FORUM ON THE INTERSECTIONS OF HEALTH & JUSTICE: LINKING SYSTEMS AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES
Greetings,

As Chair of the National Association of Counties’ (NACo) Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board and commissioner from Ramsey County, Minn., it is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the Forum on the Intersections of Health and Justice.

The goal of the Healthy Counties Initiative is to create and sustain healthy counties by supporting collaboration and sharing innovative approaches to pressing health issues. Our nation’s counties play a critical role in improving the well-being and safety of our communities and thus have the unique ability to influence both community health and justice sectors. The linkage of health and justice systems is instrumental in improving the outcomes for community residents.

This forum will be an explorative dialogue on prevention, intervention and reentry and other issues related to county health and justice systems, facilitated by county leaders and experts from across the country. In addition, this meeting provides a venue for you to network, share ideas and learn how you can build on your county’s existing strengths and make improvements through partnerships.

Best wishes for a very enjoyable and successful event!

Sincerely,

Toni Carter
Chair, NACo’s Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board
Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.
Dear colleagues, partners and guests:

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to NACo’s 2018 Health and Justice Forum. Shelby County is pleased to serve as host for this esteemed gathering of elected officials, business leaders, health and criminal justice professionals, community advocates and all others with an interest in creating safer, healthier counties across the United States. It is my highest hope that you will learn and share your experiences at this conference to help in this endeavor in your own counties, cities and communities.

There is an acute need for a better understanding of the integral role and relationship between health and justice. By emphasizing the root causes of key indicators of population health, criminal justice and public safety we are empowered to identify new and creative opportunities to better serve our citizenry – particularly those with the greatest and most pressing need for intervention and support.

As we also look to creating better outcomes, we should continue to be more proactive and inclusive in blending the challenges we face in our public health and public safety systems. Many of us proudly stand on the frontline in our counties regarding these efforts. From our courts and reentry programs to our wellness programs and hospitals, we must strive to find ways to be more efficient and effective.

While gathered in Memphis and Shelby County, I hope that you take the time to share in the enjoyment of our community’s abundant places of interest including the National Civil Rights Museum at the Lorraine Motel, Soulsville’s Stax Museum, the riverside trails by the mighty Mississippi River, Elvis Presley’s Graceland, the immense Bass Pro Pyramid, Beale Street and our beautiful Shelby Farms Park.

Thank you to the NACo staff, our esteemed speakers and the local officials and professionals who have made this event possible. On behalf of the citizens of Shelby County, we hope you enjoy your time with us.

Sincerely,

Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.
Chair, NACo’s Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee
Mayor, Shelby County, Tenn.
**EVENT LOCATION**

Mezzanine Level Floor Plan

**HERNANDO DESOTO ROOM**
- Thursday breakfast
- Thursday lunch
- Thursday reception

**VENETIAN ROOM**
- Thursday plenary sessions
JACKSON
Thursday “Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities” breakout session

GALAXIE
Thursday “Sharing Health Data Across Systems” breakout session
Skyway and Peabody Rooftop

SKYWAY BALLROOM AND FOYER
Friday breakfast and plenary sessions
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Optional) Reception & Tour at National Civil Rights Museum

Buses will depart from the Peabody Hotel lobby at 5:45 p.m. and return at 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

The National Civil Rights Museum traces the history of the American civil rights movement from the 17th Century to present day. The museum is built around the Lorraine Motel, the site of Dr. Martin Luther King’s assassination in 1968. During this private event, forum attendees will tour the museum and hear from Shelby County officials about the history of the museum and the significance of the site to the county and its residents.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration

Venetian Room Foyer (Mezzanine Level)

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast Available

Hernando Desoto Room (Mezzanine Level)

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Forum Kick-Off and Opening Plenary

Venetian Room (Mezzanine Level)

The 2018 Health and Justice Forum will begin with a discussion of the role of counties in national efforts to improve the well-being and safety of our communities, and how effective linking of local health and justice systems and a focus on prevention, intervention and reentry can help to achieve this pivotal objective.

- The Honorable Roy Charles Brooks, Commissioner, Tarrant County, Texas
- The Honorable Toni Carter, Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.
- The Honorable Mark Luttrell, Mayor, Shelby County, Tenn.
Plenary Session: Whole-Family and Whole-Community Approaches to Improving Health and Preventing Justice System Involvement

 Counties are uniquely able to impact both community health and justice. Successful health improvement strategies begin with a focus on the whole family and a recognition that a variety of factors outside of the traditional health care setting impact an individual’s health and well-being. Intergenerational poverty is often linked to negative health outcomes and justice-system involvement. While all counties face challenges addressing these issues, rural counties face unique roadblocks and opportunities. During this interactive panel, county leaders from counties of all sizes and other experts will discuss effective strategies for improving health and preventing involvement with the justice system.

