Manager, CalMHSA

Jeremy Wilson, MPPA, Senior Program Manager, CalMHSA

11:10 am - 12:20 pm **6A: Undocumented Determinants of Health** *Sea Cliff*

Is immigration status a social determinant of health? Can the color of your skin predict a sooner death and what does this mean for communities of color statewide? This panel will discuss how counties and consumers can improve our current system to address language barriers while navigating lawful status payment issues.

Jei Africa, PhD, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Marin County

Kiran Savage-Sangwan, Deputy Director, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

Pysay Phinith, LCSW, Program Director, Korean Community Center of the East Bay

11:10 am - 12:20 pm **6B: 2018 Legislative Year in Review**
Telegraph Hill

2018 was another strong year for Behavioral Health Legislation, with wins that will work to better California's mental health and substance use prevention and treatment care system. This panel takes a hard look at the legislation that will come into effect in 2019, and how Counties can better prepare for implementation of the new laws.

Amie Miller, PhD, Behavioral Health Director, Monterey County

Mary Adèr, MPP, MHP, Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs,
County Behavioral Health Director Association of CA (CBHDA)


Thomas Renfree, Interim Executive Director, County Behavioral
Health Director Association of CA (CBHDA)

Connie Delgado, CEO, Delgado Government Affairs

"Last year I worked closely with CBHDA to ensure that California youth, regardless of their county of residence, are able to access early intervention mental health services. We must continue to work together to update and improve our laws, so that all Californians can get the support they need."

- Senator Scott Wiener





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Behavioral Health Integration

The California Health Care Foundation is deeply committed to fostering behavioral health integration — the knitting together of mental health care and substance use disorder treatment with health care as a whole.

See all of our resources at:
www.chcf.org/bhintegration



Speaker Bios



Karen Lancaster – Karen Lancaster is the Program Director of the San Francisco Fully Integrated Recovery Services Team (SF FIRST) with the San Francisco Department of Public Health. She is a tireless champion for those with extensive histories of trauma and works to promote the wellness and recovery of San Francisco's most at-risk residents. In

addition, she oversees the team's coordination with community partners such as: High Users of Multiple Services, Direct Access to Housing and Access4Jobs. Karen is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with a Bachelor and master's degree in Psychology. She has more than 17 years of experience providing intensive case management services to homeless individuals with co-occurring psychiatric, substance abuse and medical conditions. Karen was born and raised in the Bay Area and continues to reside there with her husband and two daughters.



Karen Larsen – Karen Larsen is a licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT) and Director of Yolo County's Health and Human Services Agency or HHSA for short. She has been serving the underserved of Yolo County and surrounding areas for more than two decades. Karen spent over 15 years working for community clinics as a LMFT. She began

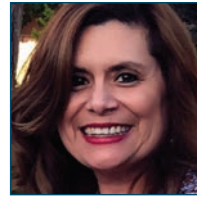
her career providing care for those struggling with substance use disorders and has worked in every modality, developing specialized services and programs and braiding funding streams to maximize the services provided. As a woman in recovery herself, Karen strives to educate partners throughout the State and County on the benefits of treating substance use disorders and viewing those disorders as a chronic health condition rather than a moral deficit. While her focus began in the area of substance use disorders, Karen's concentration during these years was increasingly on helping systems to achieve integrated care for physical health, mental health, and substance use disorders. This integration can provide better care for the persons in need as well as improved financial sustainability for the systems serving them. This passion for integrating care was one of the driving forces that brought Karen to Yolo County. For longer bio, please visit www.cbhda.org



Frank Mecca – Frank Mecca has served as Executive Director for 25 years, during which he has helped establish CWDA as a leading advocacy and policy organization in the field of public human services. Under Franks leadership, the association has been instrumental in the development of significant human services programs and policies,

including helping shape the CalWORKs program, creating the Adult Protective Services program, and advocating for significant child welfare reform efforts such as extending foster care support to youth after age 18. Frank is a board member of the California Budget & Policy Center and a member of the California Child Welfare Council. He is a former president of the National Association of County Human Services Administrators. Prior to joining CWDA, Frank served as a fiscal and policy analyst for the California Legislative Analyst's Office, where he had oversight responsibility for most child welfare programs, including Child

Welfare Services, Foster Care and Adoptions. He holds a master's degree in Public Affairs with a concentration in social welfare policy from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, Austin. He earned his undergraduate degree in Government and Economics from Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.



Mara Madrigal-Weiss – Mara Madrigal-Weiss is the Director of Student Wellness and Positive School Climate with the San Diego County Office of Education. Her experience includes working with school communities as a Family Case Manager, Protective Services Worker and Family Resource Center Director.

Ms. Madrigal-Weiss received her M.A. in Human Behavior from National University; a M.Ed. in counseling and a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Point Loma Nazarene University. Madrigal-Weiss has been dedicated to promoting student mental health and wellness for over 15 years. She has led the efforts in San Diego county to certify over 3,000 educators and other youth serving adults. She has also dedicated her efforts to building the capacity of schools to provide positive and engaging climates where youth feel safe, respected and valued. Ms. Madrigal-Weiss has presented at workshops across the nation and is considered an expert in cross-system collaboration among youth serving agencies. She is a past president of the International Bullying Prevention Association (IBPA) the only international association dedicated to eradicating bullying worldwide. She is a member of the California Department of Education's Student Mental Health Policy Workgroup that recently passed AB 2246 requiring all school districts in California to adopt/enhance suicide prevention policy. At present Mara Madrigal-Weiss fills the seat of designee of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction as a Commissioner on the Mental Health Services and Oversight Commission.



