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## Commissioner Biographies

**Victor Carrion, M.D.**  
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### **Khatera Aslami-Tamplen, Fairfield**

Khatera Aslami-Tamplen has been consumer empowerment manager at Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services since 2012. She was executive director at Peers Envisioning and Engaging in Recovery Services from 2007 to 2012 and served in multiple positions at the Telecare Corporation Villa Fairmont Mental Health Rehabilitation Center from 2002 to 2007, including director of rehabilitation. Aslami-Tamplen is a founding member of the California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations, on the Board of Directors for Sutter Health Sutter Care at Home, and board president of the Copeland Center for Wellness and Recovery. Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen represents clients and consumers.

### **Jim Beall, San Jose**

Jim Beall was elected to the California State Senate in 2012 and represents the 15th Senate District. He was elected to the State Assembly in November 2006, representing District 24. He is the chairman of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee, in addition to serving on several other committees. He has spent three decades in public service as a San Jose City Councilman, a Santa Clara County Supervisor, and an Assembly member. On the Commission, Senator Beall represents the member of the Senate selected by the President pro Tempore of the Senate.

### **John Boyd, Psy.D., Folsom**

John Boyd, Psy.D., has been chief executive officer of Sutter Solano Medical Center and Sutter Center for Psychiatry since 2014. He was chief administrative officer of Sutter Health's Sacramento Sierra Region Behavioral Health Services and Continuing Care, including Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, from 2008 to 2014. He was assistant administrator at Kaiser Permanente Sacramento Medical Center from 2007 to 2008. He held positions at Shriners Hospitals for Children from 1999 to 2006. He served as a City of Sacramento planning and design commissioner from 2004 to 2008. Boyd is a fellow at the American College of Healthcare Executives. He earned his Doctor of Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology and a Master of Health Administration from USC. Commissioner Boyd represents an employer with more than 500 employees.

### **Bill Brown, Lompoc**

Bill Brown was elected as sheriff and coroner for Santa Barbara County in 2006. He had previously served as chief of police for the city of Lompoc from 1995 to 2007, and Chief of Police for the city of Moscow, Idaho from 1992 to 1995. He was a police officer, supervisor and manager for the City of Inglewood Police Department from 1980 to 1992, and a police officer for the city of Pacifica from 1977 to 1980. Prior to his law enforcement career, Sheriff Brown served as a paramedic and emergency medical technician in the Los Angeles area from 1974 to 1977. Sheriff Brown holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Delinquency Control Institute. Commissioner Brown fills the county sheriff seat.

### **John Buck, Folsom**

John Buck has served in multiple positions at Turning Point Community Programs since 1977, including chief executive officer. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Sacramento and the Sacramento County Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council. Buck earned a Master of Business Administration degree from National University. Commissioner Buck fills the seat of an employer with less than 500 employees.

## Commissioner Bios (Continued)

### **Victor Carrion, M.D., Palo Alto**

Victor Carrion, M.D., is a professor at the Stanford University School of Medicine, and the director of Stanford's Early Life Stress Research Program. He is a board certified child and adolescent psychiatrist, and his subspecialties include maltreatment, neglect, and post-traumatic stress disorders. Dr. Carrion practices at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. He is also an associate editor for the Journal of Traumatic Stress. His current research focuses on the relationship between brain development and vulnerability to stress, and developing treatments that include individual and community-based interventions for trauma-exposed children and adolescents. Dr. Carrion is also the recipient of awards from the National Institute of Mental Health, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the National Association for Research in Schizophrenia and Affective Disorders, and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Dr. Carrion joins the Commission as the Attorney General's designee.

### **David Gordon, Sacramento**

David Gordon has been county superintendent at the Sacramento County Office of Education since 2004. He served at the Elk Grove Unified School District as superintendent from 1995 to 2004. He worked at the California Department of Education as deputy superintendent from 1985 to 1991. He earned a Master of Education degree from Harvard University. Commissioner Gordon holds a seat as superintendent of a school district.

### **Paul Keith, M.D., San Diego**

Paul Keith was medical director of behavioral health at the Wellpoint West Region of Anthem Blue Cross from 2000 until his retirement in 2014. He was medical director for integrated behavioral health there from 1992 until 2000. Previously, he was medical director of the Behavioral Health Unit at Palomar Medical Center from 2000 to 2009 and associate medical director of the public sector program at United Behavioral Health from 1997 to 1999. He was medical director at Vista San Diego Center and medical director of the child and adolescent program at Alvarado Parkway Institute from 1987 to 1994 and owner and proprietor of Paul R. Keith M.D., A Medical Corporation from 1975 to 2009. He earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from Baylor College of Medicine. Commissioner Keith fills the seat of a health care services plan or insurer.

