

***Leon Evans***

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**2000 –2017-The Center for Health Care Services**

San Antonio, Texas

President/Chief Executive Officer

*Under Mr. Evans leadership, the Center for Health Care Services facilitated a community collaboration to address the needs of persons in psychiatric crisis, thus diverting them from jails, emergency rooms, and state prisons. The Center for Health Care Services has received the 2006 American Psychiatric Association’s Gold Award for Community Program Innovation and the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare “Service Excellence Award.” The Center has also been highlighted in Mental Health Weekly, Behavioral Healthcare, and the SAMHSA Newsletter. The Center has also received the SAMHSA Target Capacity Expansion (TCE) Grant for Jail Diversion and has conducted an Economic Cost Benefit Analysis of the Jail Diversion Program. The Center has also been visited by 19 state delegations and two countries. Mr. Evans also has testified before Congress in a Federal Jail Diversion Bill and has presented to the National Association of Attorney Generals on the Center’s Jail Diversion Program.*

**1996 – 2000-Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TDMHMR)**

Austin, Texas

Director, Community Services Division (CSD)

**1995 - 1996 -Dallas County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Center**

Dallas, Texas

Chief Executive Officer

**1983 – 1996-Tri-County Mental Health / Mental Retardation Services**

Conroe, Texas

Executive Director

**1979 – 1983-Mental Health / Mental Retardation Regional Center of East Texas  
(Andrews Center)**

Tyler, Texas

Deputy Director

**1976 – 1979-Heart of Texas Regional Mental Health / Mental Retardation Center**

Waco, Texas

Director of Services for the Developmentally Disabled

**1975 - 1976 -National Living Center, ARA Services**

Houston, Texas

Director of Special Programs

**1972 – 1975-Grayson County HMR Center (MHMR Services of Texoma)**

Denison, Texas

Director of Mental Retardation Services

**1969 –1972-Pauls Valley State School**

Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

Teacher, Physical Education Director and Unit Consultant

**COMMITTEES:**

- Co-Founder Mental Retardation Directors Association
- Co-Founder Mental Health Directors Association
- President National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors
- Chair Mental Retardation Committee of the Executive Directors’ Consortium
- Chair Texas Information Technology Task Force
- Chair Texas Council Information Technology Pool
- Vice Chair NACo Justice & Public Safety Steering Committee’s Courts & Corrections Subcommittee
- Co-Chair HB 2377 Implementation Oversight Committee
- Co-Chair Texas MHMR Community Standards Development Committee
- Staff HB 1734 Committee
- Advisory Eli Lilly Public Sector Mental Health Advisory Board
- Advisory Council of State Governments Law Enforcement/Mental Health Advisory Board to the U.S. Department of Justice (BJA) Bureau of Justice Assistance

**EDUCATION:**

University of Oklahoma  
B.S. Degree in Special Education

University of Oklahoma  
Master’s Degree in special education

University of Oklahoma  
Post Graduate Work

East Texas State University  
Doctoral Program  
Education Administration

**AWARDS:**

NAMI National Mental Health Professional of the Year Award, 2013

Innovation Award - Center for Medicaid and Medicare, SAMHSA, 2012

Visionary Leadership Award – National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare Directors, 2011

Community Program Innovation - American Psychiatric Association Gold Award, 2006

Service Excellence Award - National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare Directors, 2006

**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

A Continuum Alternative to Prisons and ER's, National Council Magazine, March 2016  
(Contributor)

Policing with Velvet Gloves – National Journal, January 2016

Leon Evans addresses innovative mental health and substance abuse services Mental Health Forum in Redding, Alabama, November 2015

The Deadly Consequences When Police Lack Proper Training to Handle Mental Illness Calls  
– ABC Nightline, September 2015

The Common Good – The Right Response - SAPD Mental Health Unit – Mental Health Channel TV, May 2015

Mental Wellness Warriors: Fighting for those who need it the most – CNN.com, January 2015

Why are we using Prisons to Treat the Mentally Ill “Over criminalized – Brave New Films, October 2014

Help, Not Incarceration - Out of Jail, Into Treatment – The Epoch Times, New York, October 2014) (Contributor)

Mental Health Meets Moneyball in San Antonio – National Public Radio, August 2014

The Common Good – The Right Response - SAPD Mental Health Unit – Mental Health Channel TV, May 2015

Contributor, President Obama's National Drug Control Strategy, as invited by R. Gil Kerlikowske, Director of the Office of the National Drug Control Policy, May 2010

**PRESENTATIONS:**

May 2016 – ‘Community Innovation Model’ at the American Jail Association Conference in Austin, Texas

April 2016 – ‘Effective partnerships between law enforcement and behavioral health at the Stepping Up Summit in Washington, D.C.

March 2016 – ‘Community Innovation Model’ at the Mental Health Conference in Montgomery, Alabama.

March 2016 - County Justice Peer Exchange in Miami, Florida.

January 2016 – ‘Community Innovations Model’ in New Orleans, Louisiana.

December 2015 - Keynote Speaker and presenter at the 2015 Community Crisis Care Summit in Wichita, Kansas.

October 2015 - Keynote speaker Annual 2015 Mental Health Conference in Altoona, Iowa. “Approaching Behavioral Healthcare from a Community Perspective” and “Digging Deeper – Bringing Collaboration and Diversion to your Community”.

September 2015 - ‘Lessons from One Community to Another: What San Antonio is Learning from New Approaches to Mental Health’ – Women’s Fund Forum in Redding, California.

September 2015 - NAMI Advisory Group Meeting ‘Effective Engagement in Mental Health Services’ – Arlington, Virginia

May 2015 –Colorado Collaborative Justice Conference in Denver, Colorado – 1) “Specialty Programming for the Mentally Ill in the Criminal Justice System” and 2) “Texas "Model" Jail Diversion and Mental Health System”

May 2015 - American Psychiatric Association (APA) in Toronto, Canada - “Counties as Psychiatric Service Providers”

April 2015 - “Approaching Behavioral Healthcare from a Community Perspective” to county officials and others in Champaign County, Illinois.

March 2015 - Safety Net Integration 2015: “Advancing Behavioral Health Integration through Community Collaboration” in Sacramento, California.

February 2015 - State Innovation Model Behavioral Health Summit in Richmond, Virginia – “Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program 1115 Waiver” and “The Center for Health Care Services Behavioral Health Model”.

January 2015 - Baton Rouge Area Foundation in Baton Rouge, Louisiana regarding ‘Criminalization of the Mentally Ill’.

November 2014 - Illinois Academy of Criminology in Chicago, ILL on “Community Partnership Greatly Improves the Public Safety Net, Saves Tax Payers Dollars and Prevents the Criminalization of Persons with Mental Illness”

November 2014 - Mental Health Association of Orange County (New York) on “Therapeutic Justice: An Alternative to Jails, Emergency Rooms and the Streets for many of our most ill and vulnerable citizens while improving lives in the most cost-effective way”

November 2014 - National Dialogues on Behavioral Health Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana – “Building Cutting-Edge Crisis Systems: Implementation Models”