



**Joint Informational Hearing**  
**Assembly Health Committee and Budget Subcommittee No. 1**  
**Behavioral Health Components of California Advancing and Improving Medi-Cal**  
**Tuesday, March 9, 2021 - 1:30 p.m.**  
**State Capitol, Assembly Chambers**

**BIOGRAPHIES**

**Will Lightbourne, *Director, Department of Health Care Services***

Will Lightbourne was appointed Director of the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) by Governor Gavin Newsom effective June 16, 2020. Before his appointment to DHCS, Mr. Lightbourne served on Governor Newsom’s Council of Regional Homeless Advisors, and previously as Director of the California Department of Social Services from 2011 through 2018. Before his state service, he was director of the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency, director of the Human Services Agency of the City & County of San Francisco, director of the Santa Cruz County Human Services Agency, and general director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Mr. Lightbourne earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from San Francisco State University.

**Jacey Cooper, *Chief Deputy Director for Health Care Programs and State Medicaid Director, Department of Health Care Services***

Governor Gavin Newsom appointed Jacey Cooper as Chief Deputy Director for Health Care Programs and State Medicaid Director at the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) effective January 31, 2020. Ms. Cooper is responsible for the overall leadership of Health Care Benefits and Eligibility, Health Care Delivery Systems, Health Care Financing, Behavioral Health, and Legislative and Governmental Affairs. As State Medicaid Director, Ms. Cooper represents California’s Medicaid program (Medi-Cal) with federal partners at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Ms. Cooper served as Senior Advisor for Health Care Programs starting January 2019. Prior to that, she served as the Assistant Deputy Director for Health Care Delivery Systems beginning in April 2016. In these roles, Ms. Cooper led the planning, implementation, evaluation, and management of various programs and policies at the Department. Prior to her work at DHCS, Ms. Cooper was Vice President of Administrative Services at Kern Medical Center and a health care consultant. Through that work, she gained more than 10 years’ experience in health care policy, operations, integrated delivery models, managed care, business development, and quality monitoring.

**Corey Hashida, *Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Legislative Analyst’s Office***

Corey Hashida is a Fiscal and Policy Analyst at the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO)—the California Legislature’s designated nonpartisan fiscal and policy advisor. At the LAO, he specializes in health care issues, with a particular focus on Medi-Cal (California’s state Medicaid program) with emphasis in physician and clinic issues, mental health and substance use disorder programs, and dental care. Corey also covers overall behavioral health programs, the Department of State Hospitals, and health care workforce development issues for the LAO. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of California, Irvine, and holds a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Southern California.

**Mark C. Newton, *Deputy Legislative Analyst, Legislative Analyst’s Office***

Mark C. Newton currently holds the position of Deputy Legislative Analyst in the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) of the California State Legislature. In this role, Mark manages a staff of fiscal and policy analysts who collectively oversee the programs and budgets of all of the state’s health, developmental services, and information technology agencies and provide nonpartisan advice to both houses of the Legislature. Prior to becoming Deputy Legislative Analyst, Mark was the LAO’s Director of Resources and Environmental Protection

**Ryan Quist, Ph.D., *Behavioral Health Director, Sacramento County, Secretary-Treasurer, County Behavioral Health Directors Association***

Ryan Quist, Ph.D., is the Behavioral Health Director in Sacramento County. As the Behavioral Health Director in Sacramento County, his focus is on specialty mental health and substance use disorder services for individuals experiencing homelessness, justice-involved populations, and bolstering the crisis continuum of care to address preventable psychiatric hospitalizations. Dr. Quist is also dedicated to addressing the behavioral health needs of children and youth in Sacramento by promoting field-based and school-based services and collaborating to support the child welfare-involved populations. He has been published in 18 peer reviewed journals. Dr. Quist’s work in Behavioral Health began with Riverside County Behavioral Health where he served in various roles and led the initial implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). His experience includes working as faculty at a multidisciplinary medical school, Western University of Health Sciences. Dr. Quist received his Masters and Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University and his Bachelor’s Degree from University of California, Riverside.

**Kimberly Lewis, *Managing Attorney, National Health Law Program***

Kimberly Lewis is the Managing Attorney of the National Health Law Program’s Los Angeles offices. Kim works on state and national health care issues, including Medicaid and health reform implementation, by engaging in policy and administrative advocacy, impact litigation and technical assistance and training to state advocates. Kim has worked to improve access to quality health care for people who are marginalized in California for more than two decades, including 10 years as an advocate in the mental health system. Kim serves as co-counsel on a number of class action lawsuits concerning Medicaid recipients’ access to coverage and health services. In particular, she has focused on mental health services under Medicaid’s mandate for children, the Early and Periodic, Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment obligation, requiring the provision of home and community-based services and supports. Before joining NHeLP, she was a senior health attorney at the Western Center on Law &

Poverty, where she was responsible for statewide advocacy on behalf of direct legal services programs in California serving low-income individuals and families. Kim is a graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law.

