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[Katie Bell](#) | Center for Care Innovations



Grace “Katie” Bell MSN RN-BC CARN PHN has been a MAT Nurse Consultant/ Coach for Center for Care Innovations since 2016 beginning with Treatment Addiction in Primary Care (TAPC) 1.0 and 2.0 programs and currently with Addiction Treatment Starts Here (ATSH) Primary Care. Katie is also a nurse consultant with Telewell Indian Health MAT Project, a part of DHCS Tribal MAT 2.0, offering Technical Assistance, mentoring, and training for California Tribal and Urban Indian Health clinics as they develop Medications for Addictions Treatment (MAT) programs. Ms. Bell has co-facilitated in the UCLA Hub & Spoke Learning Collaborative and is a monthly participant for UCLA ISAP’s Tribal Project Echo. Board-certified as Addictions RN, Katie has been working with the medication buprenorphine/naloxone (Suboxone) since a 2001 Phase 3 NIDA clinical trial while a staff nurse at the Betty Ford Center. Having developed programs for Opioid Use Disorder and other substance used disorders in multiple settings including Dept. of Veteran Affairs, an Inpatient Treatment Center, a methadone clinic and Tribal Primary Care, Katie brings understanding of best practices to patient care and advocacy in a variety of health care setting and systems.

[Danny Contreras, SUDCC III](#) | Santa Cruz Health Services Agency



Danny Contreras works for the County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency as the Health Services Manager that oversees the Medication Assisted Treatment program (MAT) at all county clinics. Danny was the recipient of the 2017 County of Santa Cruz Gold award for being the key contributor to the development of protocols, procedures, forms, workflows, and implementing the Medication Assisted Treatment program at all county clinics which has had a county and statewide impact. He has over 30 years of lived experience coupled with a B.S in psychology, AA in social and behavioral science, multiple certificates in drug and alcohol counseling and human services with high honors. Holds current SUDCC III, Certified Drug and Alcohol counselor through CADTP. Danny is consulted regularly by agencies, schools, and people in the community on various issues in the community involving at-risk youth, incarceration, Re-Entry, gangs, addiction, implementing MAT, outreach, prevention, intervention, homelessness, etc. Danny teaches at the local police academy to future officers on stigma, drug addiction, stereotypes, providing trauma informed care, etc. There is a saying that says “Hurt people, hurt people but Healed people HEAL people!” Danny today, is in a place where his past experience and education puts him in a unique position to help people on their journey to healing. To advocate and be a voice for those who cannot be heard to get the services they need.

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[Kristene Cristobal](#) | Program Consultant, Addiction Treatment Starts Here



Kristene Cristobal, MS, MA, founded Cristobal Consulting in 2013 with a vision for creating lasting positive social impact, building on the strengths of individuals and communities. Her passions are supporting high quality, equitable health for all, vibrant neighborhoods, engaged individuals, and socially responsible organizations. Kristene has over 20 years of experience in program and curriculum design, strategic planning, teaching and coaching teams in QI, and program evaluation. She works at the intersections of equity, multi-sector collaboration, quality improvement, and the spread and sustainability of effective practices – partnering with community-based organizations, health care delivery systems, community health centers, health plans, academic institutions, government departments, and foundations to do so. Kristene earned her MS in Maternal and Child Health at the Harvard School of Public Health, a MA in Creative Writing from Victoria University of Wellington, and her BA in Neuroscience at Oberlin College.

[Joe Sepulveda](#) | Family Health Centers of San Diego



Joe Anthony Sepulveda, MD, is an adult psychiatrist double boarded by the American Board of Psychiatry & Neurology and the American Board of Preventive Medicine, certified in the subspecialty of Addiction Medicine and a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. He received his medical degree from the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, and completed his residency in psychiatry from Stanford University Hospital & Clinics. He is an Assistant Medical Director at Family Health Centers of San Diego (FHCS), the largest FQHC in San Diego. He founded the organization's MAT program overseeing the programs clinical planning, implementation, and ongoing development throughout the organizations 23 primary healthcare clinics, 7 behavioral health facilities, 14 different substance abuse treatment centers, and its mobile Clean Syringe Exchange Program. He volunteers as an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of California at San Diego department of Psychiatry and is on the clinical teaching faculty for the FHCS Family Medicine Residency Program. Dr. Sepulveda oversees the FHCS Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Program, and is the organization's consulting psychiatrist for geriatric depression via the University of Washington AIMS Center—Archstone Foundation Community Collaborative Care Partnership Geriatric Grant. Dr. Sepulveda is a member of the American Psychiatric Association, The San Diego Psychiatric Society, The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), and the California Society of Addiction Medicine.