New Requirements for Counties in the Drug Medi-Cal Waiver Webinar

Presenter Biographies

Victor Kogler

Victor Kogler is the Vice President of the California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions formerly the Executive Director of the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy Institute (ADPI). ADPI is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the substance use disorder field in California through training, policy analysis, and development of more effective solutions to alcohol and other drug problems at the practitioner, program and systems levels.

Under Mr. Kogler’s leadership, ADPI provides training and technical assistance to substance use disorder treatment programs on a statewide basis and works on health care reform and service integration initiatives in some of the state’s largest counties. ADPI conducts policy research and analysis for the County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California (CADPAAC) as well as state government entities. ADPI and the California Institute for Mental Health have recently concluded a collaborative project to identify key stakeholder recommendations for the Department of Health Care Services as it assumes responsibility for the administration of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services in California.

Mr. Kogler has worked in the substance use disorder field in California since 1971. He served as Alcohol and Drug Program Administrator of Santa Barbara County for twenty years and is a past president of CADPAAC.

After leaving county service and prior to taking the helm at ADPI he has consulted with counties large and small on such issues as system of care management and design, provider contracting, Medi-Cal financing for youth and adult treatment, information systems, and quality management processes.

Thomas Renfree

As of July 1, 2014, Tom is the new Deputy Director of Substance Use Disorder Services for the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA). As the statewide advocacy association representing the behavioral health directors from all of California's counties, CBHDA was formed from the recent merger of the California Mental Health Directors Association and the County Alcohol & Drug Program Administrators Association of California (CADPAAC).
Prior to his current position, for almost fourteen years Tom worked for and represented CADPAAC, first as a legislative advocate, and from 2006 – 2014 as Executive Director of the association. In this role Tom was active in statewide efforts to increase local government funding and support for both adult and adolescent alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment services.

Tom has prior legislative experience working with two other public policy associations, including the California Association of Psychiatric Technicians. He has a Bachelors Degree in history and political science from the University of California. Among his goals are a commitment to work toward better public understanding of substance use disorder issues, and a commitment to help advance public support for behavioral health programs, their clients, and the workforce that directly provide prevention and treatment services.