



SACRAMENTO BLACK COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH & CRIMINAL “JUSTICE” REAL TALK

WED, 11/17 2-5 PM (Pt 1) – “The Call”: Black Community’s Voice Lifted up

THUR, 11/18, 2-5 PM (Pt 2) – “The Response”: Response/Resources/Action

Program



SACRAMENTO BLACK COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH & CRIMINAL “JUSTICE” REAL TALK AGENDA | NOVEMBER 17 & 18, 2021, 2-5 PM

2:00 Welcome | Tech overview & housekeeping | Acknowledgements – *Lilyane Glamben, ONTRACK Program Resources*

2:10 Facilitator’s welcome & orientation | Introductions of panelists – *Dr. La Tanya Takla, Mending Feelings*

2:30 Panel presentations [*Please see panelist biographies on following pages*]

DAY 1 PANEL: “The Call”

Ryan McClinton
Raphael
Donetta Jefferson
Tamara Lacey
Stevante Clark
Keke Brown
Tifanei Ressler Moyer, JD

DAY 2 PANEL: “The Response”

Alondra Thompson, LCSW
Geoff Twitchell, PhD
Chief Deputy Jim Barnes
Chief Marlon Yarber
Chief Daniel Hahn
Chief Deputy Kathy Lester
Kelly Rivas
Tiffanie Synnott, JD
Ryan McClinton

Special Guest: Honorable Lawrence G. Brown

3:15 (Day 1) | 3:20 (Day 2) Breakout groups – *facilitated by Mending Feelings team [bios on following page]*

10-minute break

4:00 Large Group Discussion | Q&A

4:45 Wrap up | Next Steps

5:00 Session ends | Thank you | Participant Survey

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR WEDNESDAY, 12/1/21, 2-5 PM

FOR THE EVENT DEBRIEF IN WHICH WE WILL LAUNCH “CALL TO ACTION” FOLLOW-UP



ONTRACK Program Resources (ONTRACK) has been contracted as a “Local Level Entity” (LLE) subcontractor with the California Black Health Network (CBHN) under the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network’s (CPEHN) Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) *Diverse Stakeholder Engagement* contract. In its role as an LLE, ONTRACK is contracted to coordinate two annual events to engage the Sacramento African American/Black community and develop a post-event report. This event series is made possible through funds from the Mental Health Services Act, Proposition 63.

For more information about ONTRACK, CBHN, CPEHN and a list of our event community partners, please see page 6.



MENDING FEELINGS TEAM FACILITATORS FOR DAY 1 & 2

Dr. LaTanya Takla, EdD, LMFT, LPCC, Team Lead

Dr. La Tanya Takla is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist in California. She has been a licensed mental health provider for over a decade and works with a broad spectrum of clients. In addition to her clinical practice she is a contracted Staff Psychologist for the California Department of Corrections (CDCR), Dr. Takla is a dedicated professor that teaches Masters Level counseling students and is a Preceptor for Nurse Practitioners. In her private practice she is the Chief Executive Officer of Mending Feelings Counseling Collaboration. She regularly conducts groups and workshops for the unique needs of clients including: Healing from Race-Based Trauma and Stress as well as psychoeducation for grief, loss, and coping. Dr. Takla is passionate about providing culturally informed responsive services. She aims to promote therapeutic environments that foster awareness and encourage equitable participation; while seeking to address and acknowledge issues of oppression, privilege, and power.

Medina Allen, MFT, APCC

When I think of what brought me into the field, I think of one word Passion. I am a passionate culturally competent therapist who has decided to dedicate my life helping others. I have completed my training working with victims of trauma. I am passionate about transforming lives and assisting with the healing process. I have obtained a Master's degree in Marriage, Family and Child Therapy, and I am currently working on my PsyD. I have been called into this field and I gracefully accept; I am Medina Allen Associate MFT, APCC!

Dr. Quimani Green, LCSW

Dr. Quimani Green is a trainer, consultant, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and Registered Psychological Assistant who values dedication, determination, advocacy, service and excellence. Dr. Green learned determination and advocacy growing up in East Palo Alto, CA during the Crack Epidemic, where she was determined not to fall victim to her environment. As a provider of services in the Human Services Agency, the Children Welfare System, and Mental Health Systems, Dr. Green brings a unique perspective to the services that she provides. When not training, consulting or providing therapy, Dr. Green can be found travelling, spending time with her family, cooking up delicious meals, or planning an event.