- Facilitator: Bill Gibbons, Executive Director, The Public Safety Institute, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn.
- Kim Gilhuly, Health Instead of Punishment Director, Human Impact Partners, Oakland, Calif.
- Robert Stephens, Health Officer, Garrett County, Md.
- Margaret Tazewell, Executive Director, Knox County Head Start, Inc., Knox County, Ohio

Networking Break
11:00a.m. – 12:30p.m.  **Plenary Session: Supporting Healthy Childhood Development to Achieve Positive, Life-Long Impacts**

*Venetian Room (Mezzanine Level)*

Investments in early childhood development help children gain the cognitive and social skills and abilities that they need to thrive throughout their lives. Early childhood is also a time of great risk; Children’s adverse experiences can cause irreparable damage, including increased health risks and justice-system involvement. Counties provide a variety of services that impact early childhood development. By focusing on youth who are at risk of adverse experience, children of incarcerated parents and children who are involved with the juvenile justice system, counties have many opportunities to impact children’s well-being and support families. This plenary will feature a conversation with county leaders and early childhood experts.

- **Facilitator:** Donna Cohen Ross, Vice President, Center for the Study of Social Policy, Washington, D.C.
- **Dreama Gentry**, Executive Director, Partners for Education at Berea College, Berea, Ky.
- **The Honorable Sheila Kiscaden**, Commissioner, Olmsted County, Minn.
- **Barbara H. Nixon**, Founding Board Chair, Adverse Childhood Experiences Awareness Foundation, Memphis, Tenn.

12:30p.m. – 2:00p.m.  **Lunch: Perspectives on Interacting with the Justice System**

*Hernando Desoto Room (Mezzanine Level)*

This lunch session will feature Carolyn “Freda” King who will share her own experience with justice-system involvement and offer suggestions for ways in which counties can more effectively use their health and justice systems to assist individuals in need.

- **Facilitator:** The Honorable Bryan Desloge, Commissioner, Leon County, Fla., and NACo Immediate Past President
- **Freda King**, Program Supervisor, DISC Village-LIFT Program, Tallahassee, Fla., and JustLeadershipUSA Leading with Conviction Fellow
Breakout Sessions

**Jackson Room**
(Third Floor)

**Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities and Addressing Equity**

Racial and ethnic disparities exist throughout juvenile and criminal justice systems, with individuals of color being overrepresented or treated more harshly at every point from arrest to sentencing. This session will address how counties can work to understand the causes of these disparities in their own communities, how to identify available and needed resources and how to collect and use data to guide decision making.

- **Facilitator:** The Honorable Toni Carter, Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.
- **James Bell,** Founder and President, W. Haywood Burns Institute, Oakland, Calif.
- **Katrina Mosser,** Senior Policy Analyst, Policy and Planning Division, Ramsey County, Minn.

**Galaxie Room**
(Third Floor)

**Sharing Health Data Across Systems to Coordinate Care and Deliver Services**

In each county, there is a small population of residents with complex health and social needs that are difficult to meet without coordinating services and supports across systems and providers. Integrating health information with information from other systems is one way to improve how residents receive the treatment and services needed to improve their health and well-being but accessing, using and sharing health data is often viewed as a significant barrier to advancing streamlined solutions that deliver effective interventions and improve the outcomes of the targeted population. In this workshop, learn from a national expert on navigating health privacy laws and hear from counties that share health data across systems to improve outcomes.

- **Facilitator:** The Honorable Maggie Hart Stebbins, Commissioner, Bernalillo County, N.M.
- **The Honorable Theresa Daniel,** Commissioner, Dallas County, Texas
- **John Petrila,** Vice President of Adult Policy, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, Dallas, Texas
- **Bill Wasson,** County Administrator, McLean County, Ill.
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Networking Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Plenary Session: Counties Taking Action Against the Opioid Epidemic

Venetian Room (Mezzanine Level)

As the opioid epidemic continues to ravage communities across the country, counties are developing innovative and effective partnerships across their health, behavioral health, human services and justice agencies to coordinate efforts and address the needs of residents struggling with addiction or overdose. In this session, we will discuss the local response to the opioid epidemic and hear from counties that are implementing effective solutions.

- Dr. Alisa Haushalter, Public Health Director, Shelby County, Tenn.
- Jeffrey Locke, Program Director, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices Homeland Security & Public Safety Division, Washington, D.C.
- Jason Merrick, Director of Addiction Services, Kenton County Detention Center, Kenton County, Ky.

