



The **BROWARD COUNTY CRIME COMMISSION**

Presents ***“Building Bridges”***

A Mental Health Symposium for Enhanced Agency Communication & Awareness

DATE:

November 13th, 2013

ADDRESS:

Tropical Acres Steakhouse

2500 Griffin Road

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33312

SIGN-IN

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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ABOUT THE CRIME COMMISSION:

Purpose:

The Broward County Crime Commission is a 36 year old state chartered office, acting judiciously on behalf of law – abiding citizens in maintaining an unwavering vigilance against crime and corruption in the community.

Role:

The Crime Commission evaluates crime in Broward County and south Florida and assists the Criminal Justice System with solutions against crime. Founded in 1976 as an independent, fact – finding agency, the Crime Commission has distinguished itself as a laureate governing body, which works diligently to improve the Criminal Justice System, as well as strengthen and preserve the key components of Public Safety in Broward County.

Mission:

The mission of the Broward County Crime Commission is to sustain and enhance the coordination, cohesiveness, resources, effectiveness, efficiency and productivity of the Criminal Justice System, so that citizens can live, work and raise families without the fear of crime.

Operations:

The Crime Commission executes its operations through a cadre of meritorious program's involving perspective, research, education, technology, analytics, investigation, advocacy, and facilitation of findings to both the Criminal Justice System and the Broward County community.

Functions:

The Crime Commission functions as a strategic planning body involved in formulating criminal justice protocols. In so doing, the Crime Commission fosters community involvement with criminal justice representatives, corporations, businesses, colleges and universities, citizen organizations, government officials, law makers, public safety entities, and schools through the following initiatives:

1. White Paper Research Studies
2. Impact Estimates of Crime-Related Legislation
3. Editorial Writings
4. Expert Panel Discussions
5. Prominent Speaker Workshops and Seminars
6. Forums, Events, Summits, and Conferences
7. Agency Exchange of Information & Training Meetings
8. Think Tank Symposiums

Welcome Message

The Building Bridges Mental Health Conference

Wednesday, November 13th, 2013

The Broward County Crime Commission welcomes you to the 2013 Building Bridges Mental Health Conference. The Crime Commission hopes that you will find this one day symposium to be an “outside the box” plethora of information.

It is certainly “time” for such an event. Statistics of an alarming rate seem to be escalating involving tragic events associated with Mental Illness. In contrast, there seems to be a widening gap between the private and public sector in accurately addressing and caring for the Mentally Ill.

On the opposite spectrum, a significant number of non-violent mentally ill or homeless offenders are needlessly being incarcerated within Indirect Supervisory/General Population Correctional Facilities. Not only are these facilities overcrowded, but the debate continues on whether non-violent mental illness offenders are being administered the necessary psychological rehabilitative services while imprisoned, or held in correctional custody.

Thus, the quagmire exists: How does society cope with the ever-changing contrasts of the Mental Illness Paradigm? What ultimately is the answer? The Crime Commission hopes that the event today stimulates ideas, discussions, perspectives and solutions to ***BUILD BRIDGES*** in this topic of concern.

The objective of the Crime Commission is to carefully monitor crime rates and statistics, and apply thought processes from the brightest minds in society, in properly informing the general public of all the issues at hand, in an attempt to address social problems that could potentially become social crimes.

From properly diagnosing the mentally ill, through potentially transitioning them through the criminal justice system, to finally treating them, the Building Bridges Conference will render invaluable insight of how public safety agencies, criminal justice representatives, healthcare providers, social workers, educators, and clergymen can work more efficiently together in properly diagnosing and treating the Mentally Afflicted.

