

# Sacramento County Fentanyl Awareness & Action Summit Speaker Biographies

Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 | Sacramento State University

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**9:00 AM to 9:20 AM**

**Opening Remarks: Welcome to California State University, Sacramento**



Rich Desmond was elected to represent District 3 on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in 2020. Rich joined the California Highway Patrol in 1995 and spent several years as a patrol officer before his promotion into a variety of fields and administrative positions. There, he worked on legislation affecting traffic and public safety, law enforcement transparency and accountability, use of force, and more. Rich retired from the CHP as Chief in 2019. Rich has a long history of involvement in the community, participating in the development of the Carmichael Community Action Plan, helping to establish the Sacramento Senior Safehouse to protect seniors at risk of abuse and neglect, and much more. Rich graduated from Jesuit High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts from Santa Clara University, and a J.D. from the McGeorge School of Law.



Lori Miller, LCSW has over 25 years of experience in Behavioral Health and currently serves as the Behavioral Health Division Manager over the Substance Use Prevention and Treatment unit for Sacramento County Department of Health Services. Lori is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from California State University, Sacramento. As a BH Division Manager, she provides strong leadership, passionate advocacy, and a commitment to integrated services working to reduce stigma and address trauma. Lori oversees County and contracted provider services and programs, was instrumental in bringing a Drug Medical Organized Delivery System to Sacramento County, expanded multiple substance use prevention and treatment programs, and assisted in the development of 3 Coalitions (Youth, Methamphetamine and Opioid) and leads many initiatives to address the Fentanyl crisis.



Lindsay Coate is the Vice President of Strategic Operations for the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society where she oversees communications and several programs designed to advocate for physicians and the patients they serve and to promote the physical and mental health of the community. She has a diverse background in nonprofit executive leadership, program management, fundraising, and communications.



Dr. Wood became Sacramento State's ninth president in 2023, at age 41 - the youngest person ever to lead the University. He earned a bachelor's and master's degree at Sac State, then a Masters of Education and doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Arizona State. Dr. Wood served as a professor and administrator, including vice president for Student Affairs and Campus Diversity, at San Diego State before becoming Sac State president. He has authored 16 books and published significant research focusing on racial inequality issues in education. "I know what Sac State is capable of doing," Dr. Wood said. "I am a Black male, former foster child, first-generation college student who struggled with food insecurity and housing insecurity and was able to graduate because of the incredible people and systems of support that were in place."

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**9:20 AM to 9:40 AM**  
**Fentanyl Overview & Effects on the Brain & Body**



Dr. Aimee Moulin is a Professor of Emergency Medicine at UC Davis Medical Center and Chief of the Division of Addiction Medicine. Dr. Moulin is Founder of the CA Bridge Program, a statewide effort to expand access to addiction treatment.

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**9:40 AM to 10:00 AM**  
**Opioid Coalition, Gone Too Soon Memorial Poster Project, Hear to Heal Support Group, & Community Outreach**



Lauren Werner is a Humboldt State University Alumna with a BA in International Studies. She works with the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society as Program Coordinator for the Sacramento County Opioid Coalition. Her passion is harm reduction, advocacy, and community empowerment projects. She is committed to a lifelong pursuit to explore solutions for those who maintain underrepresented positions in society.

**Safer Sacramento Project** with Lori Miller

## Sacramento State University Response to Fentanyl



Dominique Rosete (she/her) is a recent Master of Public Health graduate from Sacramento State with a concentration in Health Promotion, Policy, and Leadership. She also received her undergraduate degree here in Political Science and History, with a minor in Communication Studies. Currently, Dominique is a Health Promotion Specialist overseeing the substance use programming at Sacramento State's Student Health, Counseling & Wellness Services. As a first-generation Filipina passionate about health education and health equity, she is thrilled to be #MadeAtSacState and now paying it forward through supporting students' health and wellness in her role.

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**10:00 AM to 10:25 AM**

### **1 Pill Can Kill Campaign Panel - DA/DHS/Arrive Alive Partnership & Future Focused: Fentanyl Education and Awareness in Schools**



Thien Ho was elected District Attorney of Sacramento County in 2022, officially taking office January, 2023. Prior to the election, Thien served as the Sacramento County Assistant Chief Deputy D.A. over the Justice and Community Relations Bureau. Over Thien's 23-year career as an attorney, he supervised the Gang & Hate Crime Unit and successfully prosecuted sexual assault, gang, hate crime, and homicide cases. Most notably, he successfully prosecuted the international landmark case - East Area Rapist/Golden State Killer, who committed 13 murders and over 50 sexual assaults in 11 different jurisdictions throughout California. Thien has previously taught for the California District Attorneys Association, P.O.S.T instruction for peace officers, and is currently an adjunct professor at McGeorge School of Law.