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Reflections and Next Steps

Venetian Room (Mezzanine Level)

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Reception

Hernando Desoto Room (Mezzanine Level)

6:30 p.m. Dinner on Your Own

Dinner on Your Own

Please enjoy one of the many restaurants Shelby County has to offer! Check in with the hotel concierge for recommendations.
8:00a.m. – 12:30p.m. Registration
Skyway Ballroom Foyer
(Rooftop Level)

8:30a.m. – 9:00a.m. Breakfast Available
Skyway Ballroom Foyer
(Rooftop Level)

9:00a.m. – 10:15a.m. Improving Outcomes for Individuals with Behavioral Health Needs Who Come into Contact with the Justice System
Skyway Ballroom
(Rooftop Level)

People with behavioral health treatment needs are often some of the most vulnerable county residents. More than two million people with serious mental illnesses are booked into county jails each year, many of whom have co-occurring substance use disorders, and the opioid epidemic has forced counties to think strategically about how they treat people with addictions. Many counties are developing collaborative partnerships that prioritize community-based treatment and services through a public health approach rather than a criminal justice approach for these individuals. During this session, participants will hear from their peers about how they as county leaders are encouraging their health and justice agencies to integrate a proactive approach to improving outcomes for residents on the road to recovery.

• Facilitator: The Honorable Brenda Howerton, Commissioner, Durham County, N.C.

• Dr. Altha Stewart, President-Elect of the American Psychiatric Association and Associate Professor of Psychiatry/Director, Center for Health in Justice Involved Youth, University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis, Tenn.

• The Honorable Drew Campbell, Commissioner, Blue Earth County, Minn.

• David Rhodes, Chief Deputy, Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office, Yavapai County, Ariz.
10:15a.m. – 10:30a.m.  Networking Break

10:30a.m. – 11:45a.m.  Paving a Path to Successful Community Reintegration

Skyway Ballroom (Rooftop Level)

With millions of individuals returning to their communities from correctional institutions each year, reentry is a critically important part of the criminal justice reform conversation. Barriers to successful societal reintegration – like lack of access to housing, health care or employment – make recidivism more likely and contribute to strains on justice and health systems. During this plenary session, participants will explore a blueprint for successful reentry and discuss how integration of local systems and development of public-private partnerships can help to break the cycle of incarceration for individuals returning to society.

- Facilitator: The Honorable Mark Luttrell, Mayor, Shelby County, Tenn.
- Jennifer Lopez, Deputy Chief, Adult Probation Division, Chester County, Pa.
- Karrie Miller, Director of Adult Supervision, Pennington County, S.D.
- Barry Tice, Director of Health and Human Services, Pennington County, S.D.
- Noella Sudbury, Criminal Justice Advisory Council Coordinator, Salt Lake County, Utah

11:45a.m. – 12:00p.m.  Closing Remarks

Skyway Ballroom (Rooftop Level)

12:00p.m.  Forum Concludes

Information about the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital mobile tour and Memphis Grizzlies basketball game is on the following page.
**12:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

(Bus) Mobile Workshop & Tour of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital

Buses will depart from the Peabody Hotel lobby at 12:30 p.m.

The St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital was founded in 1962 with the stated premise that “no child should die in the dawn of life,” and has since become one of the most lauded medical institutions in the world. Discoveries at St. Jude have transformed the treatment of children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses and have contributed to significant improvements in survival rates for such children. Attendees will tour the St. Jude facility and hear from the institution’s leaders about the hospital’s work to ensure healthy lives for children struggling with illness.

**7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

(Basketball) Sacramento Kings vs. Memphis Grizzlies at FedExForum

Attendees should meet in the Peabody Hotel lobby at 6:30 p.m. to walk to the arena. Please let a NACo staff member know if you need additional transportation assistance.
**SPEAKER BIOS**

**JAMES BELL, JD** – Founder and President, W. Haywood Burns Institute

James Bell is the founder and president of the Burns Institute, which has worked in over 200 counties to engage justice stakeholders and communities across the country to build equity in the administration of justice. He has trained and addressed thousands of human services professionals and community members on a vision of well-being as the preferred and most effective way to achieve community safety. Bell assisted the African National Congress in the administration of the juvenile justice system in South Africa and consulted with the Nelson Mandela Children’s Fund. Bell has worked with government officials and activists on the human rights of children and restorative justice in Cambodia, Kenya, Brazil, New Zealand and China. He attended California State Polytechnic University and Hastings College of Law.