Once again, thank you for attending! More importantly, “Thank you for being a part of the ***Bridge!***”

James DePelisi, President
Broward County Crime Commission
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Building Bridges Conference Agenda

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **Sign-in** - Breakfast, Networking

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks** - Welcome Address by the Broward County Crime Commission; Acknowledgement of Distinguished Speakers and Guests

9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. **Criminal Justice Speakers**
Judge Ginger Lerner-Wren; Dr. Lori L. Butts

Topics: Mental Health Court; Mental Illness Treatment Options; Misdiagnosis; Coordination between Law Enforcement and Mental Health Professionals

9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. **Faith/Spiritual Speakers**
Amy Simpson and Dr. Ron Mercer

Topics: What Faith Centers Are Doing; Additional Things They Can Do

10:50 a.m. – 11:00a.m. **Break**

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. **Risk Assessment Speakers** – U.S. Secret Service and Dr. Michael Brannon

Topics: Recognizing the Potential Public Threat/Addressing Risk Factors for Violent Behavior; Identifying, Acting and Diffusing a Violent/Mentally Illness Situation

11:50 a.m. – Noon **Break**

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Luncheon and Keynote Speakers

Patrick Knight, Author – “Blessed to Survive, the Thanksgiving Massacre”; Rick Seid, Fighting Chance

1:30 p.m. – 2:20p.m.

Law Enforcement Speakers

Sheriff Scott Israel and Dr. Thomas Fagan

Topics: Homelessness; Multi-Purpose Correctional Facilities; Treating the Mentally Ill in Correctional Settings; Assessing/Diagnosing Non-violent Offenders

2:20 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Speakers

Dr. Steven Gold, Psychologist and Dr. Katharine Campbell, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)

3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Think Tank Panel Discussion

Moderator, James DePelisi,
Broward County Crime Commission

Think Tank Panelist's

1. Judge Ginger Lerner - Wren, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida
2. Dr. Steven Gold, Nova University
3. Mike Elwell, Broward County Human Services
4. Dave Scharf, Broward Sheriffs Office (BSO)
5. Judge Mark Speiser, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida
6. Monica Hofheinz, State Attorney's Office (SAO)
7. Ken Hassett, Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
8. Linda Wood, Broward College Inst. of Public Safety
9. Dean Mynks, Henderson Behavioral Health
10. Dr. Ron Mercer, Center for Creative Living
11. Rabbi Cheryl Jacobs
12. Reverend Anthony Mulderry, St. Gabriel's Catholic Church
13. Amy Simpson - Christianity Today

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Post Event Networking

Speaker and Panelist Snapshots in Alphabetical Order:

Dr. Michael P. Brannon, Co-director of the Institute of Behavioral Sciences and the Law (IBSL):

Dr Michael Brannon is a Florida licensed psychologist with specializations in clinical and forensic psychology. He has handled thousands of cases in a forensic capacity and has testified as an expert over 1000 times in Federal and State Court Criminal and Civil Divisions throughout Florida. He regularly is appointed as an expert by the judiciary and is often called upon as an expert witness or forensic consultant to attorneys. His areas of expertise include false confessions, children who murder children, familial murders, domestic violence, sex offender assessment, substance abuse, risk assessment, malingering, ADHD in legal cases, competency, insanity, and penalty phase evaluations; and he has been qualified as an expert in all of these types of cases. Dr. Brannon holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology, a Master of Science degree in Clinical Psychology, and a Doctorate degree in Psychology from Nova Southeastern University. Over a ten-year period, he served as the Clinical Director, the Director of Residential Services, a clinical supervisor, and a residential counselor at The Starting Place, a substance rehabilitation program for adolescents.

Lori J. Butts, J.D., Ph.D., President and Director of the Clinical & Forensic Institute:

Dr. Lori J. Butts is President and Director of the Clinical and Forensic Institute, with offices in Davie and Lake Worth, Florida. She is a Florida licensed psychologist, with specializations in clinical and forensic psychology; she is also a member of the Florida Bar Association. After graduating from Clemson University with Honors, Dr. Butts received her law and doctoral psychology degrees from the innovative jointly sponsored program by Villanova School of Law and Drexel University Department of Clinical Psychology. She completed her internship in clinical and forensic psychology at New York University School of Medicine, Bellevue Hospital, and Kirby Forensic Psychiatric Hospital. She began her career with the Clinical & Forensic Institute of Davie, Florida initially by fulfilling her residency requirements, and eventually accepting her position as President and Director of the Clinical & Forensic Institute.