Alex H. Kral – Alex H. Kral, a Distinguished Fellow in RTI International's San Francisco Regional Office, is an infectious disease epidemiologist with 25 years of experience in community-based research with urban poor populations. His policy and evaluation research has included syringe exchange programs, overdose education and naloxone

distribution programs, point-of-care fentanyl testing, and safe consumption service programs. Dr. Kral is the principal investigator or co-investigator on several National Institute on Drug Abuse and Laura and John Arnold Foundation funded studies of the relationship between infectious diseases, criminal justice involvement, substance use, and poverty. He has authored or coauthored more than 160 articles in peer-reviewed journals.



April Johnson – April Johnson is the co-founder & communications director of Aging UP, a nonprofit in Sacramento, CA that provides one-to-one mentoring for youth with experience in foster care. April has more than ten years of experience in nonprofit marketing/PR and fundraising. Before finishing her bachelor's degree, she spent a

year in South Africa. During this time, she taught HIV/AIDS education to primary school students and weekly life skills and Bible lessons to children at an orphanage. Upon returning home, April continued her education at California State University, Sacramento, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in communications, emphasis in public relations. Simultaneously,

she began her career at a nonprofit adoption agency. As she ventured into new career opportunities, the unmet needs of youth in foster care remained a concern. She joined forces with a former colleague and together they developed Aging UP to be a strength-based, trauma-informed mentoring program. April enjoys free time with her husband and their toddler. She also embarks on day trips throughout Northern California as much as possible.



Kelly Hiramoto – Kelly Hiramoto is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who earned her bachelor's degree in Social Welfare from UC Berkeley and her Master of Science degree in Social Work from Columbia University. She has worked in a variety of settings, including enriched housing programs, naturally occurring retirement

communities and mixed housing for seniors, people with AIDS and low-income working professionals in the entertainment industry in New York City. She began working in San Francisco community care management with Jewish Family Children's Services in 1998 and then moved on to assist with the program start up for MSSP (Multipurpose Senior Services Program), Linkages and Family Caregiver Support programs in Napa-Solano counties. She returned to San Francisco and joined Institute on Aging, working her way up to Vice President of Community Care Management. She joined the San Francisco Department of Public Health Placement Division in 2008 and currently serves as the Director of the San Francisco Health Network Transitions Division, overseeing Care Coordination, Community Placement, the SF Behavioral Health Center and Street Medicine/Shelter Health Teams. The goal of the Transitions division is to ensure clients are stabilized in the most appropriate, least restrictive setting in the most cost-effective manner.



Veronica A. Kelly – Veronica A. Kelley, DSW is the Director for the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health and oversees the daily operations for both Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services. Veronica is a member of the Governing Board for the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA), she sits

on the Executive Committee, serves as the Co-Chair for the Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment (SAPT) Committee and is the Co-Chair for the Cultural Competency, Equity & Social Justice (CCESJ) Committee. She is also a Council Member to the California Behavioral Health Planning Council, Board Member to the California Mental Health Services Authority and Associate Member to the American Society of Addiction Medicine. She is a Professor at Mount St. Mary's University teaching in the undergraduate Social Work/Sociology/Gerontology and Film Department, an Adjunct Faculty in the Master of Social Work Program at Loma Linda University Department of Social Work and Social Ecology, and a Contract Instructor at Cal State University, San Bernardino, teaching Social Work with Alcohol and Drug Abuse. She earned her MSW from the University of Southern California and her BS in Psychology and Child Development from Mount Saint Mary's College in Los Angeles.



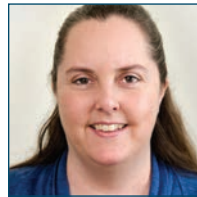
Jei Africa, Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Marin County, California – Dr. Jei Africa has committed his career to building behavioral health systems that are accessible and responsive to the needs of all communities. Dr. Africa currently serves as the Director of Behavioral Health and

Recovery Services (BHRS) in Marin County, California. Previously, he was the Director of the Office of Diversity and Equity (ODE) of San Mateo County Health. In this role, he led delivery system transformation efforts that promote effective and culturally responsive services throughout the county and beyond. Major accomplishments include spearheading efforts to launch the county's first LGBTQ+ community center and developing an organizational framework to institutionalize equity policies and practices in systems of care. He previously served as the Clinical Director at Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) and the Manager of Youth Treatment Services at Asian American Recovery Services (AARS). For longer bio, please visit www.cbhda.org



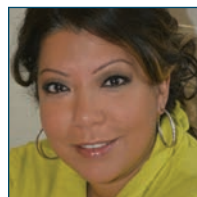
Kelechi Ubozoh – Kelechi Ubozoh is a nationally recognized suicide prevention advocate and featured in the SAMSHA Award-Winning documentary, *The S Word*, which follows the lives of suicide attempt survivors in an effort to end the stigma and silence around suicide. This year, Ms. Ubozoh appeared on CBS This Morning with Gayle

King, Good Morning America, and ABC Channel 7 News to support a national conversation about suicide prevention. Her story of recovery will be featured in *O, The Oprah Magazine* next year. In summer of 2019, her book with co-editor Liz Green, *We've Been Too Patient* will be released from Penguin Random House. *We've Been Too Patient* is a collection of diverse stories of radical healing and consider the recent movement towards reform in the mental health field, including the consumer movement, peer support, and trauma-informed care. She currently works at CalMHSA as the Tech Suite Peer and Community Engagement Manager.



Susanna Kniffen – Ms. Kniffen leads the organization's work on child welfare and foster care issues in Children Now's Sacramento office. Previously, Ms. Kniffen worked as a Legislative Aide in the State Capitol, managed public policy efforts at Casey Family Programs related to child welfare and foster care, and worked for Fight

Crime: Invest in Kids, where she developed a public policy agenda on issues pertaining to child abuse and neglect prevention, the juvenile justice system, and the child welfare system. Ms. Kniffen holds an MPA from the University of Southern California and a BA in Government from Claremont McKenna College.