Tamekia Johnson, MA, AMFT

Tamekia Johnson is an enthusiastic skilled professional with over 13 years experience in Child Welfare to include extensive knowledge in case management, counseling, assessments, crisis interventions, behavior management, community outreach and advocacy for at-risk-juveniles and families from diverse cultural backgrounds. Tamekia is an Associate Marriage & Family Therapist. Tamekia has her M.A. in Counseling Psychology from Holy Names University. Tamekia has been fortunate to have had several experiences in child welfare with agencies in California and Virginia. Tamekia worked as a Child Welfare Worker in Stanislaus County and Fairfax County and a Child Welfare Supervisor at Hampton Department of Human Services; before joining Santa Clara County's Assessment and Stabilization Bureau as a Social Services Analyst III. Tamekia is committed to working with diverse populations and recognizes how environmental, historical/cultural trauma and biases can influence life experiences.

Travis Nelson, AMFT, APCC

Great Risings! I am excited to be a person of interest for the community's self-development needs. I am an Associate Marriage & Family Therapist, AMFT, APCC and a proud father of two wonderful young men. I have been prepared and equipped to work with all individuals and organizations in the spirit of diversity and equality. My worldview has been crafted as a Christian, US Army Officer and OIF Veteran; as a Father; as a Service Coordinator in a Psychiatric Health Facility; and as a Basketball Coach. Along with my professional training and education, I offer sincerity, honesty, empathy, and respect for all persons from all backgrounds. Please allow me the opportunity to hear your concerns and work together to find a place of healing and stabilization. EXPERIENCE includes (but not limited to) working in a locked psychiatric health facility (PHF); and experience with both residential and out patient populations. SPECIALTIES: Trauma and PTSD, Military Families and Veterans, Child or Adolescent, Family Conflict, Relationship Conflict, Mood Disorders

Corey R. Young, MA, AMFT, APCC

Corey R. Young is an educator who has been in the field for the past 24 years and has a Masters in Education Administration. In 2001 he founded a nonprofit that operated through 2018 where he was the CEO and administrated Group Homes for girls and boys ages 12 -18. Inspired by his work in the nonprofit working with teenagers and employees Mr. Young obtained a Master's in Mental Health and is now currently an AMFT and APCC where he is now able to work with a diverse range of clientele.



PANELISTS (IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE)

DAY 1

Ryan McClinton

As a community organizer at Sacramento Area Congregations Together, [Ryan McClinton](#) helped develop policy, cultivate nonprofits and develop resources to create a more just and fair community. With a focus on communities of color, McClinton tackled issues like gun violence, homelessness and food insecurity. He pushed local government to address systemic racism through governance and budgetary practices. He also successfully pushed for legislative policy to create more police accountability and helped develop a funding mechanism to support Black communities. After four years with SacACT, McClinton transitioned to Public Health Advocates, a nonprofit that helps communities pass laws, reform systems and establish norms that foster justice, equity and health. There, McClinton is working on a campaign focused on building advisory teams to help inform and innovate new approaches to emergency response systems.

Raphael

I have spent over 40 years peering out from behind steel cages, buried, forgotten, or lost, inside of the penal chambers of Cali. As a former "Lifer" at San Quentin, I patiently served 34+ years. In the meantime, I earned an Associate Arts degree, inside but with enough units for a bachelor's degree in social science, which I earned during this parole term. I am proud of the multiple certificates earned and Restorative Justice and Emotional Emancipation Circle facilitator training. I am a member of the Anti Recidivism Coalition, a mentor/trainer to the Exodus Project and I have volunteered for Safe Black Space, and many other social service organizations in SacTown. I volunteer for the Yolo County Conflict Resolution Center. And I am also an avid tennis player. What I am most at peace with, during the past 5 years, is the Zen practice of meditation at the Sac Dharma Center. Mindful Awareness serves as the cornerstone for the total liberation of my life.

