

## **CIBHS Adolescent Early Intervention and SUD Treatment Summit**

### **Speaker Biographies**

#### Seth Ammerman

Seth Ammerman, M.D., is a Clinical Professor in pediatrics and adolescent medicine at Stanford University. Dr. Ammerman is the founder and medical director of the Teen Health Van, a mobile clinic program providing comprehensive primary health care services to homeless, uninsured, and underinsured youth. Dr. Ammerman's research interests include tobacco and substance use in adolescents; at-risk youth; eating disorders; and use of mobile technology for improving adolescent health. Dr. Ammerman is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), chair of the northern California chapter of the AAP Substance Abuse Committee, and a former member of the national AAP Committee on Substance Use and Prevention. He is a member of the medical honors society Alpha Omega Alpha, and is a Fellow of the Society of Adolescent Health and Medicine. In 2012 Dr. Ammerman received a Silicon Valley Business Journal Health Care Heroes award. He also received the national AAP Founders Award in 2012 for his work in community adolescent health. In 2014 Dr. Ammerman received a Bay Area Jefferson Award for Public Service, and in 2015 received a further honor of a Jefferson Award Silver Medal. In October 2015 Dr. Ammerman became Board Certified in Addiction Medicine.

#### Molly Baldrige

Molly Baldrige is a Project Director at CSHA, providing statewide technical assistance to SBHCs and trainings in youth advocacy. She specializes in learning collaboratives, coalition building, and youth engagement best practices. Prior experience includes supervising high school and college level interns in health education, coordinating services and peer health education groups for SBHC sites, and facilitating classroom health presentations. Molly earned a Master's degree in Public Health from San Francisco State University and a Bachelor's degree in Health Science from California State University, Long Beach. She is deeply committed to ensuring that school-based health centers continue to provide access to health services so that young people, their families, and their communities can thrive.

#### Tim Cermak

Dr. Timmen L. Cermak graduated from Case Western Reserve Medical School in 1972 and completed psychiatric residency and a post-doctoral fellowship in neurophysiology at Stanford. He co-founded the National Association for Children of Alcoholics in 1982, is a Past-President of the California Society of Addiction Medicine and chairs the CSAM Task Force on Marijuana Policy. Dr. Cermak chaired the Youth Work Group for the Blue Ribbon Commission on Marijuana Policy and has recently been appointed to the Bureau of Cannabis Control Advisory Committee. He published *Marijuana: What's a Parent to Believe?* with Hazelden in 2003 and is currently preparing *Taking Marijuana Seriously*, a review for the general public of the science underlying the current understanding of marijuana and the brain's endocannabinoid system.

### Tim Condon

Dr. Timothy Condon currently is a Research Professor at the Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions at the University of New Mexico. He is currently conducting research on a variety of prevention, early intervention topic in substance use disorder (SUD) and conducting a pharmacotherapy clinical trial with criminal justice populations who suffer from opioid use disorder (OUD). His work on prevention and early intervention is a project funded by the Hilton Foundation to implement screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) throughout the NM School-based Health System, which are supported by the NM Department of Health. His pharmacotherapy clinical trial examines the use of extended release naltrexone (Vivitrol) in criminal justice population prior to release and follow-up after release.

Prior to joining CASAA, Dr. Condon served in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) as the science policy advisor within the Office of the Director. He worked on a variety of Demand Reduction activities including healthcare reform and substance use disorders (SUD), health care reform and criminal justice populations, intersection of public health and public safety related to SUD, prescription drug abuse, and other aspects of the National Drug Control Strategy. He co-authored the 2011 Prescription Drug Action Plan released by the Obama Administration. He continues to serve as a science policy advisor to ONDCP. Before joining ONDCP, Dr. Condon was appointed deputy director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) in 2003. While serving as the NIDA deputy director, Dr. Condon provided leadership in developing, implementing, and managing NIDA's research programs and strategic priorities. His approach, which links a lifetime of work in neuroscience with a strong translational emphasis, guided the Institute in building up its research training infrastructure, bringing science-based findings to community treatment programs, and establishing a national communications network for information sharing and research collaboration. Dr. Condon initiated enduring partnerships with multiple stakeholder groups, including other federal agencies, the criminal justice system, and the treatment and prevention practitioner communities with whom he has been particularly effective in advancing the real-world use of evidence-based interventions. Since 1992, Dr. Condon has held a number of prominent science policy positions, including an appointment in 1996 as NIDA's first associate director for Science Policy, as well as director of the Office of Science Policy and Communications. His various roles have allowed him to cover the landscape of the Institute's science planning, policy, congressional, and communications activities, even leading NIDA's research training and science education programs. Dr. Condon received his bachelor's degree in biology and psychology from Boston College and completed his master's and Ph.D. in neuroscience at the Department of Physiology, College of Medicine, Ohio State University. His postdoctoral training was in neuroendocrinology and neurophysiology at the Brain Research Institute, UCLA, and the Oregon Health Sciences University. Dr. Condon is the author of numerous scientific and science policy reports and articles for science journals and health publications. Dr. Condon currently co-chairs the Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement subcommittee of the Bernalillo County, NM Opioid Accountability Task Force. Dr. Condon has also been a member of the faculty of The National Judicial College since 2009.

