
Rhiannon Samuel
City of Albuquerque, New Mexico

Rhiannon Samuel, Director of Communications for the City of Albuquerque's Mayor, Richard Berry, was raised with a deep passion for serving her community. Her efforts to promote the "There's a Better Way" program for the homeless has resulted in the adoption of the program by 20 cities around the country. An Albuquerque native, Rhiannon graduated from the University of New Mexico.

William Cole
St. Martin's HopeWorks, Albuquerque, New Mexico

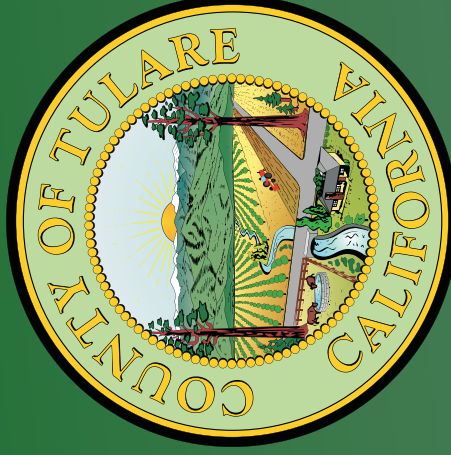
William Cole, the "superstar driver" for the St. Martin's HopeWorks "There's a Better Way" employment program for the homeless, serves as a role model and connections point for program participants. Mr. Cole's achievements include being named St. Martin's HopeWorks 2016 Employee of the Year and receiving the 2017 Good Samaritan award by Albuquerque Mayor Richard Berry.

Margarita Lares
County of Los Angeles, Housing Authority

Margarita Lares, Director of the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles' Assisted Housing Division, directs a variety of housing programs for approximately 26,000 low-income households. Under her leadership, the Authority has greatly improved scores against federal standards and has developed many innovative homelessness strategies, including a Homeless Incentive Program providing landlord incentives.

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The Tulare County

Task Force on Homelessness

The purpose of the Tulare County Task Force on Homelessness is to advise and assist the Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency in the Agency's efforts to address homelessness issues affecting the community and to report to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors on a periodic basis.

The Task Force is focused on identifying, developing, and implementing innovative strategies. The Task Force is intended to serve as the platform for coordinating existing local services and programs for homeless populations, leading to an increase in service delivery efficiency and overall reduction of homelessness in Tulare County.

Membership

Amy Shuklian, Tulare County Board of Supervisors
Ryan Stillwater, Faith Community Chair
Caity Meader, Community Partner Chair
Alan Knight, Law Enforcement Chair

Jason Britt, Tulare County Health & Human Services Agency
Machael Smith, Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance
Mary Alice Escarsaga-Fechner, Community Action Agency
Carmen Quevedo, Transit Authority
Joe Russell, Tulare County Farm Bureau
Bob Link, City of Visalia
Jose Sigala, City of Tulare
John Lollis, City of Porterville
Mark Wilder, City of Dinuba
Mario Krstic, City of Farmersville

Tulare County Homeless Summit

Wednesday, October 25
2017
7:15 AM - 12:30 PM

Wyndham Hotel - Visalia

Agenda

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Event Opening

- 7:15 AM Registration
- 8:00 AM Welcome & Introduction
- 8:10 AM Keynote
- 8:40 AM Moderator's Introduction

Panel Discussions

- 8:45 AM Panel #1 - Local Efforts
 - Ryan Stillwater
Visalia Rescue Mission
 - Machael Smith
Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance
 - Deirdre Fiscus
Kings View PATH Program

9:45 AM Break

- 10:00 AM Panel #2 - Best Practices
 - Robert Bendorf & Chaya Galicia
Yuba County Administrative Office 14Forward Program
 - Rhiannon Samuel & William Cole
City of Albuquerque
 - St. Martin's HopeWorks - "There's a Better Way" Program
 - Margarita Lares
County of Los Angeles Housing Authority

11:10 AM Panel Question & Answer

Closing Remarks

- 11:55 AM Closing Remarks
- Noon Networking
- 12:30 PM Event Completion

WELCOME to the Tulare County Homeless Summit

KEYNOTE

Dr. Joe Colletti
Hub for Urban Initiatives

Dr. Joe Colletti is the Executive Director of the Hub for Urban Initiatives and Adjunct Professor of Urban Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary. He has worked for over 20 years with cities and counties developing and implementing local jurisdictional plans and programs, including continuum of care program applications and community assessments, to prevent and end homelessness. He developed Chefs Center, a kitchen incubator that has helped hundreds of entrepreneurs become owners of food-based businesses. He and his wife live in Pasadena. Learn more: www.joe-colletti.com.

MODERATOR

Dr. Matthew Jendian
California State University, Fresno

Dr. Matthew Jendian, Chair of the Sociology Department at California State University, Fresno, received his MA and PhD in sociology from the University of Southern California. Founding director of Humanics@FresnoState, he regularly teaches courses on social issues, policy, and community organizing. Dr. Jendian has authored two books: *Becoming American, Remaining Ethnic* and *#Think: Critical Thinking about Social Problems*. He and his wife reside in Clovis with their two sons. Learn more: www.fresnostate.edu/socialsciences/sociology/fac-staff/faculty/jendian.html.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Ryan Stillwater
Visalia Rescue Mission

Ryan Stillwater, Director of Development at the Visalia Rescue Mission, is a Visalia native and obtained his BA in Christian Ministries at Fresno Pacific University. Ryan is a member of Visalia County Center Rotary and serves on various local boards and committees. Ryan and his wife Amy have three children.

Machael Smith

Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance

Machael Smith, the Executive Director of the Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance, has provided leadership on several strategic initiatives such as the local 10-year Plan to End Homelessness, coordinated entry system, annual point-in-time counts, and system performance measurements. When not working, she spends time gardening, reading, paddleboarding, and hiking with her husband and three children.

Deirdre Fiscus

Kings View PATH Program

Deirdre Fiscus, Case Manager at Kings View with the PATH Program, has over 20 years of social work experience. The PATH Program conducts outreach to mentally ill homeless individuals in Fresno County and links them up with available housing resources, medical care, mental health care, and social services.

Robert Bendorf

Yuba County, County Administrator

Robert Bendorf, County Administrator for Yuba County, has served on numerous state task forces and boards, including AB 109, Court Transfers, County – Court Mediations, CSAC – League of Cities Task Force on Homelessness, the Governor's No Place Like Home Advisory Committee, and the CSAC Finance Corporation. He also serves on many community organization boards, including youth sports, Kiwanis, and the Active 20-30 club.

Chaya Galicia

Yuba County, Homeless Project Manager

Chaya Galicia, Homeless Project Manager with Yuba County Health & Human Services, has worked on creating homelessness solutions, including homelessness programming, for over 16 years. She serves as the president of the Sutter Yuba Homeless Consortium/Continuum of Care and assisted in the creation and implementation of the innovative homeless shelter 14 Forward and the Sutter Yuba Coordinated Entry system.