**THE HONORABLE ROY CHARLES BROOKS** – Commissioner, Tarrant County, Texas, and NACo President

Roy Charles Brooks was elected to serve as a Tarrant County commissioner in 2004 and has dedicated himself to addressing human services issues since taking office. He has worked diligently to provide constituents with opportunities to sign up for health care through the Affordable Care Act and has taken on issues such as health care for the homeless, infant mortality, obesity, health disparities and AIDS education. Brooks has served in numerous local, state and federal leadership positions and is passionate about improving residents’ health and welfare. He has spearheaded many programs including the Tarrant County Ex-Offender Re-Entry Program, the Nurse Family Partnership and the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Health Care for the Homeless. Brooks attended Columbia University and the University of Dallas Graduate School of Management.

**THE HONORABLE DREW R. CAMPBELL** – Commissioner, Blue Earth County, Minn.

Drew Campbell is a county commissioner in Blue Earth County, Minn. He was employed for 28 years at the Minnesota Security Hospital, providing care for people diagnosed with severe persistent mental illness and who were committed there by the courts. Campbell served for over 16 years on the facility’s Safety Committee, representing over 600 Union Employees. Currently he is the Chair for the Statewide Minnesota Department of Health’s State Community Health Services Advisory Committee, along with the State Health Commissioner. Campbell attended Mankato State University where he studied Community Health and Gerontology.
THE HONORABLE TONI CARTER – Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn., and Chair of NACo’s Healthy County Initiative Advisory Board

Toni Carter was elected to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners in 2005. Carter co-chairs the Ramsey County Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Stakeholders’ Committee, chairs the Human Services and Workforce Committee and serves on the leadership teams of Ramsey County’s Workforce Innovation Board, the Saint Paul Children’s Collaborative and the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood. She is the co-chair of both the Minnesota Human Services Performance Council and the Governor’s Task Force on the Protection of Children. Most recently she was appointed to Governor Dayton’s Law Enforcement and Community Relations Task Force and the Minnesota Young Women’s Initiative. In 2016 she was elected to the board of directors of the National Association of Counties (NACo), where she served for 3 years as chair of the Human Services and Education Committee and now chairs the Healthy Counties Initiative. Carter holds a BA in Education from Carleton College.

DONNA COHEN ROSS – Vice President, Center for the Study of Social Policy

Donna Cohen Ross leads the Center for the Study of Social Policy's (CSSP) work on Young Children and their Families, which promotes the development and spread of effective, comprehensive local early childhood systems. Prior to joining CSSP, she was a principal at Health Management Associates where she consulted with maternal and child home visiting, early literacy, school nursing and community health worker programs on strategies for securing Medicaid support. From 2010 to 2015, Cohen Ross served as a Senior Policy Advisor and the Director of Enrollment Initiatives in the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There she directed the first-ever federal campaign to enroll children and parents in Medicaid and CHIP. Cohen Ross attended Cornell University.

THE HONORABLE THERESA DANIEL, PHD – Commissioner, Dallas County, Texas

Commissioner Theresa Daniel was appointed as one of three members of the Dallas County Civil Service Board and is co-chair of the Dallas County Behavioral Health Leadership Team. As an extension of addressing the mental health needs of Dallas County residents, the commissioner is spearheading an effort to develop transitional housing for special needs populations. She was recently appointed as the co-chair of the Dallas Area Partnership to End Homelessness. She also participates on the Conference of Urban Counties (CUC) Public Policy committee and CUC-Meadows Foundation Statewide Mental Health Index Committee, as well as NACo’s Public Health Committee and Large Urban County Caucus. Daniel holds a Ph.D. in public policy and public administration from the University of Texas-Arlington.
THE HONORABLE BRYAN DESLOGE – Commissioner, Leon County, Fla., and NACo Immediate Past President

Bryan Desloge was elected to a two-year term of office in 2006 as Leon County commissioner and was reelected twice after. He is a board member and past president of the Florida Association of Counties. Desloge has served as board member and past chair of the Greater Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce and the Leon County American Red Cross. In addition to being a NACo officer, Desloge holds several positions within the organization including his membership on the Health Steering Committee, Financial Services Corporation Board of Directors and the Next Generation NACo Network. He earned a B.S. from Florida State University.