Monica Nepomuceno – Monica Nepomuceno, M.S.W. is an Education Programs Consultant (EPC) in the Educational Excellence and Equity Division at the California Department of Education (CDE). Monica has been responsible for overseeing the Mental Health Services Program at CDE since 2009. She co-chairs

the Student Mental Health Policy Workgroup, a body charged with making annual policy recommendations to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the legislature, and other key organizations. Additionally, she has over 23 years of experience in education. The first 12 years of career were spent helping students and families overcome barriers to learning. She is most proud of her ability to build relationships with local, state, and national partners to increase awareness of and supports for student mental health. Her role at the CDE helps foster connections and leverage resources to engage non-traditional

partners with schools and students. Monica is a Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor and has delivered training throughout the state since 2015. For longer bio, please visit www.cbhda.org

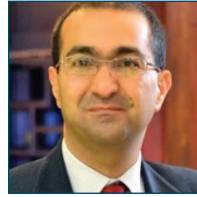


Joshua Martin Caldwell – Joshua Martin Caldwell (20), an African-American male, has been receiving services from Larkin Street for the past 8 months. Born in Vallejo, CA, Joshua moved often as a youth, living in Texas, South Carolina, and Los Angeles prior to settling once again in the Bay Area.

Homeless, unemployed, and literally living on the streets, Josh used his intellectual gifts to somehow manage to provide for his basic needs. Frustration, substance abuse, and a desire for a better lifestyle prompted Josh to begin looking for more stable housing options. Without the aid of any case management, Josh researched youth shelters himself and gained knowledge of Larkin Street's services. Recognizing the wonderful opportunity Larkin Street represented, Josh walked through the doors at the Lark Inn. Impressed and grateful for his immediate placement into a bed, Josh made the most of this opportunity, immediately engaging in programming and seeking assistance from Larkin Street staff who were committed to meeting his needs. Josh has escaped the depression of his past substance abuse history, and has recently obtained stable, long-term housing through the Routz program. Josh is looking forward to attending City College of San Francisco in Spring 2019 and continues to add chapters to his success story.



Dr. Amie Miller – Dr. Amie Miller is the Behavioral Health Director for Monterey County overseeing mental health and substance use disorder services. She has worked with Monterey County for 13 years. During this time, she oversaw Quality Improvement and the implementation of the electronic medical record. She is a licensed mental health clinician who has worked with Transition Age Youth as well as our Access Services in the South County region of Monterey.



Kavoo Ghane Bassiri – Kavoo Ghane Bassiri, LMFT, LPCC, CGP is the Director of Behavioral Health Services at San Francisco Department of Public Health, for the City and County of San Francisco. He is a Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and a Certified Group Psychotherapist. Also, he is an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at UCSF School of Medicine.





Maya Smith – Maya Smith has over a decade of experience in the youth empowerment, civic engagement, and community development fields. Maya proudly serves as the first Executive Director of Lady Gaga’s Born This Way Foundation which works to support the wellness of young people and empower them to build a kinder, braver world. During her tenure, Born This Way Foundation has engaged a diverse array of partners across sectors as well as young people themselves to conduct innovative research, build authentic youth-focused programming, and lead effective campaigns that foster kindness and advance the conversation around mental health. Previously, Maya served as the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of Mobilize.org, an innovative Millennial organization whose mission is to empower and invest in Millennials to create and implement solutions to social problems. For longer bio, please visit www.cbhda.org



Sarah Arnquist – Sarah Arnquist is a Vice President of Client Partnerships with Beacon Health Options. Sarah’s work focuses on designing and implementing programs to deliver mental health and substance use services. Prior to joining Beacon, Sarah worked as a health policy consultant, working directly with Medi-Cal leadership and engaging stakeholders on pressing public policy issues. Previously, she worked at Harvard University’s Global Health Delivery Program, where she studied international models of large-scale health care delivery, and as a newspaper reporter in Northern California. She won numerous journalism awards for her coverage of health and social welfare issues and has published in many outlets, including the New York Times and Harvard Business School Press. Sarah has a master’s degree in public health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a bachelor’s degree in Journalism from the University of St. Thomas.



Dr. Debbie Innes-Gomberg – Dr. Innes-Gomberg received her PhD from CSPP-LA in 1992 and is the Deputy Director over Program Development and Outcomes for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. Over her 25 year career she has assumed leadership roles in Jail Mental Health Services, Adult System of Care, served as a District Chief for the Long Beach/South Bay areas of Los Angeles County and oversees the administration of the Mental Health Services Act. Dr. Innes-Gomberg is the Co-Chair of the County Behavioral Health Directors’ Association’s (CBHDA) MHSA Committee, including a member of its Governing Board. She is a leader in LA County and across the State on the MHSA and on outcome and evaluation of mental health programs.



Alice Gleghorn – Alice Gleghorn, PhD is a clinical psychologist who began her career in HIV prevention research with injection drug users in Baltimore at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. She enjoyed 19.5 years at the San Francisco Department of Public Health prior to becoming Director of the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness in 2014. At SFDPH she established pioneering harm reduction policies and programs that have been honored as national models for overdose prevention and opiate treatment. Building on her research background, she established and promoted evidence-based practices including: Drug Overdose Prevention and Education (DOPE-including Naloxone distribution), Treatment On Demand, Office Based Opiate Treatment (OBOT) program, Mobile Methadone Van, Outpatient Buprenorphine Induction Clinic (OBIC), Integrated Buprenorphine Intervention Services, and the integrated Behavioral Health Access Center For longer bio, please visit www.cbhda.org





Sheree Lowe – Sheree Lowe is Vice President, Behavioral Health at the California Hospital Association. In this role, Ms. Lowe serves as primary legislative advocate for hospitals serving individuals with mental health and substance use disorders. She monitors federal and state regulatory, legislative, and policy activities that impact general acute care hospitals. She is a frequent consultant and lecturer on health care issues and has coordinated nationwide trainings on federal regulations with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.