Kristel Suchland has a Bachelor's degree in Medical Technology from the University of Cincinnati and a Master's degree in Forensics from the University of New Haven. She has been with the Sacramento County District Attorney's Crime Laboratory for over 22 years. She spent 16 years in toxicology working DUI, Coroner, and drug facilitated assault cases. She was also the Quality Manager and Evidence Supervisor for over 5 years and the Drug Chemistry Supervisor for the last year and a half.



Angela Russell-Webb, CEO/Executive Director of Arrive Alive California Inc., is an internationally recognized crisis intervention specialist. In 2011, Angela was a recipient of President Obama's Volunteer Service Award which recognized the hundreds of hours she served as a volunteer crisis and trauma responder for Sacramento County. At the heart of everything she does is a life-commitment to serve people and save lives. From 'Death-Angel' to 'Champion of Hope' her mission is to save our kids by unleashing the Power of Prevention.

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**10:25 AM to 10:55 AM**  
**Reaching Diverse Communities Panel**



Kimberly Grimes, M.B.A. Health Program Manager has been with Sacramento County Substance Use Prevention and Treatment (SUPT) Services since 2018. She provides administrative, clinical, and programmatic management to the Adult, Family, and Youth Collaborative Courts, the Youth System of Care, and the SUPT Equity Program. She also manages two SAMHSA Treatment Court grants which provide enhancement funding to the Family Treatment Courts and the DUI/Mental Health Treatment Courts. Kimberly serves on many workgroups and collaborative stakeholder groups to improve care coordination and treatment for those identified with a substance use disorder and are justice-involved and/or involved with Child Welfare.



Dr. Warren is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Neighborhood Wellness Foundation (NWF) whose mission is to navigate and disrupt intergenerational trauma and poverty in Del Paso Heights (DPH) and surrounding neighborhoods. Dr. Warren leads an interdisciplinary, multigenerational team which operates at the granular level to mitigate the effects of mental and physical health disparities. Over the past two and a half decades, Dr. Warren has worked with DPH neighbors and the agencies who serve them while advocating and collaborating to help build a healthy neighborhood. Dr. Warren earned her doctorate degree in Clinical Pharmacy from the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) in 1996.



Berry Accius is the Founder and CEO of Voice of the Youth (VOY), a non-profit organization which provides mentorship to youth and adults. He is the Founder of Black BluePrintz, which uplifts and educates Black people through social media, community events, and empowering apparel. He is Co-Founder of the Black Friday Coalition and one of the Founding Members of Build.Black; bringing justice, prosperity, and economic opportunities to Sacramento's African American community. He brings voice of truth to the youth and community and is known for his motivational speaker series as activist for social justice and racial equality through his *She Could Be My Daughter* Community Forums and *Motivating Other Brothas (MOB)* workshops. He has been transformed from victim to victor and has channeled that power into dedicating his life to ensuring youth and community residents know they can change their narrative as well.



Leona Lee, or Ms. Leona, was born and raised in Sacramento and has more than 20 years of experience supporting women through their pregnancies. She has faced many challenges and is not shy about sharing her past if it means helping someone not make the same mistakes that happened to her. She is a mother of seven, and grandmother of seven. Her experience of being a mom and grandmother has added to her innate ability to be a supportive, understanding, fun-loving pregnancy coach. She has experienced the changes and growth of the community over the years and is honored to do what she loves to do – give back to others.

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**11:10 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Identifying Overdose/Poisoning, Naloxone/Narcan Overview and Demonstration, The Good Samaritan Law, & Naloxone/Narcan Ordering and Distribution**



Scott Perryman Graduated Cum Laude with an A.S. from Bakersfield College in Fire Technology in 2002 and a B.S. in Exercise Science from Brigham Young University in 2006. Perryman feels he hit the job lottery and joined Sacramento Metro Fire District in 2006. In 2010, Perryman attended Stanford's Physician Assistant program and has worked in several local Emergency Departments. Perryman was promoted to Battalion Chief in 2022.