DREAMA GENTRY, JD – Executive Director, Partners for Education at Berea College

Dreama Gentry provides leadership and vision to Partners for Education, advocating for rural students living in poverty to ensure the national dialogue around educational success includes the voices of rural students. Gentry serves on the Board of Directors for College for Every Students and for Pine Mountain Settlement Schools and is Vice Chair of the Kentucky College and Career Connections Coalition. She was recognized with the Outstanding Alumnus of Kentucky award during the 2013 Governor’s Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship and received the 2012 University of Kentucky College of Law Community Service Award. Gentry holds a B.A. in Political Science from Berea College and a Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

BILL GIBBONS – Executive Director, The Public Safety Institute

Bill Gibbons became the president of the Memphis Shelby Crime Commission and executive director of the Public Safety Institute at the University of Memphis in September 2016. The Crime Commission is a non-profit corporation focused on the development and implementation of best practices to reduce crime. It has spearheaded the development of a community-wide crime reduction plan called Operation: Safe Community. Gibbons served in Governor Bill Haslam’s cabinet as commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security from January 2011 through August 2016. Previously, he served as District Attorney General for Shelby County from 1996 to 2014. Gibbons holds both undergraduate and law degrees from Vanderbilt University.

KIM GILHULY – Program Director, Human Impact Partners

Kim Gilhuly is the Program Director of the Health Instead of Punishment program at Human Impact Partners, which uses public health research, advocacy, capacity building and action alliances to reduce the disproportionate impact of the criminal and juvenile legal systems on people with low-incomes and communities of color in the United States. She has lead research projects on health and equity impacts of sentencing alternatives for parents in Massachusetts, youth arrest in Michigan, community-police relations in Ohio, Proposition 47 in California, treatment instead of prison in Wisconsin and the ability to access funding to get a secondary education while in prison in New York. Gihuly holds a B.A. from the University of Michigan and a Master’s in Public Health from the University of California, Berkeley.
ALISA HAUSHALTER, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC – Director, Shelby County (Tenn.) Health Department

Dr. Haushalter was appointed Director of the Shelby County Health Department in 2016. She brings more than thirty years of experience to her role, having led an array of public health programs and initiatives. Haushalter serves on several local boards and committees including the Community Foundation of Greater Memphis Board of Directors, United Way of the Mid-South Board and ACE Awareness Foundation Taskforce. She is co-leader of the Tennessee Action Coalition for Nurses, an organization dedicated to creating a culture of health. In 2007, Haushalter earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree with a specialty in Public Health Nursing Leadership from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Nursing where she is an Associate Professor of Advanced Practice and Doctoral Studies.

THE HONORABLE BRENDA HOWERTON – Commissioner, Durham County, N.C.

Brenda Howerton has been on the Durham County Board of Commissioners since 2008. She also serves on many local, state and national boards and commissions including the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, Public Health Board and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee (Stepping Up Initiative). She is a member of NACo’s Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee and Chair of the Workforce Development Sub-Committee, as well as a member of the Large Urban Caucus. In 2017, Commissioner Howerton was sworn in as President of the North Carolina Association of Counties. She is the owner of Howerton Consulting, Inc., which specializes in organizational development and executive coaching. Howerton received her B.S. Degree in Business Management from Shaw University and a certification in Executive Coaching from North Carolina State University.

CAROLYN “FREDA” KING – Program Supervisor, DISC Village-L.I.F.T Program, Tallahassee, Fla., and JustLeadershipUSA Leading with Conviction Fellow

Freda King worked 11 years in the Florida’s Governor’s Office under Governor Bush and Governor Crist and is now a Program Supervisor for the reentry program DISC Village-L.I.F.T. Program, which partners with the Leon County Jail. She teaches vocational, employability and life skills to men transitioning from jail back into the community and provides case management and post-release services. King is also an aftercare case manager for Florida Department of Corrections/ICORE program. In addition, she trained Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Mental Health Professionals on substance abuse trends, relapse and recovery and she supervises the substance abuse education program at the Leon County Jail. King earned her B.A. and M.A. in Criminal Justice Studies from Florida State University.
THE HONORABLE SHEILA KISCADEN – Commissioner, Olmsted County, Minn.
Sheila Kiscaden is an Olmsted County Commissioner who previously represented Rochester/Olmsted County in the Minnesota State Senate (1992-2006). While in the Senate, she became known for her focus and leadership on health and human services policy issues, which continues to be a theme of her community and public service work. In her private life, Kiscaden has been an active community volunteer and has 30-plus years of experience as a consultant specializing in health and human services organizations. In addition to an undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota, Kiscaden earned a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and a Master’s in Participation, Development and Social Change from the University of Sussex, England.