Dr. Jim Comes – Jim Comes, MD, FACEP serves as the Chief of Emergency Medicine and the Gene W. Kallsen, MD, Endowed Chair in Emergency Medicine at UCSF Fresno. He also holds a position of Vice-Chair of Emergency Medicine at UCSF. Dr. Comes provides visionary leadership for the clinical, educational and research components of

emergency medicine at UCSF Fresno. Comes currently oversees the Emergency Department at Community Regional Medical Center, one of the busiest emergency departments in the state and home to the only Level 1 trauma and comprehensive burn center from Sacramento to Los Angeles. Comes has dedicated his career to graduate medical education, serving in an educational leadership role for the past 25 years. He was program director for the transitional-year internship and assistant residency director prior to serving as program director of the UCSF Fresno Emergency Medicine Residency Program from 2006 to 2017. For longer bio, please visit www.cbhda.org



Toby Ewing – Toby Ewing, Ph.D. is the Executive Director of the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, the state agency that oversees mental health services in California. Dr. Ewing has worked on governance reform, government oversight and improving outcomes of public programs for many years.

He has worked on a range of public policy issues, including mental health, child welfare, immigrant integration, workforce and education, and veterans projects. From 2011 through 2014, Ewing served as a consultant to the California State Senate Governance and Finance Committee. He also served as Director of the California Research Bureau from 2009 to 2011. Prior to that, for eight years, he was a Project Manager with the Little Hoover Commission, an independent body charged with improving government. Ewing did his undergraduate studies at Grinnell College and received a Ph.D. in Sociology from Syracuse University. He served as a Fulbright Scholar in Central America.



Alissa Nourse – Alissa Nourse, M.Ed., is a leadership trainer, meeting and retreat facilitator and experiential educator and is the former Director of the Alpine County Behavioral Health Department. She has been working with youth and families in strength based programming since 1990. Alissa also served as the Executive Director of a non-

profit counseling and supportive services agency serving 2 states and 4 counties for 9 years. Alissa received her Master's Degree in Education from Harvard University in 1999. Since that time, she has been combining her skills in organizational development with her background and education in building organizations and

teams that are resilient, sustainable and ethical. She works to build courage in leaders and emerging leaders by helping them do the inside work of clarifying their values and building on their strengths. Alissa lives in the Sierra Nevada mountains and is a passionate snowboarder, skier, road and mountain biker, yogi, meditator, paddleboarder, and hiker.



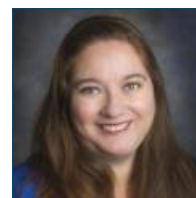
Dr. Clark Harvey – Dr. Clark Harvey is the Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs for CBHA. Dr. Clark Harvey has previously served as Chief Consultant to the California State Assembly Committee on Business and Professions, Principal Consultant to the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, and a health

policy consultant to the office of former Senator Curren D. Price, Jr. Prior to her work within the California Legislature, she completed her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She completed her pre-doctoral fellowship at the University of Southern California Children's Hospital Los Angeles and a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of California, Los Angeles Mattel Children's Hospital. She was also a social justice fellow at the Center for Policy Analysis in San Francisco. For longer bio, please visit www.cbhda.org



Dr. Curley L. Bonds – Curley L. Bonds, MD is the Chief Deputy Director, Clinical Operations for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LAC-DMH). Prior to his appointment as Chief Deputy at DMH, Dr. Bonds served as Medical Director for Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services. He has held key roles in clinical leadership at

Charles R. Drew University (CDU) and the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. He holds faculty appointments as Health Sciences Clinical Professor at UCLA and Professor and Chair of Psychiatry at CDU. Dr. Bonds earned his BA in Sociology from Emory University and his MD from Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed a residency in adult psychiatry at UCLA's Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior. For longer bio, please visit www.cbhda.org



Mary Lally-De Alba – Mary Lally-De Alba RN is dedicated in serving the rural community of Reedley by acting as the Director of Nursing Emergency and Medical Surgical Services at Adventist Health since 2012. Mary is popular with the 100+ staff members she directly oversees in the 49-bed acute-care hospital. Mary currently is an

active member of her behavior health committee and sits on several committees to improve patient care and outcomes. Mary has the reputation as being a hands-on director, while maintaining excellent clinical oversight for nursing practice throughout the facility. Mary actively participates in community education opportunities and enjoys 5K fundraisers on a monthly basis.



Judge Stephen Manley – Stephen Manley is a Superior Court Judge in Santa Clara County and has served as a Judge for over 30 years. He presently serves as the Supervising Judge of all Felony and Misdemeanor mental health and drug cases in the Criminal Division of the Court. He developed and personally presides over a number of Treatment Court

programs and calendars that include more than 2,000 offenders

who participate in treatment and rehabilitation services while in Diversion, or on Probation, or Parole, and are mentally ill, mentally challenged, and substance abusers. He established one of the first Mental Health Courts in the Nation in 1998, one of the first Veterans Treatment Courts in 2012 as well as the first Parolee Reentry Court in California in 2007. For longer bio, please visit www.cbhda.org



Tony Vartan – Tony Vartan is a healthcare leader with extensive executive, operational and clinical experience in hospital and outpatient services. He currently is the Director of Behavioral Health Services for the County of San Joaquin. Tony has over 30 years of experience in Health and Behavioral Health services both in public and private

sector. His experience includes 19 years with Tenet Health Systems where he served as the Associate Administrator for Doctors Medical Center. Tony was involved in the purchase of Doctors Behavioral Health Center where he redesigned the delivery of psychiatric services, implemented innovative changes, created new program startups, and led the facility for 10 years as the Administrator and Chief Behavioral Health Officer. Tony's experience includes design and implementation of high-quality Psychiatric Emergency services. He has collaborated in projects that reduced delays and improved the delivery of emergency psychiatric services at various hospital emergency departments. A few of Tony's memberships include, executive member of the California Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), executive member of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Project (LEAD), a member of the National Association of Social Work (NASW) and a former Member of the California Hospital Association's (CHA) Behavioral Health Board.



