



CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS
OF CALIFORNIA

Evolution of California's Justice System through SB 678:

Creating Safer Communities Through Rehabilitation and Evidence-Based Practices

AGENDA

FEBRUARY 26, 2020 * **SHERATON GRAND**

7:30am – 8:00am **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPENS**

Coffee and breakfast pastries provided

8:00am – 8:15am **OPENING REMARKS**

Chief Brian Richart, El Dorado County Probation, 2020 CPOC President

8:15am – 9:00am **COUNTY SPOTLIGHT – MARIN COUNTY PROBATION**

Overview: Marin County Probation embraced the opportunities to invest in adult probation both giving probation officers and the clients they serve a chance to truly see what happens when sufficient resources and time are given to address the root causes of criminogenic behavior.

- ◊ **Introductory Remarks:** *Chief Kelly Zuniga, Kings County Probation*
- ◊ **Speakers:**
 - *Chief Mike Daly, Marin County Probation*
 - *Jeff Virzi, Supervising Probation Officer, Marin County Probation*
 - *Dave Cole, Supervising Probation Officer, Marin County Probation*
 - *Cindy Ayala, Restorative Justice Facilitator, Marin County Probation*
 - *Kiley Townsend, Honorary Attendee*

9:00am – 9:45am **OFFICER PERSPECTIVES**

Overview: Pushing paper to motivational interviewing...How did going from behind the desk to out in the field impact probation officers and their work with clients? We'll hear in this installment of perspectives.

- ◊ **Moderator:** *Chief John Keene, San Mateo County Probation*
- ◊ **Speakers:**
 - *Maria Kirby, Supervising Probation Officer, San Bernardino County Probation*
 - *Michael Boyd, Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, El Dorado County Probation*
 - *Jeannette Miller, Deputy Probation Officer III, Calaveras County Probation*

9:45am – 10:00am **BREAK**

10:00am – 10:15am **SPECIAL GUEST PERSPECTIVE**

- ◊ **Introductory Remarks:** *Chief Lee Seale, Sacramento County Probation*
- ◊ **Special Guest:** *Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye*

10:15am – 11:00am **COUNTY SPOTLIGHT – LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION**

Overview: At the center of connecting clients, families, jobs and service providers is probation. Opening the door to a new way of living and getting your client to take

the first step and continuing to take several more steps after takes patience and an understanding that stumbles will occur, but triumph awaits.

◊ **Introductory Remarks:** *Chief Karen Fletcher, San Francisco County Probation - Adult*

◊ **Speakers:**

o *Reaver Bingham, Chief Deputy Los Angeles County Probation*

o *John Baima, Senior Probation Director, Los Angeles County Probation*

o *Lori Placide, Probation Director, Los Angeles County Probation*

o *Tasha Stiger, Senior Program Manager of DOORS Reentry Center with Office and Division and Reentry*

11:00am – 11:30am **CLIENT PERSPECTIVES AND LIVED EXPERIENCES**

Overview: To really understand if a program, service or conversation is having an impact, it is important to start by connecting with those who you are trying to help. During this interview segment, we'll hear from clients served by adult probation and hear how probation helped them get on a better path and listen to what more can be done in an effort to better help future clients.

◊ **Moderator:** *Chief Sam Leach, Calaveras County Probation*

◊ **Speakers:**

o *Kiley Townsend, Honorary Attendee*

o *Mindi Merrill, Honorary Attendee*

o *Brock Crawford, Honorary Attendee*

11:30am – 11:45pm **LOOKING IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR WITH AN EYE TOWARDS THE FUTURE**

◊ **Introductory Remarks:** *Chief Brian Richart, El Dorado County Probation*

◊ **Special Guest:** *Senator Mark Leno, Author of Senate Bill 678 (2008)*

11:45am – 1:00pm **LUNCH**

1:00pm – 1:15pm **SPECIAL GUEST PERSPECTIVE**

◊ **Introductory Remarks:** *Chief Christopher Hansen, Solano County Probation*

◊ **Special Guest:** *Tinisch Hollins, State Director, Crime Survivors for Safety and Justice*

1:15pm – 1:45pm **A RETROSPECT OF SB 678'S IMPACT ON PROBATION PRACTICES AND CLIENT OUTCOMES**

Overview: Researchers Mia Bird and Ryken Grattet recently concluded the inaugural research report commissioned by the California Probation Research Institute (CaPRI). This report focused on describing the policy change and shift that has taken place in the approaches probation departments take in managing their populations and assessing how the characteristics and outcomes of those populations have changed under SB 678.

◊ **Introductory Remarks:** *Chief Wendy Still, Alameda County Probation*

◊ **Speakers:**

o *Mia Bird, Visiting Assistant Professor, UC Berkeley*

o *Ryken Grattet, Professor of Sociology, UC Davis*

1:45pm – 2:00pm

SPECIAL GUEST PERSPECTIVE

- ✦ **Introductory Remarks:** *Chief Brian Richart, El Dorado County Probation*
 - ✦ **Special Guest:** *Governor Gavin Newsom*
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2:00pm – 2:15pm

BREAK

2:15pm – 3:00pm

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Overview: There were many political and policy pressures during the time SB 678 was passed. What did the landscape look like and what helped guide the legislation to what it is today? Has this policy met its goals and what can we learn from the story of this historic legislation?

- ✦ **Introductory Remarks:** *Chief Mark Varela, Ventura County Probation*
 - ✦ **Moderator:** *Retired Chief Mack Jenkins, San Diego County Probation*
 - ✦ **Speakers:**
 - o *Honorable Lawrence Brown, Judge, Sacramento County Superior Court*
 - o *Lenore Anderson, President, Californians for Safety and Justice*
 - o *Shelley Curran, Director, Criminal Justice Services, Judicial Council of California*
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3:00pm – 3:45pm

COUNTY SPOTLIGHT – SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY PROBATION

Overview: Implementing evidenced based practices throughout probation was not an overnight event. Planning, training, repetition, patience, commitment and more is required to achieve success.

- ✦ **Introductory Remarks:** *Chief Jeff Thomson, Inyo County Probation*
 - ✦ **Speakers:**
 - o *Chief Stephanie James, San Joaquin County Probation*
 - o *Paul Arong, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, San Joaquin County Probation*
 - o *Tim Polinsky, Assistant Deputy Chief Probation Officer, San Joaquin County Probation*
 - o *Steven Smith, Honorary Attendee*
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3:45pm – 4:45pm

FUTURE'S PANEL

Overview: Chief Probation Officers share their perspectives on what's next in criminal justice and the future for probation in California. Chiefs will share what they are observing as the most pressing needs of probation officers and people under probation care and supervision. What does California need to do to maintain safe communities and guide people to a safe and healthy pathway? Hear their presentation on where California goes from here.

- ✦ **Moderator:** *Karen Pank, Executive Director, Chief Probation Officers of California*
 - ✦ **Speakers:**
 - o *Chief Jennifer Branning, Lassen County Probation*
 - o *Chief Brian Richart, El Dorado County Probation*
 - o *Chief Tanja Heitman, Santa Barbara County Probation*
 - o *Chief John Keene, San Mateo County Probation*
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4:45pm – 5:00pm

END OF DAY WRAP-UP

Chief Steve Sentman, Orange County Probation, 2020 Vice-President