JEFFREY LOCKE, JD – Program Director, National Governors Association Center for Best Practices Homeland Security & Public Safety Division
Jeffrey Locke serves as a program director for the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices’ Homeland Security and Public Safety Division, where he focuses on issues that include criminal justice reform, public safety, juvenile justice and heroin and prescription drug abuse. Prior to joining NGA, Locke served as a volunteer in the Peace Corps in Togo, West Africa, and has worked in various capacities at the local and federal government levels. Locke holds a master’s degree in public policy from Harvard Kennedy School and a J.D. from Boston College Law School.

JENNIFER LOPEZ – Deputy Chief, Probation, Parole, and Pretrial Services, Chester County, Penn.
Jennifer Lopez is the Deputy Chief of Chester County’s Probation, Parole, and Pretrial Services. Lopez secured funding for, developed and implemented programs that benefit justice-involved individuals including Adult Drug Courts, Mental Health and Veterans Courts, the Criminal Collections Court, a Risk/Need Assessment Unit and the award-winning Women’s Reentry, Assessment, and Programming (WRAP) Initiative. Lopez is president of the Middle Atlantic States Correctional Association and serves on the Mental Health and Justice Advisory Committee and the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee at the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. Lopez has a B.A. from Kutztown University.

THE HONORABLE MARK H. LUTTRELL, JR. – Mayor, Shelby County, Tenn., and Chair of NACo’s Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee
Mark Luttrell began his long public service career with the Shelby County Penal Farm, progressed to being warden over several federal prisons and continued with his election as Sheriff of Shelby County in 2002. In August 2010, he was elected Shelby County Mayor. He has since led several successful initiatives in economic development, such as creating the Economic Development Growth Engine (EDGE) for Memphis and Shelby County, while also emphasizing expanded public awareness of healthy living through the Healthy Shelby program. Luttrell serves on various professional boards and committees including the National Association of Counties Board of Directors and the Memphis-Shelby Crime Commission. He earned a B.A. from Union University and received a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Memphis.
JASON MERRICK – Director of Addiction Services, Kenton County (Ky.) Detention Center

Jason Merrick is the Director of Addiction Services with Kenton County Detention Center in Covington, Ky., where he developed, implemented and is now managing a 125-bed residential treatment program for incarcerated men and women. Merrick is also the board president for People Advocating Recovery. Through his grassroots advocacy efforts recent legislation allows syringe access and exchange programs and take-home Overdose Rescue Kits in Kentucky. His Overdose Prevention and Response Programs have distributed thousands of Overdose Rescue Kits, sharps resistant search gloves, and sharps disposal containers to law enforcement personnel and community members. Merrick received his Masters of Social Work and certificate as an alcohol and drugs counselor from Northern Kentucky University.

KARRIE MILLER – Director of Adult Diversion Programs, Pennington County, S.D.

Karrie Miller has worked for the last 20 years in the Social Services field, where she enjoys mentoring staff and working with clients. She has directed, managed and provided direct client services in non-profits and local government, specifically related to issues of poverty, homelessness, domestic violence, human trafficking and prisoner reentry. Miller currently serves as the Director of Adult Diversion Programs for Pennington County, where she supervises intensive case management programs for clients with chronic mental health/substance abuse issues and lengthy criminal histories, specifically working with clients that have been banned or are on “no services” lists with most local agencies. Her higher education degrees are in the field of Business Administration.

KATRINA MOSSER – Senior Policy Analyst, Policy and Planning Division, Ramsey County, Minn.

Katrina Mosser is a Senior Policy Analyst in the Policy and Planning Division of Ramsey County, Minn. In addition to working on countywide strategic planning and policy development, she is the Coordinator of the Ramsey County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), which includes leading the county’s work with NACo on the Stepping Up and Data-Driven Justice initiatives. Prior to joining Ramsey County, Mosser was a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State and served in Macedonia, the United Kingdom, Afghanistan, and Washington, D.C. She also worked for the Minnesota State Senate and for Accenture. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science from the University of Michigan and a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School.
BARBARA NIXON, LCSW – Founding Board Chair, Adverse Childhood Experiences Awareness Foundation

Barbara Nixon is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and leader in mental health services, psychiatric trauma, physical rehabilitation and child welfare. In 2001, Nixon founded the First Years Institute (now the Urban Child Institute) which focuses on the importance of the neuroscience of early brain development. She then founded an early literacy program called Shelby County Books from Birth in 2007. Nixon became a founding chair of the Shelby County Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Task Force and the ACE Awareness Foundation, which seeks to promote the awareness of the adverse and lifelong negative effects of sustained childhood trauma. Nixon is a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Social Work.