Samantha Spangler – Dr. Samantha Spangler, Ph.D. is Research and Evaluation Director for the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions. Dr. Spangler has 15 years of experience in research, analytics, and evaluation, including work with academic, government, corporate, and non-profit organizations. Dr. Spangler completed a

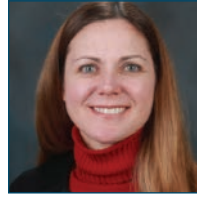
fellowship in interdisciplinary autism research at the UC Davis MIND Institute and has previously worked as a consultant to state and local governments nationwide to provide planning, implementation, and evaluation support for health and human services initiatives. She provides expertise in research and evaluation design and execution and works with organizations to understand how they can continuously improve the quality of their services and outcomes for the populations they serve.



Mary Adèr, MPP, MPH – Mary Adèr has been the Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs at the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA) since the spring of 2016. Prior to CBHDA she served as Senior Advisor for Government Relations at Kaiser Permanente's national headquarters in Oakland, California. For five years she

provided substantive and strategic guidance on legislation in California, Hawaii, and Georgia. Prior to joining Kaiser Permanente, Mary served for ten years as senior staff to California legislative leadership at the Assembly Appropriations Committee and the non-partisan Legislative Analyst's Office. Mary's areas of expertise include legislative analysis and writing, assessment of impacts of legislation and public finance. Mary

holds a Master of Public Health and a Master of Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Dartmouth College.



Stephanie Welch, MSW – Stephanie Welch is the Executive Officer of the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH) based in the Office of the Secretary at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). CCJBH is charged with investigating, identifying and promoting effective prevention, diversion and reentry

strategies for youth and adults with behavioral health issues who are justice involved or at risk of such involvement. Stephanie also represents CDCR on the Statewide Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council which oversees California's strategies to promote housing-first programming and end homelessness. For longer bio, please visit www.cbhda.org



Ian Johansson – Ian Johansson joined the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) as Chief Compliance Officer in July 2015. Ian came to HPSM after 10 years of service at Partnership HealthPlan of California and serving as corporate compliance officer at Aloha Care, a non-profit Medicaid plan in the State of Hawaii. In his prior roles he helped build

compliance programs and expand product lines and service areas. He has had extensive compliance experience with Medicare, Medi-Cal, and HIPAA, and is deeply committed to serving HPSM's target audiences. Ian holds a bachelor's degree in political science from UC Davis, and is certified in health care compliance by the Health Care Compliance Association (HCCA).

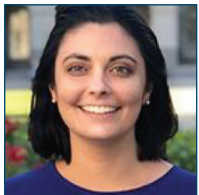


Pysay Phinith – Pysay Phinith is the Program Director at Korean Community Center of the East Bay (KCCEB). She has a B.A. in Psychology and a Master's degree in Social Welfare, with an emphasis in Community Mental Health from UC Berkeley. She specializes in working with the API immigrant and refugee communities,

especially Cambodian refugees. Her experience includes working with chronically homeless individuals with severe mental health disabilities, child development, domestic violence, intergenerational trauma and complex traumas, mood disorders, and other co-occurring disorders. Pysay's passion for mental health stems from her experience as a Cambodian refugee and genocide survivor. Growing up, she saw her parents and other Cambodian refugee families struggling with an array of health, mental health, and social justice issues. Today, Pysay is an advocate for social justice and social change in community mental health, wellness, and other social services.

Jeremy Wilson, MPPA – Jeremy Wilson is the Senior Program Manager for the California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA). He has 16 years of experience in community based behavioral health at the county and state level, including youth development and prevention, training, evaluation, community engagement, and program management. He has most recently served as the lead for a statewide mental health initiative that increased the California public library workforce's knowledge and skills on mental wellness. Jeremy obtained his Master's in Public Policy and Administration from Northwestern University.

Dr. Sharon Ishikawa – Sharon Ishikawa is the MHSA Coordinator for the Orange County Health Care Agency (OC HCA). She has 25 years of training and experience in clinical research design and data analysis, including as a Research Analyst for Community Services and Supports MHSA programs in Orange County. She has most recently worked with other OC HCA managers and researchers to standardize outcome measures, data analytics and data visualization across Behavioral Health Services. Sharon obtained her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from UCLA, completed research postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Southern California and the University of California Irvine, and served as an Assistant/Associate Project Scientist at the University of California Irvine



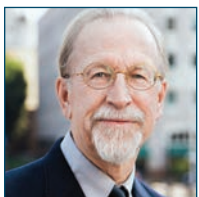
Kiran Savage-Sangwan – Kiran Savage-Sangwan graduated from New York University with a B.A. and a Master of Public Administration. Prior to joining CPEHN, she worked as the Director of Legislation and Advocacy for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) California. At NAMICA, Kiran led policy initiatives to improve access to

behavioral healthcare, and to reduce the stigma and discrimination surrounding mental illness. Kiran has also worked at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Northern California and the New York Civil Liberties Union as an Organizer, primarily focused on immigrants' rights.



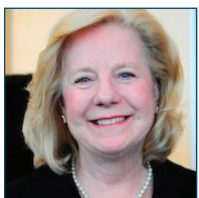
Dean True – Dean True is currently the Branch Director of Adult Services for the Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency. Mr. True has been a Registered Nurse for over 32 years, working primarily in the behavioral health field. Since 2000 his work has centered on county systems, including those of Tehama and Butte,

assuming his current position with Shasta in 2012. Mr. True's work has focused on management positions responsible for program development, oversight, public policy, managed care, quality assurance, and privacy/compliance. In addition to being an RN, Mr. True holds a Master's in Public Administration from the California State University, Chico.



