



Joint Hearing Assembly and Senate Select Committee on Nonprofit Sector

A Blueprint to Ensure Nonprofits are Supported and Thrive during Future Emergencies

Panelist Bios



Julie Baker, *Executive Director, Californians for the Arts and California Arts Advocates (Sacramento)*

As the Executive Director of California's statewide arts advocacy organizations since 2018, Julie has worked to increase the legislative clout and visibility of the arts and culture communities by building coalition across the for and non-profit sectors of California's creative industries, producing a month long arts awareness and advocacy campaign every April, and fighting for resources and legislation to serve and protect artists and cultural workers. She serves as the California State Captain to Americans for the Arts' National Arts Action Summit and on the State Arts Action Network Council and as the co-chair of the Western Arts Advocacy network for WESTAF. She is on the board of California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project, a founding member of the Nevada County Relief Fund advisory council and was elected to the Nevada County school board in November of 2020. Julie is the recipient of the 2021 Americans for the Arts Alene Valkanas State Arts Advocacy Award that honors an individual at the state level whose arts advocacy efforts have dramatically affected the political landscape.



Jennifer Hark Dietz, *Chief Executive Officer, PATH*

A 15-year advocate in homelessness, Veterans, and mental health services, Jennifer leads PATH's strategic direction, business management, and person-centered efforts across California. She guides the organization's statewide initiatives, working alongside 900 staff with a shared commitment to establish permanent solutions to homelessness that are faster and more affordable. As the CEO, Jennifer manages the organization's assets, direct mergers and acquisitions, analyzes risk for new projects and programs, and coordinates legal issues. Under her leadership, PATH's programs statewide have increased by more than 20 percent each year, increased operations from \$15M to \$140M, and expanded its reach from 4,000 Californians across 90 cities.



Dr. Le Ondra Clark Harvey, *Chief Executive Officer, California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies (CBHA)*

Dr. Clark Harvey is a psychologist and the Chief Executive Officer of the California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies (CBHA). CBHA is a statewide advocacy organization representing mental health and substance use disorder non-profit agencies that collectively serve over 775 thousand Californians. She is also the Executive Director of the California Access Coalition- a group of advocacy organizations and pharmaceutical industry companies that advocates for patient access to behavioral health treatment. Dr. Clark Harvey has previously served as Chief Consultant to the California State Assembly Committee on Business and Professions, Principal Consultant to the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development, and a health policy consultant to the office of former Senator Curren D. Price, Jr.



Janet Marinaccio, *President/CEO, MEND-Meet Each Need with Dignity*

Ms. Marinaccio joined MEND in July 2017, bringing 35 years of experience and leadership in both public and private sectors. Immediately recognizing MEND's role as a community anchor, Ms. Marinaccio has provided strategic leadership to sustain key programs and innovative responses to changing community needs. In the first 2 years, she led MEND's financial turnaround and established an operating reserve and Board-designated investment fund. With this new financial grounding, MEND has been able to survive and even thrive through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Marinaccio's nonprofit career is anchored in 16+ years at Goodwill Industries. She has developed and delivered programming for a wide variety of populations, including people with disabilities, veterans, those experiencing poverty and/or homelessness, those who are unemployed/underemployed/dislocated, ex-offenders, opportunity youth.



Jan Masaoka, *CEO, CalNonprofits*

Through active policy, educational, and research work, California works with legislators and regulators to strengthen the economic and regulatory climate for nonprofits. CalNonprofits has offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento, and through our social enterprise, we are also a full-service insurance broker and provide health insurance to more than 25,000 nonprofit staff.

Jan is a leading writer and thinker on nonprofit organizations with particular emphasis on boards of directors, business planning, and the role of nonprofits in society. Her books include *Best of the Board Café* (Fieldstone), *Nonprofit Sustainability: Making Strategic Decisions for Financial Viability*, co-author (Jossey Bass) and *The Nonprofit's Guide to HR* (Nolo Press).



Karen Delaney, Executive Director, Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County

Karen Delaney is a nationally recognized leader, practitioner and trainer in the field of volunteer and nonprofit management. She has a passion for empowering people to take action that makes our world better. She is twice past Chairperson of the National Council of Volunteer Centers, served as a Board Member of the Points of Light Foundation and as President of California Volunteer Centers. She is Executive Director of the Volunteer Center of Santa Cruz County, and celebrated 35+ years at the Center. Ms. Delaney’s Core Values are hope, fun, inclusion, curiosity, gratitude, belief in people and good data.



Maricela Morales, Executive Director, Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE)

Maricela Morales' career began as a teenager, volunteering to translate public health education materials to farmworker communities and ever since she has worked on social, economic, and environmental justice issues at nonprofits and as an elected official. Grateful to her Mexican immigrant parents, she attended Stanford University (Human Biology) and Pacific Graduate Institute (Psychology). She started with CAUSE as a volunteer in the Ventura County Living Coalition. She was the first Latina to be elected to the Port Hueneme City Council in 2002, and in 2007, she became the city’s first Latina Mayor.



José Rodríguez, CEO, El Concilio of Stockton

Growing up in Olivehurst, California the son of immigrant farm workers, the promise of the American Dream meant so much, as it still does to so many. It is through those life experiences that I understand the importance of a strong family, an appreciation of education, and a values system that recognizes the responsibility to take action by making a difference in the lives of young people, underserved communities and immigrant farm workers. It is why I am both proud and humbled to have been leading this vitally important agency for over 20 years.

Believe that “Unity Begins with US.” It is more than a phrase; it is a dedication to embracing the best of human nature and humanity – not only for ourselves, but for our children, our neighbors, our communities, and our country.

Unity Begins with US is a commitment to the ideal that we must come together as one community so that we may overcome the many challenges facing us today. Let that commitment – based in more than words, but also in purposeful acts, meaningful deeds, and directed leadership – begin and continue with us – here, now, today.