JOHN PETRILA, JD – Vice President of Adult Policy, Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

John Petrila is Vice President of Adult Policy for the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute. He has been General Counsel to the New York State Office of Mental Health and was the first Director of Forensic Services in the Missouri Department of Mental Health. Much of his work has focused on analyzing the trajectories, service use and costs associated with people with mental illnesses and co-morbid mental and physical health issues. He was also an original member of the Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy Initiative and has worked with multiple counties on data sharing issues. He has co-authored three books and published more than 100 articles, chapters and monographs on mental health policy, law and criminal justice related issues. Petrila received his law degree and an advanced degree in mental health law from the University of Virginia School of Law.

GREG PUCKETT – Executive Director, Community Connections, Mercer County, W. Va.

As Executive Director of Community Connections, a community based 501(c)(3) non-profit, Greg Puckett advocates for strong public policy and leads others to combat the opioid epidemic and community revitalization/stabilization efforts. He currently serves on several state committees including the Governor’s Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Corrections: Juvenile Justice Subcommittee and serves on the Board of the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA). Puckett served as one of 10 county officials on NACo’s Opioid Taskforce and works in close partnership with federal legislators and other national organizations such as the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Puckett is a Concord University alumnus.

DAVID RHODES – Chief Deputy, Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office, Ariz.

David Rhodes is a 24-year veteran of the Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office. He currently serves as the Chief Deputy to Sheriff Scott Mascher. Rhodes is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 244 in 2011 and served as the Northern Arizona Regional Training Academy Commander from 2011 until 2013. During his career, Rhodes moved through the ranks of law enforcement achieving the rank of Captain before serving as the Detention Services Commander in 2013. Rhodes worked with criminal justice partners as well as community partners to create collaborative approaches to jail diversion, including both pre-arrest and post-arrest strategies to address the mental health crisis in the jail system.
ROBERT “BOB” STEPHENS – Health Officer, Garrett County, Md.

Bob Stephens has worked 20 years in the human services field, where he has served in numerous leadership capacities. He became the Director of Behavioral and Family Health at the Garrett County Health Department in 2001. There he was responsible for Behavioral Health, WIC, Health Education and Outreach, Early Care, Planning, the Dental Clinic and the Behavioral Health Authority. In July 2017, he was appointed to the position of Garrett County Health Officer. Stephens holds a B.A. Degree from West Virginia Wesleyan College and earned his M.S. from Frostburg State University.

THE HONORABLE MAGGIE HART STEBBINS - Commissioner, Bernalillo County, N.M.

In her eight years as county commissioner, Maggie Hart Stebbins has focused on feeding hungry children, improving access to mental health and substance use treatment services, increasing the county minimum wage and working to make sure men and women receive equal pay for equal work. As a member of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority Board, she is committed to protecting the county’s groundwater resources. She led early efforts to remediate the Bulk Fuels Facility jet fuel spill at Kirtland Air Force Base and sponsored county policies to reduce nitrate contamination from leaking septic systems. Before becoming commissioner, Hart Stebbins worked for the U.S. Congress, the New Mexico House of Representatives and the Mid-Region Council of Governments, where she focused on air quality, water conservation and transportation. She holds a BA from Harvard University.

ALTHA STEWART, MD - President-Elect of the American Psychiatric Association and Associate Professor of Psychiatry/Director, Center for Health in Justice Involved Youth, University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Altha J. Stewart, MD, is an associate professor and chief of Social and Community Psychiatry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis and the director of the Center for Health in Justice Involved Youth. She was previously the director of the System of Care for Shelby County. Her career spans over three decades of work as the CEO of large public mental health systems in Michigan, Pennsylvania and New York. Stewart is vice chair of the Memphis/Shelby County Juvenile Justice Board, the advisory body recommending program improvements and policy changes to address needs of youth in or at risk of entering the juvenile justice system, and is president-elect of the American Psychiatric Association. She completed Temple University Medical School and residency at Hahnemann University Hospital.
NOELLA SUDBURY, JD – Coordinator, Criminal Justice Advisory Council, Salt Lake County, Utah

Noella Sudbury graduated magna cum laude from the University of Utah in 2006, with bachelors’ degrees in Political Science and Social Justice. In 2009, she graduated with honors from the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law. Following law school, Noella clerked for Justice Ronald E. Nehring on the Utah Supreme Court, and spent the next few years practicing law, and specializing in criminal defense. Noella joined the Salt Lake County Mayor’s team in 2016, and currently serves as a Senior Policy Advisor on Criminal Justice to Mayor Ben McAdams and as the Coordinator for the Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Advisory Council.