Thomas Renfree, Interim Executive Director – Tom is responsible for statewide efforts to increase local government funding and support for both adult and adolescent alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment services. His leadership goals are a commitment to work toward better public understanding of substance use disorder

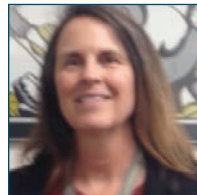
issues, and a commitment to help advance public support for behavioral health programs, their clients, and the workforce that directly provide prevention and treatment services.



Dr. Nancy Kotowski – Dr. Nancy Kotowski was elected as Monterey County Superintendent of Schools in 2006 and is now serving her third term of office. As a compassionate educator who believes youth are our most precious resource, Dr. Kotowski engages family, school, and community in support of education throughout Monterey

County. She encourages each and every person to play a role in helping our children to succeed. Dr. Kotowski earned her Ph.D. from the University of Southern California, her Master's degree

from Northwestern University and a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Dayton. While serving as an U.S. Peace Corps volunteer in Cameroon, Africa, she was recognized as a Volunteer of the Year for her development work in education. She was named "Champion of Public Education and Students of California" in 2010 by the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association. Dr. Kotowski was honored with the 2013 Public Servant of the Year Award from the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Kotowski has served as Chair of the Monterey County Children's Council and Monterey County Education Coalition, and board member of the Monterey County Business Council, Community Alliance for Safety & Peace, and the National Steinbeck Center. On the State level, she served on the board of directors for the State Fiscal Crisis Management and Assistance Team.



Anne Robin – Anne Robin, LMFT, is the Behavioral Health Director for the County of San Luis Obispo. She served as co-chair of the Criminal Justice Committee of CBHDA from 2011 through 2018. She is currently the co-chair of the Cultural Competency, Ethnic Services, and Social Justice Committee. She has worked in both non-profit and County

public behavioral health services for over 35 years.



Dr. Barry Zevin, MD – Barry Zevin is medical director of Street Medicine and Shelter Health, San Francisco Department of Public Health. He has 25 years of experience as a healthcare for the homeless physician in San Francisco. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine.

His special interests include healthcare for homeless people, comprehensive healthcare for people who use substances, transgender healthcare, HIV and Hepatitis C disease, and harm reduction addiction medicine. He is Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at University of California San Francisco School of Medicine. Dr. Zevin has provided leadership for many innovative SFPDPH projects including the current low barrier buprenorphine project to improve access to treatment for addiction disorders for individuals experiencing homelessness.



Paula Wilhelm, MPP/MPH – Senior Policy Analyst, CBHDA – Paula joined CBHDA as a Senior Policy Analyst in the spring of 2017, and is responsible for SUD-focused legislative and policy projects alongside housing and workforce issues. Recent highlights include activities related to the Drug Medi-Cal

Organized Delivery System, SUD prevention, youth SUD treatment, and the implementation of federal managed care and parity regulations by county alcohol and drug programs. Prior to her time with CBHDA, Paula worked in administration and fundraising for Women's Community Clinic of San Francisco. Paula holds master's degrees in Public Policy and Public Health from UC Berkeley.



Supervisor Rafael Mandelman – Supervisor Rafael Mandelman represents District 8 on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Prior to his election, Supervisor Mandelman served as a Deputy City Attorney for the City of Oakland and as an elected Trustee on the City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees. As a Deputy City Attorney,

Supervisor Mandelman practiced primarily in the areas of real estate, economic development, and affordable housing. Supervisor Mandelman has been active on a variety of public and nonprofit boards, having served as a commissioner on San Francisco's Building Inspection Commission and Board of Appeals, a member of the Bay Area Jewish Community Relations Council, president of the Board of Directors of Livable City, and Co-Chair of the San Francisco LGBT Community Center Board. A past president of the Noe Valley and Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Clubs, Supervisor Mandelman has been an elected member of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee since 2006. Supervisor Mandelman grew up in San Francisco, attending Brandeis-Hillel Day School and Lick-Wilmerding High School prior to earning a B.A. in History from Yale College, a Master of Public Policy from Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a law degree from UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law.



Robb Layne – Robb Layne is a dynamic and business focused executive with proven experience in the private, nonprofit and public sector. Currently serving as the Director of Communication and External Affairs at The County Behavioral Health Directors Association, Robb is regarded as a strategic problem solver with demonstrated success in

coalition building, community relations, social media, and legislative solutions. A graduate from UC Davis, Robb Layne has over six years' experience serving in the California State Capital for Assemblymembers Mary Hayashi, Dave Jones, Wesley Chesbro, and Cristina Garcia. After leaving work in the capital, Robb went on to serve over three years at Partnership HealthPlan of California as their Director of Governmental Relations, Public Affairs, Compliance, Legal and Grievances.

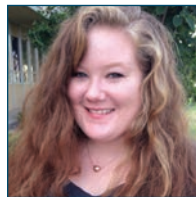


Jerry Lowe – Jerry Lowe is a creative professional with over 20 years of experience as an art director, graphic designer and copywriter. His skills include creative conceiving, TV and radio production, graphic design and copywriting. Jerry started his career with Deen & Black Public Relations, where he created and led the

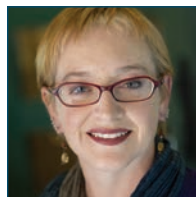
firm's first Creative Studio. Later, with Ogilvy, Jerry worked on landmark campaigns like "Click it or Ticket" for the Office of Traffic Safety, "Don't Trash California" for Caltrans, and California's introduction of Covered California. Jerry now owns and operates Jettoe Advertising & Graphic Design where he works with clients like SMUD, CBHDA, Partnership HealthPlan of California and Blue Shield of California. To learn more about Jerry, please visit jettoe.com.