### John Connelly

John Connelly is Acting Deputy Director of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Division of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. In that role, he leads the Strategic, Beneficiary and External Affairs, and the Systems of Care Branches of SAPC. Dr. Connelly has been a leader of Los Angeles County's implementation of the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System, a pilot of California's "Medi-

Cal 2020” 1115 Medicaid wavier. He has also been centrally engaged in the County’s efforts to build integrated care programs for people who are involved in the criminal justice system and for those who are experiencing homelessness. Prior to his position with Los Angeles County, he was Deputy Director of Insure the Uninsured Project, a Senior Policy Analyst at the Kaiser Family Foundation, and a public middle school teacher. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Chicago, an M.S.Ed. from Bank Street College, and a Ph.D. in health policy from Harvard University.

#### Michael Dennis

Dr. Michael Dennis is a Senior Research Psychologist in Chestnut Health System’s research division and the Director of its Global Appraisal of Individual Needs (GAIN) Coordinating Center (GCC). He is currently a Multi-PI of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) funded Juvenile Justice Translational Research for Adolescents in the Legal System (JJ-TRIALS) coordinating center, PI of the Smartphone Addiction Recovery Coach for Adolescents (SARC-A) experiment, and Co-PI of the several other studies working on treatment initiation and recovery management after identification through primary care and after opioid overdose. He was coordinating center PI of the Cannabis Youth Treatment (CYT) experiments and over a dozen other multisite adolescent, adult and justice studies. To date, he has authored over 290 peer-reviewed journal articles, chapters, manuals, or monographs, and other kinds of technical reports, made over 400 professional presentations, and received multiple professional awards for his work on assessment, treatment, recovery management and translating research to practice.

#### Sarah de Guia

Sarah de Guia is currently the Executive Director of the California Pan Ethnic Health Network. Sarah de Guia is a graduate of Santa Clara University School of Law, where she was awarded the 2011 Student Award for Social Justice and was the 2010 recipient of the Herman Wildman Social Justice Writing Award. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley in Ethnic Studies and Public Policy in 1999. Sarah previously worked with CPEHN in 2008 as Project Manager for the Having Our Say Coalition, where she organized the statewide coalition to advocate on behalf of communities of color for health care reform. Sarah has also served as the Health Program Manager for Latino Issues Forum and as Legislative Analyst for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. Sarah has advocated on women's health and reproductive justice, language access, immigrants' rights, and expanding health care to communities of color through legislative, budgetary and regulatory processes.

#### Evan Elkin

Evan Elkin is a nationally respected innovator and leader in the field of juvenile justice reform, mental health and substance abuse treatment and positive youth development. Originally trained as a psychologist at New York University and researcher at the New York Psychiatric Institute and Columbia University’s Department of Child Psychiatry, his work has been at the intersection of public health and social justice, focusing on the nation’s most vulnerable populations. Prior to joining Reclaiming Futures as Executive Director, Evan served as the Director of the Department of Planning and Government Innovation for the Vera Institute of Justice, and was a member of the senior management team. He also oversaw Vera’s work in the area of Child Welfare and Justice and served as Project Director for two successful demonstration projects. For more than a decade, Evan has been a trusted technical advisor in the government and non-profit sectors on policy strategy, program development, evaluation and training

and has developed a number of treatment models in practice today, including: the Vera Institute's acclaimed Adolescent Portable Therapy program, a new treatment alternative to incarceration for seriously mentally ill adults in NYC, and recent adaptations of Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) for juvenile justice, tribal youth and school populations.