MARGARET “PEG” TAZEWELL – Executive Director, Knox County (Ohio) Head Start, Inc.

Peg Tazewell is the executive director of Knox County Head Start, Inc., a non-profit organization providing Head Start, Early Head Start, child care and family engagement services in rural Central Ohio. Tazewell spent six years working for the City of Philadelphia and Guilford County, N.C., and has spent the last 18 years in Knox County developing systems and building community commitment in support of high quality comprehensive early education services, services to at-risk children and families and strong health and two-generational family engagement practices. She serves as president of the Ohio Head Start Association and serves as chair of the Public Health Partnership of Knox County and on the board of the Knox County Community Health Center. Tazewell holds a BA in American Studies from Kenyon College and an MA in Organizational Leadership from Gonzaga University.

BARRY TICE – Director, Health and Human Services, Pennington County, S.D.

Barry Tice has worked for Pennington County Health and Human Services for 13 years in various capacities and was named the Director of the agency in 2014. He has been involved in various diversion programs over the past 20 years focusing on criminal justice and mental health initiatives. In 2006, he had the opportunity to work with a specialized team and developed Rebound, the county’s first reentry program. Rebound has empowered individuals to gain confidence, self-sufficiency and stability while saving millions of dollars through the reduction of recidivism rates. In June 2018, Pennington County Health and Human Services, the Pennington County Sheriff’s Office and a private mental health organization will open the Community Restoration Center.

WILLIAM R. (BILL) WASSON – County Administrator, Mclean County, Ill.

William R. (Bill) Wasson is the County Administrator for McLean County, Ill. He is the Chief Appointed Administrative Officer, providing oversight to McLean County’s 22 departments, 800-plus full-time employees and a $97,000,000-plus annual budget including facilities in Bloomington, Normal and Hudson. Wasson has served as McLean County Administrator for eight years and previously held the positions of Assistant County Administrator, Director of Administrative Services and Director of the Department of Parks & Recreation. He holds a BA in Organizational Behavior & Management, a Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Labor Relations and an MPA from the University of Illinois.
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NACo PROJECTS

NACo is pleased to work on the following projects and with the following organizations to foster well-being, safety and improved outcomes for all county residents.

DATA-DRIVEN JUSTICE

To address the challenge of incarcerating people who chronically cycle through jails and other systems, counties across the country have joined the Data-Driven Justice (DDJ) Initiative, supported by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation. The initiative aims to break the cycle of incarceration by using data-driven strategies to improve how the justice system responds to high-utilizers of multiple systems by creating data exchanges between justice, health and other systems and connecting individuals with appropriate care. To learn more, visit www.naco.org/data-driven-justice.

PRITZKER CHILDREN’S IMPACT NETWORK

NACo is accepting applications to join the Pritzker Children’s Impact Network, an opportunity for counties to strengthen local programs and policies for children from prenatal through age three. The deadline to apply is January 25, 2018. NACo will work with up to seven counties for one year on this initiative. This effort is in collaboration with the Pritzker Children’s Initiative, which is supported by the J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation. For questions, please contact Tracy Steffek, Program Manager, at tsteffek@naco.org.

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION

NACo works with the County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, a project of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), to strengthen local jurisdictions’ ability to deal effectively with the challenges of creating a culture of health and to help county officials lead their county toward improved community health. The project provides a forum for local leaders to engage with peers and experts to discuss and learn about common issues and opportunities in improving community health. To learn more, visit www.naco.org/county-health-rankings.
SAFETY AND JUSTICE CHALLENGE

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation’s Safety and Justice Challenge is providing support to 40 jurisdictions—including 34 counties—to make local justice systems safer, fairer and more effective. Local leaders in these sites have committed to identifying the drivers of jail use in their counties, engaging a diverse set of community stakeholders to determine ways to improve the system as a whole and building infrastructure to track the right data and measure performance over time. To learn more, visit www.safetyandjusticechallenge.org.

STEPPING UP

In May 2015, NACo and partners at the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation launched Stepping Up: A National Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails and announced a Call to Action demonstrating strong county and state leadership and a shared commitment to a multi-step planning process that can achieve concrete results for jails in counties of all sizes. More than 400 counties have joined so far! To learn more, visit www.stepuptogether.org.
UPCOMING EVENTS

NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
March 3-7, 2018
Washington Hilton Hotel
Washington, D.C.

WESTERN INTERSTATE REGION CONFERENCE
May 23-25, 2018
Blaine County/Sun Valley, Idaho

NACo ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION
July 13-16, 2018
Gaylord Opryland
Nashville/Davidson County, Tenn.