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**11:30 AM to 12:15 PM**

**Lived Experience Panel**

Laura Collanton: Spencer, Forever 20

Julie Rushing: Aiden, Forever 30

Steve Giammona: Peter, Forever 36

Larra Williams, Lived Experience Adult

Johnny Craig, Lived Experience Adult

Avontae Brown, Lived Experience, TAY, Young Adult

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**1:15 PM to 1:50 PM**

**Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Prevention and Treatment Panel - What We Have, What We Need** Led by Kimberely Grimes



Dr. Stenson is a psychiatry specialist and board certified in 'Psychiatry and Neurology' and 'Addiction Medicine'. He is the owner of C.O.R.E Medical Clinic in Sacramento, with over 50 years of experience in the medical field. In 1973, Dr. Stenson began treating people struggling with opiates while a psychiatric resident at UCD School of Medicine. In 1980, he was one of the founding partners in Bi-Valley Medical Clinic to contract with Sacramento County to treat the 150 methadone maintenance patients in that program. In 2009, Bi-Valley divided and C.O.R.E Medical was formed. He is finalizing a book; *MOUD, Medications for Opioid Use Disorder, The Basics, What Each Patient, Support Person, and Staff Should Know.*



Tianna Hammock, MS is the Quality Improvement Coordinator for Adult Correctional Health, monitoring the compliance of healthcare services within the Sacramento County Jails. She serves as the lead for the Sacramento County Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) expansion grant to increase the use of MAT within the County jail systems. Prior to her County employment Hammock had an 18-year career in Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery, in both direct community care and at the State level.



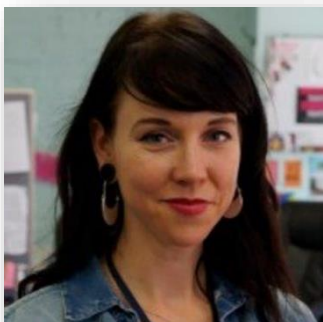
Joelle Orrock is a Coordinator in the Prevention & Early Intervention Department at the Sacramento County Office of Education and has worked in the prevention field for more than 35 years. She has impacted the field through training and oversight of projects and initiatives designed to decrease the likelihood of youth substance use and abuse. Among other strategies, she coordinates prevention services countywide; trains and oversees mentoring staff to deliver program services at school sites; serves as the Sacramento County Tobacco Use Prevention Education Coordinator; and coordinates the Sacramento County Coalition for Youth to prevent and reduce underage substance use in Sacramento County.



Shari Egeland has a Master's Degree in Counseling and is the Associate Director and Research Specialist and Youth ATOD Prevention Counselor at Omni Youth Programs. She has more than 20 years training and teaching professionals, teens, young adults, parents, and families on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) prevention and is certified Model Program Trainer in 6 ATOD Model Programs. She has developed curriculums, provided presentations, and was a featured guest panelist as a Marijuana Prevention Expert at more than 15 summits and conferences.

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**1:50 PM to 2:20 PM**  
**Harm Reduction Services Panel**



Pike Long is a Harm Reduction Specialist in the office of AIDS with CDPH. Before coming to CDPH in early 2020, Pike worked in a variety of capacities over the years in grassroots non-profit organizations providing street outreach, residential counseling, health education, program administration, policy advocacy and more. Based in San Francisco, she regularly volunteers with her local syringe services program, always working hard toward a safer, happier future for us all.



Shilo Jama has worked in the harm reduction industry for more than 27 years. He founded multiple harm reduction organizations which focused on people with lived experience being at the front of decision making. He is the co-founder of the Urban Survivors Union, The National Drug User Union, and is the inventor of the heroin pipe sometimes known as the “Hammar,” which is now distributed nationwide. He is the Executive Director for Safer Alternatives thru Networking & Education (SANE).



Liane Bruckstein is the Co-Executive Director of Harm Reduction Services in Oak Park, Sacramento, an HIV prevention organization that has been helping residents of Sacramento County for the last 30 years. She has worked in harm reduction for 13 years, starting out as a syringe exchange volunteer, moving into outreach and case management, finance and operations, and is in executive leadership.