#### Barbara Estrada

Ms. Estrada is the Software Manager and Senior Evaluator at Chestnut Health Systems, Lighthouse Institute. Ms. Estrada manages the software development and support and data management teams responsible for the development, maintenance and support of cloud-based software applications that allow over 4700 providers to conduct screening and assessment, to use clinical decision support systems reports and to manage aggregate data. As a senior evaluator, she was instrumental in the development of the GAIN clinical decision support applications and training which helps clinicians to interpret GAIN data in order to guide clinical decision making, and facilitate clinical treatment planning and level of care placement at the individual level. Ms. Estrada is also the lead developer of a comprehensive training that teaches program managers and evaluators to use data for program planning, implementation, management and sustainability. In addition, Ms. Estrada provides technical assistance such as site visits and needs assessments to review the quality of program implementation, service delivery models and use of evidence based practices and help providers translate the results into actionable plans for program improvement and sustainability.

#### Leigh Fischer

Leigh Fischer is a health systems expert with over 10 years of experience in community-based program planning and evaluation across the behavioral health continuum of care- prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery. As an Associate with Abt Associates, Ms. Fischer leads the evaluation of the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation's Youth Substance Use Prevention and Early Intervention Strategic Initiative. In this role she directs the evaluation and learning activities for the initiative's grantees related to data collection, program improvement, and collaboration. She also coordinates evaluation activities for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid's Innovation Accelerator Program's (IAP) substance use disorder priority area to understand the effectiveness of the IAP model in supporting ongoing reform in state Medicaid programs. Previously, Ms. Fischer directed SBIRT Colorado and the Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Project, initiatives funded by SAMHSA and administered by the Colorado Office of Behavioral Health, providing oversight to large-scale information dissemination, training, technical assistance, and policy change efforts. She received a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Nebraska Wesleyan University and a Master of Public Health from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and serves on the board of directors for The College for Behavioral Health Leadership.

#### Tom Freese

Thomas E. Freese (Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, California School of Professional Psychology, 1995) is Co-Director and Director of Training for UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs. Dr. Freese is Director of the SAMHSA-funded Pacific Southwest Addictions Technology Transfer Center. He has conducted trainings on a wide variety of topics including, SBIRT, medication assisted treatment, addressing the opioid epidemic, and culturally responsive treatment for LGBT clients. Dr. Freese has been a featured presenter at conferences nationally and internationally, and has worked in the addiction field since 1983. [tfreese@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:tfreese@mednet.ucla.edu).

### Shannon Gwin Mitchell

Dr. Mitchell is a Community Psychologist specializing in health services research and qualitative methodology. As a Senior Research Scientist at Friends Research Institute her work focuses not just on individuals, but the systems in which they work and live, and how those systems impact individual and organizational functioning. Dr. Mitchell has participated as a lead or co-investigator on numerous clinical trials addressing substance use prevention and treatment issues. Her work has been conducted in specialty substance abuse treatment settings, primary care and acute hospital settings, school based health centers, as well as within the criminal justice system. Dr. Mitchell has spent the past 8 years conducting research on the delivery and implementation of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) in rural and urban community health centers, as well as within school based health centers.

### William Harris

William Harris currently serves as the Assistant Regional Manager of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) program at Riverside University Health System – Behavioral Health. He has worked in the field of addiction for the past 15 years, with the majority of his time focused on primary prevention. He served as the Prevention Services Coordinator and Friday Night Live Coordinator for the SAPT program for 9 years. He is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC II) and a California Certified Prevention Specialist (CCPS). He is the chair of the Prevention Committee for the SAPT+ committee of the California Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA) and is a member of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA). He received his BS in Chemistry from College of Charleston and his Master of Prevention Science (MPS) degree from the University of Oklahoma.