Donetta S. Jefferson

Donetta Jefferson is a maintenance counselor at BayMark Health Services which offers Medicated Assisted Treatment to those who are struggling with opioid misuse/abuse. Donetta has been a certified substance abuse counselor for over 13 years with the California Consortium of Addiction Professionals and Programs (CCAPP). She has a history of serving various populations including those who battle with co-occurring disorders coupled with criminogenic behaviors. She is a veteran of the Armed Forces. Donetta was a primary member of the Sacramento County Shared Leadership Task Force which aided in helping parents navigate the Child Protective Services system to reunify children with their family members.

Tamara Lacey

Long term county resident, mental health and social justice advocate.

Stevante Clark

Stevante Clark came to national attention after he stormed city hall chambers in the tragic wake of the death of his younger brother, Stephon Clark, at the hands of Sacramento Police officers and the traumatic psychological events that occurred thereafter. Stevante has beautifully and painfully taken these experiences and evolved into a mental health advocate for young boys and men of color. Stevante has been a strong advocate for increased community involvement and accountability. He is actively involved with community youth groups and is working towards his vision of a recreational facility in Meadowview in honor of his slain brother. Stevante is a public speaker, signed recording artist with Black Market records. He is the creative director and founder of the annual Stephon Clark Legacy weekend and Sacramento's first ever annual Harambee Festival which had a community turnout of over 500 people. He holds a position on the new 15-member Measure U Community Advisory Board which oversees the way the city spends funds from a city sales tax that voters approved November 2018. In his spare time he is the content creator for "Conversations With Mr. Clark" and an instructional aide for the Rose Family Creative Empowerment Center.

Kawanda "Keke" Brown

Keke Brown is the lead empowerment advocate at ONTRACK Program Resources' SOUL SPACE, a community wellness program advocating for holistic wellness of African Americans in Sacramento (www.getontrack.org/soul-space). Keke worked in law enforcement as a gang unit Officer in Omaha, Nebraska and worked as a PAR Officer (mental health Officer) working in communities of color, responding to calls for mental health crisis. Keke has participated and continues to be involved on numerous boards and committees to tackle issues of gang violence, homelessness, and mental health in communities of color. Keke is passionate about empowering others and helping them on their journey of healing while stabilizing their mental wellness.



Tifanei Ressler-Moyer, JD

Tifanei Ressler-Moyer is a civil rights attorney whose work supports social justice movements. She is the Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Fellow at Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. There she co-leads the Racial Justice Team and leads her team's work against violent policing and carceral systems. Tifanei uses strategic litigation, policy advocacy, direct services and organizing on behalf of people of color in Northern California. For example, she litigates cases where people have been targeted and brutalized by police violence, publishes reports on the profound and dangerous impacts of low-level policing, and has designed successful campaigns that compelled multiple California cities to drop charges against protesters after the summer of 2020 uprisings. Previously, Tifanei worked for Disability Rights California where she investigated and litigated cases regarding dangerous conditions of jail, psychiatric institutions, juvenile detention centers, and cases regarding Black people's access to mental health care in their communities. Tifanei also regularly provides legal support to grassroots abolitionist organizations in her Sacramento community.

DAY 2

Alondra Thompson, LCSW

In a comfortable and supportive atmosphere, Alondra Thompson, LCSW, as Health Program Manager for Sacramento Behavioral Health Services offers a highly personalized approach tailored to each of her clients' individual needs to help attain the personal growth they are striving for. In her new role as a Health Program Manager with Sacramento County, she strives to provide services to our community that offer that same approach.

Geoff Twitchell, Ph.D.

Geoff Twitchell, Ph.D., is the new Forensic Behavioral Health Division Manager with Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services. Dr. Twitchell is a licensed clinical psychologist with training and expertise in severe mental illness and addiction. He has worked in the area of forensics for the past 10 years, first as Treatment Director for San Diego County Probation and now in a new role in Sacramento County as Forensic Behavioral Health Division Manager. Dr. Twitchell serves as liaison to county justice partners including Superior Court, Office of the Public Defender, Sheriff's Department, Probation and District Attorney's Office. Priority areas include system design, mental health diversion, and bridging public safety and behavioral health cultures for optimal client outcomes in the areas of recidivism, substance use and mental illness. Training incorporates the Interprofessional Collaborative Practice model and competencies. Dr. Twitchell holds a clinical faculty appointment at the University of California San Diego. He received his Bachelor's from the University of Washington, his doctorate from Michigan State University and a Postdoctoral Fellowship at UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs.

