



Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS)

Conference on Aging; A Journey For All

Robert Bennett, District Manager

The Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS)/Public Guardian held the 28th Annual APS/MDT Conference May 18, 2015. This year's theme for the conference was "Multi-facets of Aging: An Evolving Process." The theme and workshops highlighted the fact that aging is a continuous, complex, and dynamic process; a journey that we all must experience.

Aging and Adult Services Director Ron Buttram welcomed and thanked Second District Board of Supervisor Janice Rutherford and Human Service Assistant Executive Officer Linda Haugan for their continued support and assistance.

"Having the support of the Board of Supervisors and Human Services is vital as we work to achieve the Countywide Vision. We strive to ensure seniors, at-risk individuals and adults with disabilities have the proper resources to improve or maintain their choice and independence," Buttram said.

Supervisor Rutherford and Haugan each welcomed the participants and praised the hard work of the professionals in attendance. The keynote speaker was Dr. Maria Molina of Molina Health Care, who delivered a motivating and inspirational speech to the public and private professionals in the audience.

The conference committee includes community and collaborative partners that have a vision and a passion to provide a venue where both private and public professionals can receive continuing education and training in the field of Aging and Adult Protective Services. Without this opportunity for education and training each year, professionals and community partners would not receive the professional services the conference currently provides.

Over 250 professionals attended the conference, utilizing 18 resource tables. This year's training opportunity was generously sponsored by IEHP, Molina, Shield Health Care, Steri-Clean, California Mentor, Security One Lending and Comfort Keepers.

Surpassing previous conferences, professionals attended from as far away as Riverside, Orange, Los Angeles, Kern and Imperial Counties. Plans are underway for the 29th Annual APS/MDT Conference in May 2016. If you would like to attend or participate in the 29th Annual APS/MDT conference, please contact Lezley Hills at Lezley.Hills@hss.sbcounty.gov.



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Department of Aging and Adult Services is doing its part to help the community achieve the Countywide Vision by ensuring seniors, at-risk individuals and adults with disabilities have the resources to improve or maintain choice, independence and quality of life so they may age in place in the least restrictive environment. For further information or to report abuse please call 877-565-2020. Information on the Countywide Vision can be found at www.sbcounty.gov/vision.



MDT Committee

Top Left to Right: Nkem Okoro; Doug Shaw; Roxanne Young; Bernadine Smith; Ana Genece; Debbie Lovett; Glenda Jackson; Denise Christensen; Lenora Dawson; Lezley Hills; Jessica Mendez and Bill Stephens
Bottom Left to Right: Robert Bennet; Theresa Bolton and Tim Farmer