

Preventing Future Chronic Homelessness

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

The Lyceum, Hartford, CT

IForums 2017



Speakers

Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, PhD., *Commissioner, CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services*

Prior to Miriam Delphin-Rittmon's appointment to DMHAS Commissioner, she held varied roles at the Department including Deputy Commissioner, Senior Policy Advisor and Director of the Office of Multicultural Healthcare Equality. Under the Obama Administration, Dr. Delphin-Rittmon served as Senior Advisor at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration with the Department of Health and Human Services working on a range of policy initiatives addressing behavioral health equity, workforce development and healthcare reform. Dr. Delphin-Rittmon has also held positions as Assistant Professor and Director of Health Equity and Multicultural Research and Consultation with the Program for Recovery and Community Health in the Yale Department of Psychiatry.

Evonne Klein, *Commissioner, CT Department of Housing*

Evonne M. Klein is the first Commissioner of the newly created Connecticut Department of Housing, the lead state agency on housing matters. The department provides a wide array of funding programs and services aimed at ending homelessness, increasing the supply of affordable housing, and creating new homeownership opportunities for Connecticut residents. Under her leadership the department has expanded its development as well as individual and family support programs and dramatically increased the state's investment in affordable housing. Prior to her appointment as Commissioner of Housing, Klein served from 2001 to 2009 on the Board of Selectmen in the town of Darien, including three terms as First Selectman. During her tenure she also served as Vice Chair of the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization and as Co-Vice Chair on the Alliance for Sensible Airspace Planning.

Terri Power, *Senior Program Manager, Corporation for Supportive Housing*

Terri Power has 26 years of experience in providing and supervising high quality services in a variety of social service settings, working with families, youth, and single adults, and specializing in program analysis, expansion, and quality improvement policies and procedures. As a Senior Program Manager for CSH's Ohio office, Ms. Power monitors, manages and expands the statewide reentry supportive housing project, Returning Home Ohio. In addition, she provides technical assistance and training on services in supportive housing, Medicaid, and quality improvement practices. Prior to joining CSH, Ms. Power directed services across multiple cities in Ohio in family permanent supportive housing, single adult transitional housing and emergency shelters, and correctional halfway house programs. Terri has a Master of Social Work degree from The Ohio State University and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degree from the University of Steubenville. She holds an independent social work license with a supervisory designation.

Steve DiLella, *Director of Individual and Family Support Program Unit, CT Department of Housing*

Steve has been with the State working on ending homelessness for the past twelve years. During this timeframe, Steve has managed all state funded homeless service programs including homeless outreach, homeless diversion, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing, as well as assisting in the creation of Connecticut's Coordinated Entry System. Connecticut has over 4000 units of permanent supportive housing and over \$3 million dollars of funding for rapid rehousing for homeless individuals and families. Within the 4000 units of permanent supportive housing are various special initiatives that target homeless individuals and families that are high cost users of institutional settings. Steve has also pushed the Connecticut homeless service system toward a housing first and low barrier model and has instituted harm reduction policies in all homeless programs. In addition to Steve's roles with DOH, he serves as the Co-Chair for the Connecticut Balance of State Continuum of Care, which has leveraged significant resources over the past ten years to create more permanent supportive housing units for the disabled homeless population.

Preventing Future Chronic Homelessness

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

The Lyceum, Hartford, CT

IForums 2017



Kathy Flaherty, *Executive Director, CT Legal Rights Project*

Since 2015, Kathy has served as Executive Director of Connecticut Legal Rights Project, Inc. (CLRP), a statewide non-profit agency, which provides legal services to low income individuals with mental health conditions, who reside in hospitals or the community, on matters related to their treatment, recovery, and civil rights. Previously, Kathy spent 12 years as a Staff Attorney at Statewide Legal Services of CT, Inc.

Kathy is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers-CT (the state's lawyer assistance program), and the Connecticut Alliance to Benefit Law Enforcement (CABLE) and serves on the steering committee of the CT Cross Disability Lifespan Alliance. Kathy is the vice chair of the Keep the Promise Coalition, a coalition of advocates (people living with mental health conditions, family members, mental health professionals and interested community members). A graduate of Wellesley College (Class of '88) and Harvard Law School ('94), Kathy has dedicated her professional life to advocating for the rights of the underserved.