James Barnes

Sheriff Chief Deputy James Barnes received his Bachelor's degree in Social Science from California State University at Sacramento. Chief Deputy Barnes is a 23 year veteran with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office and has held various positions within the Sheriff's Department. Chief Deputy Barnes has formerly worked as the Commander for North Patrol Division, the Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center, Central Division Commander, and is currently the Chief Deputy of Field and Investigative Services. Field and Investigative Services is responsible for all investigations and patrol operations, in the unincorporated area of Sacramento County. Chief Deputy Barnes has been recognized as the Employee of the Year for Centralized Investigations as a Sexual Assault Detective and Homicide Sergeant. He is currently the president of the Non-Profit Charity Pig Bowl – Guns and Hoses which has been in existence since 1974 and has donated over \$1.6 million dollars to local charities in the Sacramento Region. Chief Deputy Barnes is a former Board of Director-(Division 9) for the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department. He believes in continuing education in the leadership field and graduated from the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) West Point Leadership program. Chief Deputy Barnes is active in his community by coaching youth sports and prides himself on helping develop future leaders.

Marlon Yarber

Marlon Yarber was appointed Sacramento County Chief Probation Officer in October 2021. He began his career with Sacramento County Probation as Assistant Chief Probation Officer in December 2013. He provided oversight of Adult Operations between 2013 and 2018 and then transitioned to Juvenile Operations. Before joining Sacramento County, Yarber served as Deputy Probation Officer for the Stanislaus County Probation Department working with gangs and high-risk adult offenders. He transitioned to the state and worked for the State of California, Office of Criminal Justice Planning overseeing the landmark Juvenile Accountability Block Grant. He was later appointed Deputy Director for the Corrections Standards Authority overseeing a variety of federal and state initiatives in California including Juvenile Justice Realignment. In 2011, Yarber returned to community corrections as the Assistant Chief and Interim Chief Probation Officer for the Yolo County Probation Department. In the same year, he was awarded the Kirkpatrick Professional Development



Award in recognition of his work to reduce disparities in the criminal justice system. He moved to Sacramento County Probation in 2013. Yarber was a 2016 Annie E. Casey Foundation nominee and holds certifications in leadership and facilitation and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the University of California, Davis.

Daniel Hahn

Daniel Hahn was sworn in as Sacramento's 45th Chief of Police on August 11, 2017. He is a 34-year law enforcement veteran and responsible for all aspects of leading a municipal law enforcement agency in the diverse capital of California. Chief Hahn is a native of Sacramento and grew up in the Oak Park community. He was hired by the Sacramento Police Department as a Community Service Officer in 1987 and rose through the ranks to Captain. He served in numerous assignments including Captain of the Special Investigations Division, the North Command and the Personnel Services Division. In 2011, Chief Hahn was sworn in as Roseville's 15th Chief of Police and served for six years before returning to Sacramento. Chief Hahn holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Master's in Public Administration. As Sacramento's Police Chief, he has handled controversial issues within the community, implemented new strategies to build equity, transparency and trust within the department and community, implemented new processes regarding recruiting, hiring, and training, and built collaborative partnerships with other agencies, non-profits, and the community. Chief Hahn is a committed and proud father of two incredible daughters, and dedicated husband to his beautiful and always supportive wife. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with his family, working out and watching his daughters' sporting events.

Kathy Lester

In a nutshell, I am Kathy Lester, Deputy Chief overseeing the Patrol and Communications Division for the Sacramento Police Department. I have spent many of my years at SPD working to reduce disparities in the criminal justice system, create effective community engagement programs and strongly advocate for shared community safety models. I worked with the Sacramento City Unified School District to secure grant funding to provide Evidence Based Programs as alternatives to detention for at-risk youth including Family Functional Therapy, PTND, and Anger Management therapy. I created the Chronic Nuisance Offender program which has been adopted county wide and strives to stop the revolving door of jail by providing intensive case management for repeat offenders. I also created the Division of Outreach and Engagement which works to amplify resources for our community. Finally, I am currently working on a grant with the USDA NIFA and National Science Foundation to improve Community Resilience through their Safe and Connected Communities grant programs.