Dr. Katharine Campbell, Founder, Katherine Campbell Counseling & Consulting, LLC:

Dr. Campbell is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) with over 15 years of experience. Dr. Campbell possessed a core competency with Trauma work, including but not limited to Trauma work with issues of partner violence, history of violence, sexual assault, victims of crime, and survivorship. Dr. Campbell holds a Ph.D. in Public Affairs from the University of Central Florida, a Master of Social Work from the University of Central Florida, and a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

Michael F. Elwell, Director, Broward County Human Services Department

Mr. Elwell plays a vital role in enhancing the quality of life for Broward County residents through innovative and integrated health and human services programs. The Human Services Department, along with its 4 Divisions and 2 Offices, has developed partnerships with the public and private sectors to provide assistance in an integrated, comprehensive, community based, and consumer-directed manner. All services that are provided by Human Services are available to Broward County residents that are uninsured, underinsured, struggling due to a catastrophic event or that otherwise meet specified program requirements. Self-reliance is the goal of helping people get back on their feet. And when a resident has access, information, education and economic stability then they are able to be more productive and can contribute to and participate in the community in which they live.

Dr. Thomas Fagan, Nova Southeastern University, Director, Professor Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences Farquhar College of Arts and Sciences

Dr Fagan co-edited: Correctional Mental Health: From Theory to Best Practice. It includes chapters on specific prison populations, such as juveniles and sex offenders, and examines the unique challenge of treating prisoners who are mentally ill. The book discusses how the decades-old trend of de-institutionalizing the mentally ill and a lack of treatment for these patients once they are released into the community have resulted in homelessness, crime, and a growing prison population. "During the past 30 years, the population of seriously mentally-ill people has moved from state hospitals to prisons. They end up in prison because we don't have adequate treatment facilities for them in the community," Fagan said. Fagan went on to say, "While the number of beds at psychiatric hospitals has dramatically decreased during the past three decades, the percentage of prison inmates with serious mental illnesses has grown from about two percent to about 20 percent." Dr Fagan holds a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech, an M.S. Degree from Virginia Tech and a B.A. Degree from Rutgers University.

Dr. Steven Gold, Professor at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Center for Psychological Studies

Steven N. Gold, Ph.D. is a Professor at Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Center for Psychological Studies in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He also founded and serves as Director of the Trauma Resolution Integration Program (TRIP) at NSU's Psychological Services Center. Dr. Gold currently serves as president of the American Psychological Association (APA) Division of Trauma Psychology (56) and is a past president of the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation (ISSTD). He is editor of the APA Division 56 scientific journal Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice and Policy, and was founding co-editor of the Journal of Psychological Trauma (formerly the Journal of Trauma Practice). Dr. Gold earned his doctoral degree at Michigan State University and his bachelor's degree at Washington University in St. Louis.

Ken Hassett, Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (BACDL):

Kenneth Hassett is the current President of the Broward Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (BACDL). He has been a criminal defense attorney for over twenty years, and is the managing shareholder of Hassett and Associates, P.A. – Criminal Defense Law Firm. He performed his undergraduate studies at Florida International University and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Mr. Hassett earned his Juris Doctorate degree from St. Thomas University School of Law, where he was named on the Dean's List and was a member of various organizations as a law student. Post law school, Mr. Hassett has been very active in his community and has been involved in various Legal and Bar Associations for over nineteen years. He is the past President of the South Broward Bar Association 2008-2010.