David Gonzalez Rice, *Community Impact Coordinator, CT Coalition to End Homelessness*

David Gonzalez Rice comes to CCEH from the New London Homeless Hospitality Center, where he developed a supportive housing program and supervised coordinated intake and street outreach staff. While at NLHHC, he also supplied key leadership to regional efforts to end chronic homelessness.

A former educator and researcher, David holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Duke University. His research focused on grassroots social justice movements, and in school he worked as a community organizer and international human rights observer. In 2013, seeking a more direct role in service to those most in need, David transitioned from academia to human services. At CCEH, David serves the Southeast CT Coordinated Access Network, where he facilitates inter-agency collaboration toward the goal of ending all forms of homelessness.

Kevin Kane, *Chief State's Attorney, State of CT Division of Criminal Justice*

Kevin T. Kane was appointed Chief State's Attorney in September 2006. With his appointment to a third term in July 2016, he became the longest-serving person to hold the office since its establishment in 1973.

Mr. Kane is the administrative head of the Division of Criminal Justice, the independent agency of the executive branch of state government that is responsible for the investigation and prosecution of all criminal matters in the State of Connecticut. A career prosecutor, Mr. Kane has tried numerous criminal cases to verdict as well as having argued numerous appeals before the Connecticut Supreme Court and Connecticut Appellate Court. Among the notable cases he prosecuted are the conviction and eventual execution of serial killer Michael Ross and the murder-for-hire trial of Old Saybrook attorney Beth Ann Carpenter. Mr. Kane is a graduate of Marquette University and the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Dr. Kathleen Maurer, *Director of Health and Addiction Services and Medical Director, CT Department of Corrections*

Before assuming her current post in 2011, Dr. Maurer was assistant medical director at Correctional Managed Health Care, a division of the University of Connecticut Health Center, which contracts with the state corrections department for offender medical care. During her career, she has provided hands-on clinical care and medical program management in the private sector. In the realm of correctional care, she is particularly interested in the quality of patient care, in the role of correctional healthcare in the broader scope of public health such as in the treatment of Hepatitis C Virus in our offender-patients, and in facilitating re-entry programs through integration of community and correctional healthcare. Several of her recent initiatives include working to expand Medicaid access to halfway house residents and to integrate Medicaid utilization management with the correctional system. She is also developing a system-wide medication assisted therapy program for the Connecticut DOC. Dr. Maurer is the primary author of the monograph entitled "Hepatitis C in Correctional Settings: Challenges and Opportunities," and published by the American Correctional Association. She also is a Member of the Institute of Medicine Committee charged with evaluating the feasibility of eliminating Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C in the US. Dr. Maurer earned her MD from Yale University School of Medicine. She also earned an MPH from Yale. She holds an MBA from the University of

Preventing Future Chronic Homelessness

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

The Lyceum, Hartford, CT

IForums 2017



Connecticut and is board-certified in internal medicine, occupational and environmental medicine, and addiction medicine. She was recently awarded the Coalition of Correctional Health Authorities national award for Leadership in Correctional Healthcare.

Fred Morton, *Behavioral Health Program Manager, CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services*
Fred was first employed by DMHAS in 2006 and held positions focusing on program management and quality improvement. From 2012-2014 he worked for CSH as a Program Manager overseeing the CT Supportive Housing Quality Initiative with DMHAS funded providers. Currently Fred is the SOAR state lead for Connecticut and oversees close to 60 HUD funded supportive housing projects and 43 providers that receive state funding for supportive housing case management. He holds a Master of Public Health degree from Southern Connecticut State University.

Staci Peete, *High Risk Navigator, Norwalk Community Care Team*

Staci works as the High Risk Navigator, based at Norwalk Hospital, since February, 2013. She received the 40 under 40 Award 2016 for Fairfield County. Her previous work history includes working for over 10 years in the NYC nonprofit system in a number of positions including being a Program Director at the Harlem Children Zone, with their prevention program, as well as a Director at the Center for Urban Community Services. While at the Center for Urban Community Services, she was a Director for their ACT team, which targeted the long term shelter stayers in NYC, as well as started up a new program to house homeless families. Staci graduated NYU with a Masters in Social Work and has an undergraduate degree in Sociology from the University of Maryland, College Park.