### Beau Kilmer

Beau Kilmer is a senior policy researcher at the RAND Corporation, where he codirects the RAND Drug Policy Research Center. He is also a professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School and interim director of RAND's new San Francisco Bay Area Office. His research lies at the intersection of public health and public safety, with a special emphasis on crime control, substance use, illicit markets, and public policy. Some of his current projects include assessing the consequences of alternative marijuana policies; measuring the effect of 24/7 Sobriety programs on drunk driving, domestic violence, and mortality; and evaluating other innovative programs intended to reduce crime. Kilmer's articles have appeared in leading journals such as *American Journal of Public Health*, *Lancet Psychiatry*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, and his commentaries have been published by CNN, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *USA Today*, *Wall Street Journal*, and other outlets. His co-authored book on marijuana legalization was published by Oxford University Press and the second edition was released in 2016. He serves as an assistant editor for *Addiction* and is a trustee of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy. Kilmer received a NHSTA Public Service Award for his "leadership and innovation in the areas of alcohol and drug-impaired driving program and policy research" and his co-authored work on 24/7 Sobriety received honourable mention for the Behavioural Exchange Award for Outstanding Research. Before earning his doctorate at Harvard University, Kilmer received a Judicial Administration Fellowship that supported his work with the San Francisco Drug Court.

### Sue Nelson

Dr. Sue Nelson, a licensed psychologist, is the Division Director overseeing youth substance use treatment and Prevention in Santa Clara County. Sue co-chaired the integration design for the new Department of Behavioral Health Services' integrated services system. She also co-designed the integrated delivery system for the Behavioral Health youth system of care and is overseeing the implementation of the 1115 Waiver in the youth substance use treatment. For over ten years Sue was an Adjunct Professor at the University of San Francisco, teaching graduate courses in Family Systems and Parent Child Therapy. She has also taught research and statistics, and psychological assessment, and has taught Childhood and Adolescence in a Multicultural Society at San Jose State University. At the State level Sue leads the California Prevention Coordinators on addressing the consequences of youth marijuana use. She presented to the Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on the consequences of youth marijuana use and co-authored the position paper on youth marijuana use on for the California Behavioral Health Directors Association. She serves on the State Interagency Prevention Advisory Council Workgroup, as well as the State Youth Advisory Group which is revising the Youth Treatment Guidelines.

### Howard Padwa

Howard Padwa, Ph.D. is a qualitative researcher at UCLA's Integrated Substance Abuse Programs (UCLA-ISAP). He has led qualitative data collection and analysis activities for mixed methods studies of mental health system transformation, behavioral health service integration, evidence-based practice implementation, and the Affordable Care Act. At UCLA-ISAP, Dr. Padwa is part of an interdisciplinary team evaluating California's Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver amendment for the California Department of Health Care Services, and he is project director a Hilton Foundation-supported project on adolescent substance use prevention and early intervention services. In addition, Dr. Padwa regularly collaborates with researchers from other departments and universities, and he provides trainings for community members on issues related to substance use and health service integration.

### DJ Pierce

DJ began her career with the County of Marin in 1990 and has served as its Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator since 2003. Prior to her career with the County, DJ worked as a Licensed Occupational Therapist with a specialty in treatment of substance use disorders amongst the severely mentally ill population. DJ's passion for developing systems to best serve individuals with multiple needs and diagnoses has been evidenced through her local and state leadership in responding to the ever changing fiscal and programmatic priorities facing the mental health and substance use disorder fields. Lastly, DJ has been a consistent voice in identifying the need for, and building, a more effective and culturally sensitive continuum of adolescent and young adult services.

### Paula Riggs

Dr. Paula Riggs is Professor and Director of the Division of Substance Dependence in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Dr. Riggs is nationally known for her seminal research focused on improving treatment for adolescents with co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders. Her research and clinical expertise has been featured on HBO's "Addiction", "Dr. Oz" and National Public Radio and she has served as a scientific advisor to numerous state and federal agencies. She and her University of Colorado research team have developed one of the first evidence-based

integrated mental health/substance treatment interventions for youth with co-occurring disorders, known as *Encompass*. In addition to her own research, Dr. Riggs has a career-long commitment to mentoring and training the next generation of new investigators including her role as the Principal Investigator of the NIDA-funded American Academy of Child /Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP) *Physician Scientist Program in Substance Abuse* since 2004. She is also deeply committed and increasingly focused on efforts to more seamlessly integrate behavioral healthcare within all levels of our healthcare system.