Monica Hofheinz, State Attorney's Office (SAO), Executive Director:

Monica Hofheinz was appointed an Assistant State Attorney of October 22, 1984. In February of 1992, Ms. Hofheinz was appointed Executive Director by State Attorney Michael J. Satz. Her responsibilities include all fiscal and personnel matters of the State Attorney's Office; a staff of over 500 employees and a combined State and County budget of over \$33 million. In addition she is directly responsible for the Information Technology Unit, Witness Liaison Unit, Records and Archives Divisions. Ms. Hofheinz received her Juris Doctorate from Nova University School of Law in 1984 and became a member of the Florida Bar on October 22, 1984. Ms. Hofheinz has specialized in the prosecutions of DUI Manslaughter cases, Drug-Free School Zone cases and Crimes against the Elderly. She was instrumental in establishing the Elder Abuse Task Force of Broward County and the drafting and passage of Chapter 825, Florida Statutes on Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of Elderly Persons and Disabled Adults. Ms. Hofheinz was a charter member of the Government Lawyer section of the Florida Bar, member of the Florida Prosecutors Substantive Law Committee and Executive Vice Chairperson of the Broward County Crime Commission.

Sheriff Scott Israel, Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO):

Sheriff Scott Israel was elected as the Sheriff of Broward County in November 2012. The Sheriff of Broward County administers the largest fully accredited sheriff's office in the United States with 5,800 employees and an annual operating budget of \$730 million. For the past 30 years, Sheriff Scott J. Israel has continually advanced into positions of increased responsibility as a law enforcement leader. Prior to being elected Sheriff, he spent the first 25 years of his career with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, retiring as the S.W.A.T. Commander, with the rank of Captain. Thereafter, he was selected to become the Chief of Police for the City of North Bay Village. Sheriff Israel holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Cortland State University and is a graduate of the prestigious FBI National Academy, 212 Session.

Rabbi Cheryl Jacobs:

Rabbi Jacobs has been a grassroots Rabbi in Broward County for close to 20 years, helping the less fortunate in any way possible. Formerly of Temple Kol Ami Emanu-El, Rabbi Cheryl is no stranger to the Broward community. Rabbi Jacobs served at Jewish Family Service of Broward County as the Director of the Jewish Healing Center. That position enabled her to reach out to many segments of the Jewish community, responsible for the pastoral services in our county's hospitals, nursing homes, shelters and prisons.

Patrick Knight, Attorney at Law and Author of the Book: “Blessed to Survive – The Thanksgiving Day Massacre”:

Patrick is a lawyer and professional speaker from Miami, Florida. When he is not in trial, Patrick is usually speaking at conferences around the world on business, leadership and management topics. Since the shooting incident, Patrick has also begun to speak in churches, organizations and government agencies about overcoming tragedy and moving forward with a positive attitude.

Judge Ginger Lerner – Wren, 17th Judicial Circuit Court:

Judge Ginger Lerner-Wren was elected Broward County Court Judge, 17th Judicial Circuit (Broward County, Florida) in 1997. She was assigned to a criminal division where she maintains a full criminal caseload. Judge Ginger Lerner-Wren possesses unique professional experience working in the area of disability rights, mental health law and community based systems of care development. Judge Ginger Lerner-Wren served as Public Guardian for the 17th Judicial Circuit, and Plaintiff's monitor in the Federal Class action of Sanbourne v. Chiles and PAIMI attorney for Florida's Protection and Advocacy System. Based upon these qualifications Judge Lerner-Wren was appointed by former Chief Judge Dale Ross to serve as the nation's first Mental Health Court Judge.

Dr. Ron Mercer, Co-Director and Co-Owner of the Center for Creative Living:

Dr. Ron Mercer is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor who has studied abroad, in Norway, as well as in the United States. He holds a BA in Psychology from the University of Tampa, in Florida, an MS in Counseling Psychology from Nova University, Florida, and an MS and Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the Miami Institute of Psychology; Dr. Mercer provides individual, couple, group and family psychotherapy and specializes in working with Theological ministries. Additionally, he is a specialist in custody evaluations and therapy for the Family Court of Broward County.

Reverend Anthony Mulderry, Pastor, St. Gabriel's Catholic Church:

Reverend Father Tony Mulderry has been a staple within the Broward County Catholic Church community for almost 50 years. He is currently the Pastor of St. Gabriel's Church in Pompano Beach and was the founding Pastor of All Saints Catholic Church in Sunrise, Florida. Prior to his 20 year stay at All Saints, Father Tony was priest at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Fort Lauderdale.