**Christine Stoner-Mertz, LCSW, *Chief Executive Officer, California Alliance of Child and Family Services***

Christine Stoner-Mertz, LCSW, is the Chief Executive Officer of the California Alliance of Child and Family Services, a 150 member association that serves as the collective voice for organizations that serve children, youth and families throughout California. Ms. Stoner-Mertz served as President and CEO of Lincoln, an agency delivering a range of community-based behavioral health services in the San Francisco Bay area, from 2005 – 2019. She has served on state and national boards of behavioral health associations, and has worked as a consultant to numerous nonprofits, county departments of behavioral health and the state. Ms. Stoner-Mertz was a co-founder of Seneca Family of Agencies, leading program design and implementation. As a sought-after expert on MediCal EPSDT program design and implementation, Ms. Stoner-Mertz developed one of the first Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services manuals.

**Connie Picaso, *Marriage & Family Therapist II, Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services, Member, SEIU Local 521***

Connie Picazo holds a Masters of Counseling Psychology with an Emphasis in Latino Psychology from Santa Clara University. She is a Marriage & Family Therapist II for the County of Santa Clara with over 14 years of expertise in behavioral health. She works at the Behavioral Health Call Center which is the centralized entry point for those seeking services from Santa Clara County Behavioral Health. Prior to joining Santa Clara County in 2016 she worked as a Clinical Services Specialist for Momentum for Mental Health and as a Therapist for Community Solutions and Alum Rock Counseling Center, all Santa Clara County behavioral health non-profits.

**Le Ondra Clark Harvey, *Chief Executive Officer, California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies***

Dr. Clark Harvey is a psychologist and the Chief Executive Officer of the California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies a statewide advocacy organization representing mental health and substance use disorder non-profit agencies that collectively serve over 500 thousand Californians annually. She is also the Executive Director of the California Access Coalition- a group of advocacy organizations and pharmaceutical industry companies that advocates for patient access to behavioral health treatment. 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.

Dr. Clark Harvey has maintained an impressive record of leadership including serving on national and local boards including the American Psychological Association (APA), and prior positions on the Association of Black Psychologists, Sacramento County Public Health Advisory Board, Sacramento County Children's Coalition and the Los Angeles View Park Section of the National Council of Negro Women. Dr. Clark Harvey has received numerous awards and was appointed by Governor Newsom to his Master Plan on Aging Advisory Committee and the Behavioral Health Task Force.

**Stuart Buttlair, PhD, *Regional Director of Behavioral Health and Addiction Medicine, Kaiser Permanente, Northern CA***

Dr. Buttlair has over 30 years of clinical and management experience providing leadership and direction in health care delivery in both the public and private sectors. At Kaiser Permanente he designs and oversees a broad continuum of services and programs for both inpatient, ambulatory, and emergency settings for mental health and addiction medicine. These programs treat adults, teens, and children with behavioral health conditions. He is the lead Mental Health Representative within Kaiser Permanente's State Program Initiatives including Medicaid and Medicare and is the designated Regional Director of Resource Management for Behavioral Health.

Dr. Buttlair has developed and led major program redesigns including Integrated Urgent Services for adults and youths with mental health and substance use disorders, Kaiser Permanente Post-Acute Center (SNF) Behavioral Health Program, mental health/emergency room consultation and suicide prevention, multi-family groups for adults and teens in the treatment of severe psychiatric conditions, and intensive outpatient treatment programs for adults and youths. Recently, Dr. Buttlair implemented a mobile application for Eating Disordered patients that won Kaiser's Innovations Award. Dr. Buttlair works closely with emergency room leaders in integrating behavioral health into emergency settings focused on improving care and throughput. He recently led the development of a new Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital and Crisis Stabilization Unit at Kaiser Permanente Santa Clara Medical Center that assesses and treats patients with psychiatric and substance use conditions that require acute intervention. This facility was recognized by the Joint Commission as one of only two rated highest quality inpatient psychiatric facilities in Northern California.

Dr. Buttlair provides expertise and consultation on state and federal legislation and their impact on behavioral health within Kaiser Permanente, the State of California, and nationally. Dr. Buttlair's work in suicide prevention has led to his selection on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services (SAMHSA) and NIMH workgroup on strategies for managing suicidal behavior with mental health and substance abuse disorders in the emergency department. He served on the State of California's Workforce Commission Subgroup on Behavioral Health.. He was selected by the National Quality Forum (NQF) for its workgroup on program design for the Seriously Mentally Ill. March of 2019, Dr. Buttlair was selected to the California Mental Health Oversight Accountability Commissions (MHSOAC) advisory workgroup on early interventions in psychosis.