#### Jan Ryan

Jan Ryan has 30 years in the prevention field providing direct service, implementing programs, writing grants, and training at local, state, national, and international levels. With a lifetime teaching credential, Pupil Personnel Counseling Credential and MA in Counseling, she served as the district-wide Coordinator of Student Assistance Program in Desert Sands Unified for 21 years and has consulted for the past ten years. With Redleaf Resources, she translated Student Assistance Program successes with individuals/families into an Indicated Prevention process called the Brief Risk Reduction Interview and Intervention Model. BRRIM received the National Exemplary Award for 2012 and the California ADP Prevention Pillar Award and is implemented in California districts/counties, District of Columbia, and Denver, Colorado. Now consultations are focused on supporting county Prevention Coordinators statewide and cross-system SAP development with schools, districts, and agencies to improve their shared outcomes for individuals/families at higher risk. She co-authored the peer-reviewed article "Indicated Prevention: Bridging the Gap One Person At A Time".

#### Elizabeth Stanley-Salazar

Ms. Stanley-Salazar, M.P.H. began her career in the substance abuse field at Behavioral Health Services in Torrance, California, as the Vice-President of Alcohol Services and Administrator of Redgate Memorial Hospital. She left BHS in 1987 to join the Monterey County Public Health Department as the County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator. It was her work on the Monterey County Master Plan and active participation in public policy and service committees in Sacramento that led to her appointment as the Chief Deputy Director of the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. From 1990 through 1994. She began her tenure of 20 years with Phoenix Houses of California, as Regional Executive Director for Phoenix House Foundation's California Affiliates in 1994. Phoenix House's first mental health contract was secured in 2000 with Los Angeles County serving teens with co-occurring disorders. With transformative changes occurring in the substance abuse field, she stepped into the role of Managing Director of Phoenix Academy Adolescent Program, resulting in 2010 in CARF accreditation of the continuum of care, as an Integrated Behavioral Health Program. She successfully guided the implementation of CARF accreditation for all Phoenix House Programs in the California region with re- accreditation in 2015. She implemented trauma-informed, gender-specific co-occurring services for adolescents at the Phoenix Academy, which has been named an evidenced based program on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices. In December 2015, she left Phoenix House to pursue consultation services reflecting the breath of her experience and passion for developing integrated care. She now serves as the Project Manager for the CIBHS, DMC-ODS Forum and supports community based provider organizations with the strategic planning and development of new program designs and DMC-ODS implementation. She is currently a Senior Advisor to California Health Policy Strategies. She is a member of the board of directors of Children and Family Futures, Inc; an appointee on the California Medi-Cal Children's Advisory Panel; and an Associate Member of the California Alliance of Child and Family Services.

### Stacy Sterling

Stacy Sterling, DrPH, MSW, is with the Drug and Alcohol Research Team (DART) and the Behavioral Health Research Initiative at the Kaiser Permanente Northern California (KPNC) Division of Research. She received her doctoral training at the University of North Carolina, Gillings School of Global Public Health, and Master's degrees in Public Health and Social Welfare at the University of California, Berkeley. Her interest is in developing health policies and interventions to increase treatment access to health, substance abuse and mental health services, and improve outcomes, for vulnerable populations, including adolescents, women, and patients with co-occurring disorders. She was Co-Investigator on a pragmatic trial of different modalities of delivering screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) to adults in primary care, and co-led the team overseeing the implementation of region-wide alcohol SBIRT in KPNC adult primary care. She is the Principal Investigator of an NIAAA study examining the health effects of brief interventions for risky drinking in adult primary care, as well as a Conrad N. Hilton Foundation-funded study to develop predictive models for adolescent substance use problem development, the Kaiser P.I. of a Hilton Foundation-funded trial of extended screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment (SBIRT) for adolescent behavioral health problems in pediatric primary care, the Kaiser P.I. of an NIH/NIAAA adolescent SBIRT trial in pediatric primary care and of an NIH/NIAAA survey of Pediatrician attitudes toward and practices of adolescent behavioral health risk screening and intervention.

### Gary Tsai

Gary Tsai, M.D. is the Medical Director and Science Officer for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control, a division of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. He is board certified in both general adult psychiatry and addiction medicine, and continues clinical practice at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Having experienced the stigma and criminalization that often accompanies serious mental illness as the son of a mother with schizophrenia, Dr. Tsai is a passionate advocate for improving our behavioral health systems. In his pursuit of meaningful change, Dr. Tsai is also the founder of Forgotten Films, a film production company focusing on social issue projects, specializing in behavioral health. Its first film, ***Voices***, premiered on public television in May 2015 for Mental Health Awareness Month and was awarded a 2016 SAMHSA Voice Award, Honorable Mention.