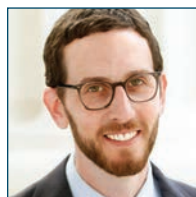
Amanda Dickey – Amanda Dickey is the Director of Intergovernmental and Legal Affairs at the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA). Her areas of expertise include early education, special education, school-based health and mental health, charter schools, and federal legislation and advocacy. Amanda is a graduate of Pacific McGeorge School of Law, where she concentrated in legislative interpretation and civil rights, and is admitted to practice law in the state of California.



Joy Anderson – Joy is the Mental Health Project Coordinator after first working with CYC as Policy Coordinator. Prior to that, Joy spent 7+ years as a member of both CYC and YTP. She has served our organization in a variety of leadership roles, including Santa Cruz chapter president, conference facilitator, curriculum developer, youth trainer and representative for the Bay Area region on our very own legislative committee. Joy has also worked for the National Center for Youth Law's "FosterEd" initiative, a program centered on improving educational outcomes for foster youth, which sponsored a CYC supported bill to align and expand the impact of Foster Youth Services (FYS) with the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). Joy's passion for youth empowerment and advocacy stems from her own experience growing up in California's foster care system after first entering at age 5 and later permanently entering at age 11. Once she graduated from high school (concurrently emancipating from the system), Joy went on to receive her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. As a strong believer that youth are experts on issues impacting their lives, Joy plans to continue educating others and spreading awareness about the importance of youth voice.



Laura Thomas – Laura Thomas is the Interim State Director, California, of the Drug Policy Alliance, the nation's leading organization working to end the war on drugs, where she leads work on cutting-edge harm reduction policies and legislation. She has been advocating on HIV and public health issues in San Francisco for nearly 30 years, since becoming involved in AIDS activism through ACT UP in San Francisco. She has worked for community-based organizations in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and as a health policy consultant. She was appointed to the Entertainment Commission in 2016, where she serves in the public health seat. She is a member of the San Francisco HIV Community Planning Council and sits on the Cannabis State Legalization Task Force. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with a Masters in Public Health and a Masters in Public Policy.



Senator Scott Wiener – Senator Scott Wiener represents San Francisco and northern San Mateo County in the California State Senate. Elected in 2016, Senator Wiener focuses extensively on housing, transportation, civil rights, criminal justice reform, clean energy, and alleviating poverty. He chairs the Senate Human Services Committee. Before being elected to the Senate, Senator Wiener served as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, representing the district previously represented by Harvey Milk, and chaired the San Francisco County Transportation Authority. Before being elected to office, Senator Wiener practiced law for 15 years, including nearly a decade as a Deputy City Attorney in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office. He also served in a number of community leadership roles, including co-chair of the San Francisco LGBT Community Center and on the national Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign. Senator Wiener has lived in San Francisco's Castro neighborhood since 1997. He received degrees from Duke University and Harvard Law School.



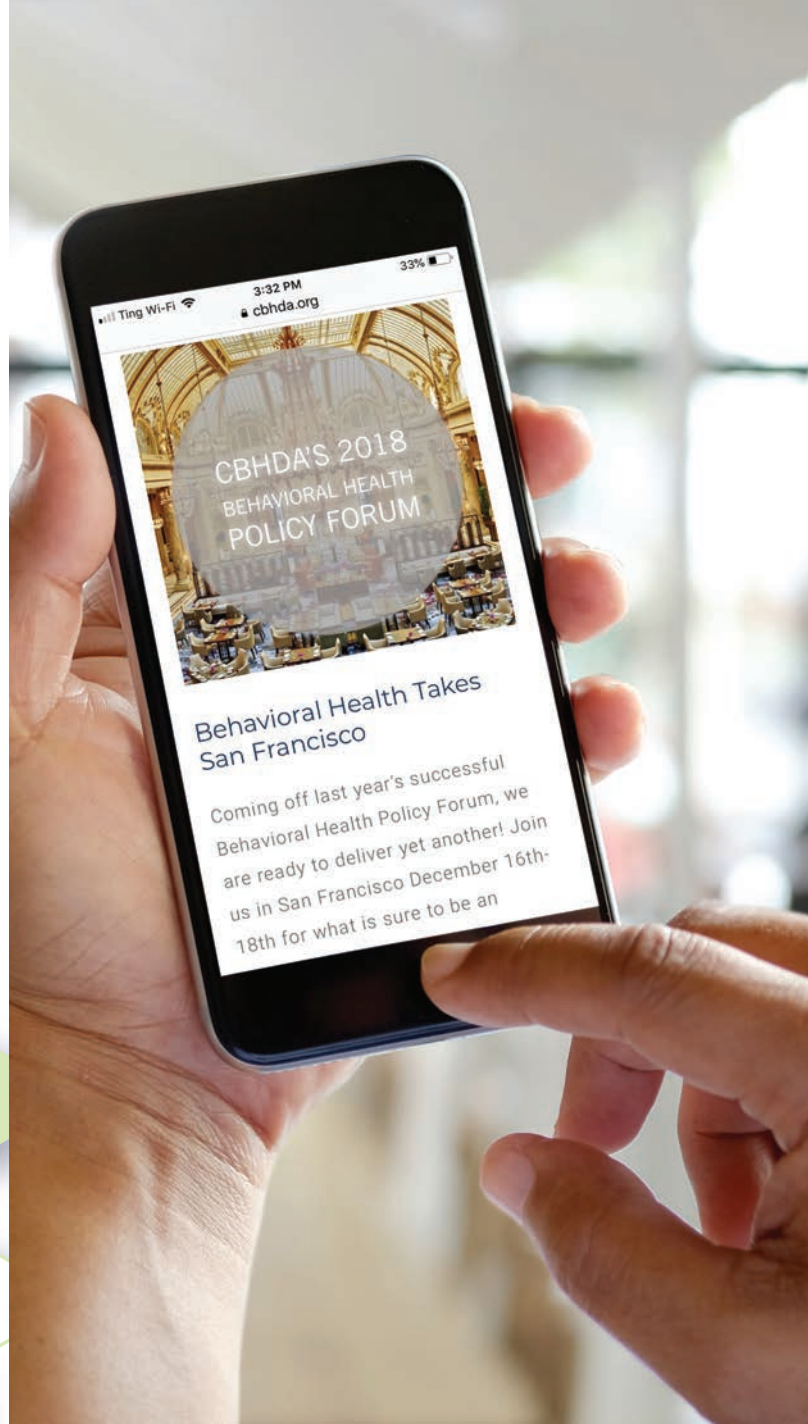
Rita Soronen – For more than 30 years, Rita Soronen has worked on behalf of abused, neglected and vulnerable children, providing leadership for local, state and national efforts working to improve the juvenile justice and child welfare systems, while striving to assure safe and permanent homes for North America's children. Leading the Dave Thomas

