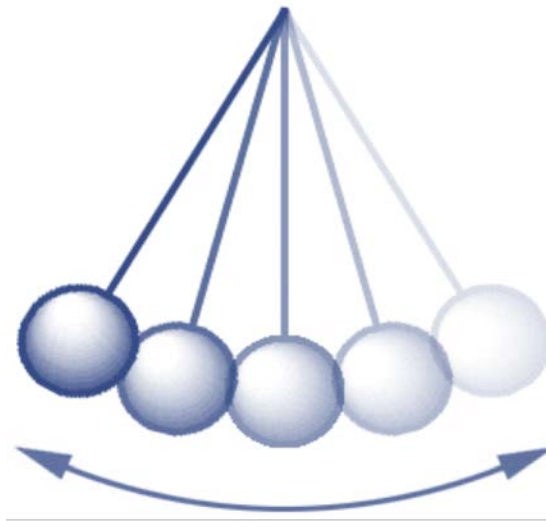


Criminal Justice & Behavioral Health

“The Swinging Pendulum”



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“The pendulum of the mind alternates between sense and nonsense, not between right and wrong.”

Carl Jung

The 1970's

- Deinstitutionalization
 - The unfulfilled promise
 - Jails & Prisons become the largest "treatment centers"
- The War on Drugs
 - Interdiction & criminalization
 - Disproportionality
 - What about alcohol abuse?

The 1980's

- Mandatory Minimum Sentencing
 - Half of all federal prisoners are incarcerated for nonviolent drug offenses
 - State spending increases 300% over the past 2 decades
 - 1 out of every 28 children has a parent incarcerated

The 1980's Continued

- Drug Asset Forfeiture
 - Impact on demand
 - Kingpins or low level dealers/users
- Drug Courts
 - Treatment and recidivism
 - Forging collaboration
- Crisis Intervention Training
 - A new partner – a new approach

“Rehabilitation is, for the most part, now absent from contemporary American corrections. Harsher sentences, warehouse prisons, and a corrections establishment which militantly rejects the idea of salvaging offenders has become the rule of the land. We must now wait for the swing of the pendulum. I fear it will be a long wait.”

Jerome G. Miller, D.S.W.

The 1990's

- Mental Health Courts
 - Attempts to break the revolving cycle
 - Shifting the conversation

The Early 2000's

- Prop. 36
 - Treatment in lieu of jail
 - Oops Funding ends in 2009
- AB 2034
 - Wrap-around services
 - Flexible funding

Prop 36 funding peaked at \$145 million statewide in 2006/2007

"The only thing not facing cuts this year is corrections. It costs \$450 million per year to house people imprisoned for simple drug possession. Imagine if we put that \$450 million into treatment for folks on probation. Voters don't want to send people to prison for drug possession."

Margaret Dooley-Sammuli

Deputy State Director with the Drug Policy Alliance

The Early 2000's Continued

- MHSA
 - Full Service Partnerships
 - Mental Health Courts
- Second Chance Act
 - Getting Serious About Reentry
 - Evidenced Based Practices

The 2010's

- The Affordable Care Act
 - MH/SU Essential Benefit
 - Newly Covered Population
- AB 109- Parole Realignment
 - Treatment and Wrap Around Services
 - Collaboration
- Federal Sentencing Reform
 - Reduction in Sentences Drug Offenses

The 2010's

- Prop 47
 - The Pendulum Swings
- DMC-Organized Delivery System
 - FINALLY!



San Mateo County & AB 109

- Service Connect
 - ✓ Safety Net Services
 - ✓ Case Management
 - ✓ Employment Services
 - ✓ Support Groups and Community Mentorship
 - ✓ Health Services
 - ✓ SU and MH Tx

Getting
ready

Moving
out

Staying
out

Has The Pendulum Finally Swung in the Right Direction?

A conversation with
Mr. Lorenzo Castaneda