

Mental Health and Criminal Justice Subcommittee Public Engagement Meeting Presenter Biographies and Resource Links

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KIT WALL, Program Director for Words to Deeds

Promoting everything from policy reform issues, nonprofit organizations, and political campaigns to rock shows and media events, Kit Wall uses her repertoire of organizational/communication skills for policy consultation, writing, production, and management. Her promotion and publicity experience includes professional sports, entertainment, commercial real estate, and government affairs. Since 1987, Kit has focused on government relations and public policy, managing coalition and grassroots efforts for corporate, non-profit, and governmental organizations, as well as ballot initiatives, legislative and candidate campaigns. In 2001, while working for Eli Lilly and Company, she focused efforts on jail diversion specialization across the U.S., initiating the Words to Deeds concept, which has developed into the current interdisciplinary leadership forum.

Resources: <http://www.fmhac.net/trainingw2d.html>

DIANE NUNN, Director of the Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts

Diane Nunn is the Director of the Judicial Council Center for Families, Children & the Courts. Prior to joining the Judicial Council, Ms. Nunn was an attorney in private practice with special emphasis on family law and domestic violence prevention and intervention, and represented individuals in conservatorship proceedings under the Lanterman–Petris–Short (LPS) Act. She also worked as a juvenile court referee. Ms. Nunn received the first Annual Mark Hardin Award for Child Welfare Legal Scholarship and Systems Change from the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law. She is also the recipient of an Outstanding Legal Advocacy Award from the National Association of Counsel for Children (NACC) and was recognized by the California Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs for her efforts on behalf of the programs and the children they serve. She was also honored with a distinguished service award from the Judicial Council for her positive leadership contributions to court administration in California.

Resources:

Mental Health Issues Implementation Task Force: Final Report

<http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/MHITF-Final-Report.pdf>

Task Force for Criminal Justice Collaboration on Mental Health Issues: Final Report

http://www.courts.ca.gov/documents/Mental_Health_Task_Force_Report_042011.pdf

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MICHAEL THOMPSON, Director, The Justice Center, Council of State Governments

Michael Thompson has worked on criminal justice policy issues for nearly 20 years. He started with The Council of State Governments (CSG) in 1997 as a policy analyst and the sole staff person assigned to the criminal justice program for CSG's Eastern Regional Conference. Under his leadership, that program launched major projects in the areas of victim rights, criminal justice/mental health collaboration, and prisoner reentry. Since transforming the regional criminal justice program into the national CSG Justice Center, Mike designed the Justice Reinvestment Initiative and conceptualized the organization's work in school discipline. The CSG Justice Center's work has prompted major policy initiatives that have enjoyed broad bipartisan support in states across the country. A nationally recognized expert in criminal justice issues who is often quoted in major media outlets, Mike has authored numerous publications and testified before Congress on multiple occasions. Prior to joining CSG, Mike worked for three years for the Office of the Court Monitor in San Juan, Puerto Rico—an office established by a U.S. District Court Judge. Mike received his BA with Honors from Middlebury College.

HALLIE FADER-TOWE, Senior Policy Advisor, Behavioral Health, The Justice Center, Council of State Governments

Hallie Fader-Towe works with local and state policymakers to craft policies, processes, and programs that will work best for their jurisdictions. In her positions with The Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center she has worked with jurisdictions around the country on collaborative, data-driven planning and implementation efforts to address criminal justice functions from initial detention through reentry, including a focus on individuals with mental illnesses. She has also managed the development of training materials on mental health courts and on judicial responses to the prevalence of individuals with mental illnesses involved with the criminal justice system. She has written on dispute systems design for state trial courts, pretrial responses to those with mental illnesses, information sharing between criminal justice and mental health systems, and mental health court design and implementation. Before joining the CSG Justice Center, she was a management consultant with McKinsey & Company in New York. Hallie received a BA from Brown University and a JD from Harvard Law School.

Resources:

Criminal Justice / Mental Health Consensus Project

<https://csgjusticecenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/consensus-project-full-report.pdf>

The Stepping Up Initiative

<https://stepuptogether.org/>