Foundation for Adoption, a national nonprofit public charity, since 2001 and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption-Canada since 2004, Ms. Soronen works to find adoptive families for each of the more than 150,000 waiting children in North America's foster care systems. Under Ms. Soronen's leadership, the Foundation has significantly increased its grant-making while developing strategic initiatives that act on the urgency of the issue. In 2017, the Foundation dedicated more than \$23 million to grants and award-winning national awareness programs, including Wendy's Wonderful Kids, Adoption-Friendly Workplace and the 100 Best Adoption-Friendly Workplaces list, National Adoption Day, poster and PSA campaigns, and Finding Forever Families: A Step-by-Step Guide to Adoption. For longer bio, please visit www.cbhda.org



Connie Delgado – With over 30 years of advocacy and legislative experience, Connie Delgado is the CEO of Delgado Government Affairs, LLC. Prior to opening her firm, Ms. Delgado spent nearly 30 years in trade association advocacy, working for the California New Car Dealers Association, the American Electronics Association and most

recently the California Hospital Association (CHA), where she served as the Chief Legislative Advocate since 2013 having joined CHA in 1999. While at CHA she managed an annual caseload of over 200 bills for association, coordinated the strategic legislative affairs and provided testimony before various legislative committees. Her main areas of issue advocacy include trauma/EM, privacy, nursing, and hospital licensing. She started her career as a capitol staffer working for the Elections, Reapportionment & Constitutional Amendments Committee and has worked on numerous political campaigns in California.



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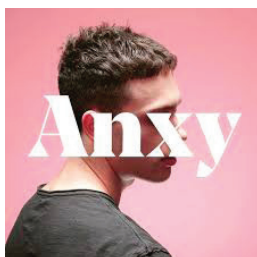
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Early Registration <i>Sunset Court</i>
6:00 pm - 11:00 pm	CBHDA Awards Dinner (Invitation Only) <i>French Parlor</i>

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast <i>Sunset Court</i>
8:30 am	Registration <i>Sunset Court</i>
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Welcome and Keynote by Senator Scott Wiener <i>Twin Peaks</i>
10:00 am - 10:20 am	Networking Break <i>Sunset Court</i>
10:20 am - 11:30 am	1A: Armed with Mental Health First Aid <i>Sea Cliff</i>
10:20 am - 11:30 am	1B: Emergency Department Overcrowding <i>Telegraph Hill</i>
10:20 am - 11:30 am	1C: Getting on Par with Parity and Other Regulatory Requirements <i>Pacific Heights</i>
11:30 am - 12:45 pm	Lunch and Networking Break <i>Sunset Court</i>
12:45 pm - 1:55 pm	2A: Adventures in Harm Reduction <i>Sea Cliff</i>
12:45 pm - 1:55 pm	2B: Consumer Engagement through Good Design <i>Telegraph Hill</i>
12:45 pm - 1:55 pm	2C: Child Welfare, Foster Care and Trauma Informed Strategies <i>Pacific Heights</i>
1:55 pm - 2:25 pm	Refreshments <i>Sunset Court</i>
2:25 pm - 3:30 pm	3A: Youth Mental Health in Conversation <i>Sea Cliff</i>
2:25 pm - 3:30 pm	3B: Leadership and Policy: The Inextricable Link <i>Telegraph Hill</i>
3:30 pm - 3:40 pm	Networking Break <i>Sunset Court</i>
3:40 pm - 4:45 pm	4A: Suicide as National Epidemic <i>Sea Cliff</i>
3:40 pm - 4:45 pm	4B: Policy Driving Outcomes: Outcomes Driving Policy <i>Telegraph Hill</i>
3:40 pm - 4:45 pm	4C: Criminal Justice Diversion Opportunities <i>Pacific Heights</i>
4:45 pm	Adjourn

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2018

7:30 am - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast <i>Sunset Court</i>
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8:40 am - 9:20 am	Welcome and Keynote by Rita Soronen <i>Twin Peaks</i>
9:20 am - 9:30 am	Networking Break <i>Sunset Court</i>
9:30 am - 10:40 am	5A: Treating Away Homelessness? <i>Sea Cliff</i>
9:30 am - 10:40 am	5B: Collaboration on Campus <i>Telegraph Hill</i>
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11:10 am - 12:20 pm	6A: Undocumented Determinants of Health <i>Sea Cliff</i>
11:10 am - 12:20 pm	6B: 2018 Legislative Year in Review <i>Telegraph Hill</i>
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