

Supported Education and Supported Employment Summit May 3rd, 2010

Speaker Bios

Daniel Chandler, Ph.D

Daniel Chandler received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California at Berkeley. He was employed for five years as a consultant in mental health to the California Assembly Office of Research and was for five years the Chief of Planning and Evaluation for Sacramento County mental health services. As an independent researcher and evaluator he has conducted numerous studies for county, state and federal governments. A number of these studies have been conducted for the California Institute for Mental Health. His contributions to evidence-based practices include randomized controlled trials of Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) in Los Angeles and Alameda Counties, of Supported Employment at the Village in Los Angeles, and of Integrated Dual Disorders Treatment (IDDT) in Alameda County. Dr. Chandler has also conducted extensive reviews for CIMH of the evidence base for the five SAMHSA evidence-based practices and for supported education.

Rick DeGette, MA, MFT

Rick Degette is currently the Vocational Services Director for Alameda County Behavioral Healthcare Services and is currently working on an initiative to implement Individual, Placement and Support Supported Employment (IPS/SE) in a pilot project in Alameda County. He also teaches part-time in the Human Services Program at Solano Community College (SCC) where he played an important role in helping to conceptualize, develop, and implement the Human Services Program at SCC. Rick had previously been a partner in a statewide Human Services Educational Collaborative (HSEC) which began in 1998. In addition, he provides consultation services to colleges and mental health agencies throughout the state in the areas of Supported Education for persons with psychiatric disabilities and the development of Human Services certificate and degree programs. Rick was instrumental in assisting in the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between Solano County Mental Health Services and Solano Community College and has provided workshops and trainings to the college in the area of Disability awareness and providing supports to students with psychiatric disabilities.

Peg Morris, LMFT

Peg Morris, LMFT is the Executive Director of Caminar, San Mateo Region. Peg is licensed as a Marriage and Family Therapist and is certified by the United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (USPRA) as a Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner. Peg obtained her Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from the California Institute of Integral Studies.

Prior to beginning her career in counseling Peg was a management trainer and organizational development consultant for Ameritech/AT&T specializing in large system change efforts and management effectiveness. As a mental health professional, Peg has over 20 years experience and leadership in both profit and non-profit organizations that provide services to adults with serious and persistent mental illnesses.

Peg is currently the Co-Chair of San Mateo County's Co-Occurring Disorder's Initiative and is particularly interested in the integration of mental health and substance abuse treatment services. Peg has been employed by Caminar for eight years and prior to her appointment as the Executive Director, she served as Caminar's Director of Services for seven years.

Chris Robinson, MA

Chris Robinson, MA is the Director of the Supported Education program at Caminar. He has a graduate degree in education, and has completed the 12 month certificate program in Clinical Theory and Practice from the University of Washington.

Chris has been working in mental health since 1983, starting in the 'Clubhouse' model in Everett, Washington. Since then, he has worked in a variety of settings assisting individuals in their pursuit of recovery.

Chris is on Behavioral Health and Recovery's Anti Stigma Steering Committee, and also attends the Community Recovery Coalition. Chris has been employed by Caminar for 10 years, and prior to his position in the supported education program, was the assistant director at Eucalyptus House, a supportive transitional housing program

Michael Schocket, CPRP

Michael Schocket is the Director of the Jobs Plus program at Caminar, a nonprofit agency that provides community based support services for people with disabilities. Caminar's Jobs Plus Program provides employment support services to individuals with psychiatric disabilities, physical, and learning disabilities to achieve and maintain employment in a competitive marketplace.

Prior to becoming Director of Jobs Plus, Mr. Schocket served in numerous leadership positions during his tenor at Caminar including job developer, director of a residential rehabilitation program, assistant director, case manager and as a mental health counselor. With his extensive leadership in managed health care, he is an experienced in working with health care providers, public hospitals, state agencies, county agencies, and outreach programs. Mr. Schocket has a far reaching knowledge of government administration, counseling, sales and marketing, human resources, training, and public relations.

Mr. Schocket has a B.A. in Psychology from Cal State Hayward and is a Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner. He currently resides in Redwood Shores with his family.

Tim Stringari, MA. MFT

Since 1991, Tim has been the director of a model supported education program for community college students with psychiatric disabilities at the College of San Mateo. Developing the program involved a huge struggle against stigma and prejudice on the college campus, low expectations by mental health providers and lack of sufficient funding. The struggle has made Tim very aware of the difficulties and barriers facing mental health customers who wish to succeed in higher education and brought him personally close to the students as individuals, and as an under-represented group in our society. The successful development of this program and Tim's empathy for the cause of persons with psychiatric disabilities has led him through 17 years of consulting and training in the field of supported education. Starting in 1998, Tim, as part of the HSEC, has been involved in the establishment of human services training programs throughout the state. The College of San Mateo Human Services Certificate and Degree Program has been highly effective in meeting local workforce needs and has Certificates of Specialization in Family Development, Community Health, Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Peer Services.

Toni Tullys, MPA

Toni Tullys, MPA, is the Workforce Development Manager for Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services, where she is responsible for the design, implementation and management of the MHSA Workforce, Education and Training Plan. Prior to joining the county, she served as the CiMH Project Director for Workforce Development and developed the MHSA regional partnerships across California. Ms. Tullys also directed the Greater Bay Area Mental Health and Education Workforce Collaborative, the model for regional partnerships and a nationally recognized workforce practice.

Ms. Tullys has extensive experience in workforce development, collaborative processes, organizational networks and public-private partnerships. She has served as the founding Executive Director of the Berkeley Alliance, a nonprofit partnership between the City of Berkeley, UC Berkeley, and the Berkeley Unified School District; Vice President of Community Affairs for VNA and Hospice of Northern California; and the Director of Community and Government Affairs for Alta Bates Medical Center in Berkeley. Ms. Tullys began her career as an RN, where she held clinical and management positions, before moving into community affairs in 1990. She earned an MPA from the University of Southern California and a BS from California State University East Bay.