Kelly Rivas

Kelly Fong Rivas is a community organizer by training and trade. She currently serves as Chief of Staff for Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg with a policy portfolio focused on advancing racial equity. After graduating from UC Santa Cruz, she worked as a community organizer on a statewide ballot initiative to increase the state's renewable energy requirements where she was trained by Dolores Huerta and Fred Ross Jr. She then joined Jim Gonzalez & Associates as a Senior Policy Consultant and Media Director on a range of issues across the Western U.S. Rivas switched to public service in 2013 becoming Field Director & Deputy Press Secretary for Congressman Ami Bera, MD. She joined Steinberg's team in 2015 as his Campaign Manager, oversaw a successful 2016 primary victory, and led the team's transition into office. Rivas is a founding member and past president of the Sacramento chapter of the Fem Dems, a democratic club focused on the feminist principles of inclusion, equality, and diversity. She is also a founding member of the Global Shapers Sacramento Hub, a worldwide community of exceptional young leaders selected to represent their cities within the World Economic Forum and is a Senior Fellow of the American Leadership Forum Mountain Valley Chapter.

Tiffanie Synnott, JD

Tiffanie Synnott is the Acting Chief Assistant and Supervising Attorney for the Public Defender in Sacramento County. Tiffanie has been a Public Defender for 20 years and specializes in the intersection of criminal justice/homelessness/mental health and juvenile justice. Currently, Tiffanie supervises and oversees the implementation of award winning state and county recognized programs including pretrial support, mental health diversion, juvenile trauma court, record modification, and specialized programs focused on supporting individuals experiencing homelessness. Tiffanie embraces a holistic defense approach by combining zealous legal advocacy with addressing the underlining needs of her clients through the navigation of system coordination and community-based interventions.

Ryan McClinton

[See bio from Day 1]

Day 2 SPECIAL GUEST: The Hon. Lawrence G. Brown has served as a Sacramento Superior Court judge since January 2010. Judge Brown has extensive experience working in the criminal justice system and has presided over the Sacramento County Mental Health Treatment Court, Adult Drug Court, and Reentry Court. Judge Brown currently serves as vice-chair of the Judicial Council of California's Collaborative Justice Courts Advisory Committee.



SACRAMENTO BLACK COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH & CRIMINAL “JUSTICE” REAL TALK PRESENTERS



Since 1997, **ONTRACK Program Resources (ONTRACK)** has been a leader in the provision of training, consulting and technical assistance services aimed at reducing disparities, and improving services for diverse communities. ONTRACK has built a reputation for providing culturally responsive, strengths-based, applicable expertise to hundreds of organizations across a wide range of public sector and private agencies, including behavioral health, health care, human services, educational, and social justice issues.

In 2020, ONTRACK launched its first direct service program, *SOUL SPACE: A Community Health Home for Culturally Responsive Social Supports and Resources to Advance Health and Wellness for African Americans*, with funding from Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services and Sierra Health Foundation. For more information: www.getontrack.org/soul-space.

California Black Health Network (CBHN) is the voice and trusted resource for Black Health Equity in California and the only Black-led, statewide organization dedicated to advancing health equity for all African Americans and Black Immigrants. CBHN’s mission is to ensure that all Black Californians, regardless of their education, socio-economic class, zip code, sexual orientation, gender identity, homelessness, or immigration status have access to high quality and equitable primary and behavioral healthcare, and avoid unnecessarily succumbing to disease. To that end, CBHN conducts outreach, education, and advocacy to achieve health equity for Black Californians through the lens of understanding critical issues that lie at the intersection of racial justice, social justice, and environmental justice. For more information: www.cablackhealthnetwork.org.

Since 1992, **California Pan Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN)** advocates for federal, state and local policies that advance health equity and improves health outcomes in our communities. CPEHN centers racial justice, builds courageous coalitions and boldly champion policies that will make the biggest difference in the health of communities of color. CPEHN wants every person calling California home to have access to quality, affordable and culturally competent health care. By “health” we mean optimal physical, oral and behavioral health. By “quality, affordable and culturally competent,” we mean that our health care system honors all of our lives equally. For more information: <https://cpehn.org/>

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