### **LeeAnne Mallel, Calabasas**

LeeAnne Mallel has been a psychological technician at the office of Dr. Jonine Biesman and a development floortime specialist in private practice since 2011 (a developmental model creates the relationships and keeps the child's strengths and weaknesses in mind so that children flourish). She was a behavior interventionist for Verdugo Hills Autism Project from 2009 to 2011. Commissioner Mallel holds a seat as a family member of a child who has or has had a severe mental illness.

### **Christopher Miller-Cole, Psy.D., Oakland**

Christopher Miller-Cole has served in multiple positions at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation since 2006, including clinical psychologist at the Parole Outpatient Clinic. He held multiple positions at the City of Berkeley Mental Health Department from 2002 to 2006. He completed clinical traineeships at New Leaf Services in San Francisco from 2000 to 2001, John George Psychiatric Pavilion in San Leandro from 1999 to 2000 and the Haight Ashbury Free Clinics Detoxification and Aftercare Program from 1998 to 1999. He was a research associate at the City and County of San Francisco Department of Public Health from 1995 to 1998 and a volunteer facilitator for the Stop AIDS Project from 1994 to 1995. Miller-Cole is a business agent at AFSCME District Council 57 and member of the San Pablo Corridor Coalition and the West Oakland Neighbors. Commissioner Miller-Cole holds a seat as a representative of a labor organization.

## Commissioner Bios (Continued)

### **Ralph Nelson Jr., M.D., Visalia**

Ralph Nelson Jr. was a radiologist and a partner of the Kern Radiology Medical Group from 1974 until his retirement in 1999. He also worked as a radiologist at William Beaumont U.S. Army Medical Center from 1973 to 1974. He previously served as President of NAMI California Board of Directors from 2004 to 2008 and was a member of the California Collaborative Justice Court Advisory Committee from 2007 to 2010. He currently serves as a board member of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), is a member of the California State Licensing and Certification Advisory Committee, and is Chair of the Tulare County Mental Health Board. Commissioner Nelson holds a seat as a family member of an adult who has or has had a severe mental illness.

### **Larry Poaster, Ph.D., Modesto**

Larry Poaster served as a private consultant to government agencies in the field of health care delivery by public entities from 2002 until the Governor appointed him to the Commission in 2007. He previously served as the director of behavioral health services for the Stanislaus County Department of Behavioral Health Services from 1980 to 2002 and was the director of clinical services for that department from 1970 to 1980. He was president of the California Conference of Mental Health Directors, twice president of the California Mental Health Directors Association, and president of the Board of Directors of the California Institute of Mental Health. Commissioner Poaster fills the seat of a mental health professional.

### **Tony Thurmond, Richmond**

Tony Thurmond was elected to represent California's 15th Assembly District in November 2014. The district includes the East Bay communities that stretch along the I-80 corridor from Hercules to Oakland. First elected to the Richmond City Council in 2005, Thurmond served as Council liaison to Richmond's Youth Commission, the Workforce Investment Board and the West Contra Costa Unified School District. On the Commission, Assembly Member Thurmond represents the member of the Assembly selected by the Speaker of the Assembly.

### **Richard Van Horn, Los Angeles**

Richard Van Horn has been president and chief executive officer of Mental Health America (MHA) of Los Angeles since 1980 and President Emeritus since his retirement. He is a member of the board of the Mental Health Association of California, the California Institute for Mental Health, the California Council Community Mental Health Agencies, and the National Council for Community Behavioral Health (NCCBH). He is a past member of the National Board of Directors of Mental Health America. On behalf of Mental Health America, he has testified before the Congress of the United States regarding issues affecting people with mental illnesses. He also served for six months as principal consultant for the MHSOAC in 2005. Commissioner Van Horn fills the seat of designee of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

### **Tina Wooton, Santa Barbara**

Tina Wooton has worked in the mental health system for 17 years, advocating for the employment of consumers and family members at the local, state and federal levels. Since 2009, she has served as the consumer empowerment manager for the Santa Barbara County Department of Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services. From 2005 through 2009, she worked as the consumer and family member liaison for the California State Department of Mental Health and was staff to the state Mental Health Services Act Implementation Team. Between 1997 and 2005, she served as consumer liaison for the Mental Health Association/County Mental Health of Sacramento and as service coordinator for Human Resources Consultants from 1994 through 1997. Wooton is Vice President of Arts Mentorship Program (AMP) for Santa Barbara Dance Arts and a Santa Barbara Elks member. Commissioner Wooton represents clients and consumers.