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**2:20 PM to 2:25 PM**

**Law Enforcement Panel, Importance of Partnerships: What Are We Seeing in the Field?**



Phillip Talbert is the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California. He leads a 90-plus attorney office with locations in Sacramento, Fresno, and Bakersfield serving more than 8 million people. His career has included more than 20 years of service in the Justice Department, where he has held several leadership roles including serving two stints as Acting United States Attorney under two separate presidential administrations. On April 22, 2022, President Biden nominated him as U.S. Attorney, and the Senate confirmed him on June 23.



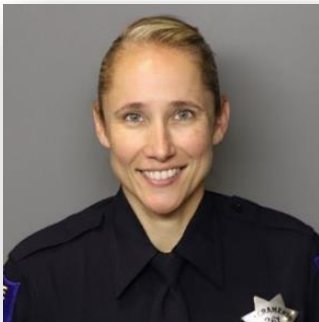
Bob P. Beris is the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Sacramento District Office where he oversees all enforcement operations, including the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Strike Force, drug diversion, regulatory investigations, and administrative operations in 26 counties that span the region of Stockton, California to the Oregon border. In 1999, he began his career as a Forensic Scientist. In 2004, he joined the DEA and was assigned to the San Francisco Field Division, Bakersfield Resident Office.



Cherissa Chew is the Assistant Chief Deputy of the Sacramento Probation Department. She began her career with the Sacramento County Probation Department in 1999. She has held assignments in Juvenile Field, Juvenile Court, Adult Court, the Youth Detention Facility, and Adult Community Corrections. She oversees Collaborative Courts and the Screening, Intake, and Assessment units.



Officer Michelle Powell is a fifteen-year veteran of the Sacramento Police Department. She has worked as a patrol officer, hospital officer, entertainment officer, training officer, and is now a bicycle officer in the downtown core. As an ancillary duty, Officer Powell is one of the department's Infection Control and Narcan Training/Distribution officers. She specializes in training officers in recognizing and responding to opioid overdoses as well as educating officers on the various forms of opioids available on the street. She has a passion for raising awareness regarding the fentanyl epidemic in the greater Sacramento area.



Corporal Pam Zamarripa is a sixteen-year veteran of the Sacramento Police Department. She has worked as a hospital officer, an entertainment officer, a mental health officer and is currently assigned as a field training officer at the South Command. She is a reserve member of the Crisis Negotiation Team and is a First Aid/CPR Instructor. As the Team Leader for Infectious Disease Control and the Narcan Coordinator for the department, she has a passion for teaching and training officers to recognize the dangers of fentanyl and illicit drugs in and around the Sacramento area.

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**2:55 PM to 3:15 PM**  
**Stigma and Shame**



Mia Vivone is a Professional Consultant, educational speaker, and life coach specializing in trauma, and author of blog contributions titled: *The Preventable Epidemic - the Truth About Violence Against Women in the U. S.* (2015) and *Cognitive-Behavioral Causes of Depression* (2016). For nearly two decades, Mia has helped other survivors reclaim their lives from addiction and trauma without encouraging them to dissect (and relive) painful events. Mia is recognized as an expert in her field by clients, colleagues, and California courts. Recent experiences include: "Mental Health Awareness" on Sacramento Public Fire Radio, The Sacramento County Methamphetamine Coalition, and "Mental Health Matters Day." Website: [miavalone.co](http://miavalone.co)



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**3:15 PM to 3:35 PM**  
**Mobile Integrated Health**



Alex Schmalz, MD, trained at UC Davis Medical Center Emergency Department and specializes in Emergency and Addiction Medicine. He now works as an Emergency Medicine physician at Sutter Sacramento Emergency Department and is the Medical Director for Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District and the Mobile Integrated Health unit. Alex also practices addiction medicine at the Safe Alternatives Thru Networking and Education (SANE) Harm Reduction clinic which provides free care to under resourced patient clinics in times of crisis.

**Sacramento Street Medicine**



Phil Summers, MD, MPH is an Emergency and Addiction Physician, Assistant Fellowship Director for Addiction Medicine at UC Davis Medical Center, and Medical Director for Safe Alternatives Thru Networking and Education (SANE), Sacramento Street Medicine, and Sacramento Recovery House. Dr. Summers is also an executive member of the Sacramento County Public Health Advisory Board. He received his medical degree from the University of California, Davis, School of Medicine.

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**3:35 PM to 3:50 PM**  
**Xylazine** with Pike Long, see above at 1:50 PM

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**3:50 PM to 4:00 PM**  
**Closing Remarks, Call to Action, & Next Steps**