Dean Mynks, Director of Case Management, Henderson Behavioral Health:

Mr. Mynks is the Director of Case Management for one of the foremost Behavioral Health Clinics in the United States. For more than 50 years, Henderson Mental Health Center, Inc. (H.M.H.C) has helped people in South Florida discover new beginnings in their lives. Henderson has established itself as a leader in providing quality behavioral healthcare services for children, adolescents, adults, elders, and families. Henderson Mental Health Center maintains a comprehensive Quality Improvement Program. Through this program, Henderson has established a culture that is committed to quality care and service. H.M.H.C. is fully accredited at the highest level by C.A.R.F. - the Commission for the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

David Scharf, Broward Sheriffs Office (BSO), Director of Community Programs:

David Scharf is a 27 year criminal justice veteran and is presently the Director of Community Programs for Broward Sheriff's Office. David has dedicated most of his career to Community Corrections, serving in numerous capacities, including Probation, Pretrial Services, Day Reporting and Reentry and Restorative Justice Programs. As Director, David's primary focus is on the implementation of Evidence Based Practices to reduce the high rate of offender recidivism and to decrease crime and victimization. David is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a degree in Political Science and Criminal Justice and has completed extensive graduate level work in Criminal Justice Administration at Florida International University and Florida Atlantic University.

Rick Seid, Founder, Fighting Chance:

Rick Seid, Founder / Developer of FIGHTING CHANCE and a father of two, has 20 years experience training and instructing real life self-defense fighting courses to women, children, senior citizens, security and police personnel from all the major U.S. agencies. Additionally, Rick has taught many special training courses to a variety of specific groups such as United Airlines flight attendants and law enforcement officers and personnel from both the United States and Canada. After hearing too many stories of abduction, Seid created FIGHTING CHANCE because as a parent, with the same fears for his kids, he wanted to share his training with children, the most vulnerable of all. Fighting Chance provides real solutions to life threatening encounters by predators.

Amy Simpson, Editor of Christianity Today's GiftedforLeadership.com:

Amy Simpson is a freelance writer, and author of numerous resources for Christian ministry, including Into the Word: How to Get the Most from Your Bible (NavPress and the forthcoming Troubled Minds: Mental Illness and the Church's Mission (InterVarsity Press). Amy holds an English degree from Trinity International University and an MBA from the University of Colorado.

Judge Mark Speiser, 17th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida:

Judge Mark Speiser was elected as a Circuit Judge in Broward County in 1983. Judge Speiser has served in the Juvenile Division (1983-84), Criminal Division (1985-96), Administrative Chief of the Criminal Division (1990-96) and in the Probate Division (1997-present). Judge Speiser was appointed by the Chief Justice to serve as a subcommittee co-chairman of the FSC Subcommittee on Families and Children. He served as Treasurer of the Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corp, having been appointed by the Speaker of the House. He is Chairman of the Broward Mental Health Task Force.

Linda Wood, Dean, Broward College Institute of Public Safety (IPS):

Public Safety Institute Dean Linda Wood oversees the Police Academy for Broward County Law Enforcement Agencies, which was founded in 1972. Forty years later, the proof of IPS's achievements as a respected training center is clearly visible in the quality of the public servants that serve the State of Florida today. Academies are certified as an FDLE/CJSTC Training Center and offer basic training and continuing education for criminal justice officers.

United State Secret Service (USSS):

The United States Secret Service upholds the tradition of excellence in its investigative and protective mission through a dedicated, highly-trained, diverse, partner-oriented workforce that employs progressive technology and promotes professionalism. The mission of the United States Secret Service is to safeguard the nation's financial infrastructure and payment systems to preserve the integrity of the economy, and to protect national leaders, visiting heads of state and government, designated sites and National Special Security Events. Today, the agency is mandated by Congress to carry out dual missions: protection of national and visiting foreign leaders, and criminal investigations.



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