Dr. Buttlair was the Co-Chair of a national learning collaborative sponsored by the Institute for Behavioral Health Improvement, on improving emergency room and is an annual presenter at the National Update on Behavioral Health Emergencies for the last five years and provided seminars each year on systems flow and change improvement in emergency departments for behavioral health conditions. His work with IBHI has led to two national presentations on improving the interface between mental health and criminal justice systems. Dr. Buttlair has a PhD in Clinical Psychology and Master of Business Administration with an emphasis on Health Care.

**Veronica A. Kelley, DSW, LCSW, Director, San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health, President, County Behavioral Health Directors Association**

Dr. Veronica A. Kelley, DSW, LCSW, is the Director for the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health where she oversees the daily operations for both Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services. She is 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. In August of 2019 she was appointed by Governor Newsom to serve as a member of the No Place Like Home Program Advisory Committee. Dr. Kelley is a Professor at Mount St. Marys' 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 California State University, San Bernardino, teaching Social Work with Alcohol and Drug Abuse. She earned her Doctor of Social Work from Capella University, her Masters in Social Work from the University of Southern California, and her B.S. in Psychology and Child Development from Mount Saint Mary's College in Los Angeles.

**Albert M. Senella, CEO, Tarzana Treatment Centers**

Mr. Senella is President and Chief Executive Officer of Tarzana Treatment Center where he has guided a progressive range of integrated behavioral healthcare services for over 30 years. In this capacity, he has developed a range of substance use disorder treatment and integrated health, mental health, and primary care services responsive to the needs of uninsured, low income individuals. These services were interwoven with comprehensive HIV prevention, intervention and treatment services, creating a nationally recognized model of HIV services for drug users. Under Mr. Senella's leadership, Tarzana's services have more recently expanded to include two family primary care clinics (San Fernando Valley and Antelope Valley), and case management and treatment programs tailored specifically for prison parolees. Mr. Senella has administered services at the Erikson Center for Adolescent Advancement and San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Centers, Inc.

Mr. Senella is President of the California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, CAADPE, California's largest and most diverse state association of substance use disorder services agencies. Mr. Senella represents the provider perspective on many state and local advisory bodies, advocating for accessible and high quality substance use disorder services and for major new state initiatives including CalAIM. He is a member of DHCS' Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC), providing valuable provider perspective on ongoing implementation efforts for the department's current 1115 Waiver as well as DHCS' efforts to provide high-quality, appropriate care in keeping with the goals of national health care reform.

**Steven Kite, Chief Operating Officer, NAMI California**

Chief Operating Officer, Steven Kite, has been with NAMI California since 2011, and is responsible for managing the agency's daily operations as well as building and maintaining relationships with partner organizations at the local and state levels. Steven is a family member of someone who lives with a mental illness and has been a champion for causes relating to mental illness for his entire career in the non-profit industry. Steven received his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from California State University Sacramento. He has also worked with local, national and international organizations,

including training on health epidemiology from the Centers for Disease Control. Mr. Kite has a strong background in program oversight, and over 20 years of experience in nonprofit leadership at the state and local levels. Beginning his work in Children's Mental Health, Steven has worked varied environments from inpatient settings, through public health planning and delivery and finally statewide policy setting and advocacy.

**Chad Costello, CPRP, MSW, *Public Policy Director*, California Association of Social Rehabilitation Facilities (CASRA)**

Chad Costello joined CASRA in 2021 after nearly 25 years of working for private non-profit providers of mental health services in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. He has experience in program development and supervision with an emphasis in FSP/ACT models of care and services focused on individuals experiencing homelessness. Mr. Costello has been actively involved in behavioral health workforce initiatives at the state and county level and has trained a wide range of audiences in recovery-based service delivery, crisis response and outcomes measurement. He currently teaches at the graduate and community college levels in policy, community development and psychosocial rehabilitation practice. Mr. Costello earned his master's degree in social work at the University of Southern California.

**Michelle Doty Cabrera, *Executive Director*, County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA)**

Michelle Doty Cabrera is the Executive Director of CBHDA, a statewide association representing the behavioral health directors from each of California's 58 counties, in addition to the City of Berkeley and the Tri-City Mental Health Center (Cities of Pomona, Claremont and La Verne). In this capacity, Ms. Cabrera served as a member of Governor Newsom's Council of Regional Homeless Advisors. Prior to joining CBHDA, she served as the Healthcare Director for the California State Council of the Services Employees International Union (SEIU California), where she advocated on behalf of healthcare workers and consumers, including SEIU California's county behavioral health workforce. She was a Senior Consultant for the Assembly Human Services Committee, specializing in child welfare policy.

In addition, Ms. Cabrera supported state health policymakers as a Program Officer for the California Healthcare Foundation's Sacramento office. Ms. Cabrera currently serves as a member on the National Quality Forum's Standing Committee on Disparities and as Vice Chair for the Board of Directors of the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network. She has a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.