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# YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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Courtney E. Gengler, President

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### **Preparing Yuba and Sutter Counties for CARE Court Implementation and the Changing Nature of Criminal and Civil Courts for People with Mental Health Needs**

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024, noon – 1:00 p.m.**

Location: Community Room for the Yuba County Sheriff at 720 Yuba Street in Marysville

Our speaker this month is Kevin O’Connell, Policy Consultant to Yuba and Sutter Counties. He will be presenting on the CARE Act with changes and issues the counties are working on around the intersection of courts and mental health.

Kevin O’Connell is an analytics and research consultant specializing in social policy analytics, process improvement, and evaluation. Kevin’s research studies have focused on the intersection of behavioral health and criminal justice, client engagement, and approaches for delivering cost-effective interventions. He has worked on a range of state and county initiatives to inform policy and research on the impacts of major adult (SB678, AB109/Realignment, CalAIM, and CARE act) and juvenile justice issues (Continuum of Care Reform), as well as providing technical assistance to counties using cross-system data analysis to improve outcomes for justice-involved behavioral health clients, especially around creating alternatives to incarceration. Kevin has worked in multiple states on developing evidence-based program inventories and cost-benefit analyses in areas such as Mental Health (Adult and Children), Criminal Justice (Adult and Juvenile), and Substance Use. Kevin's previous work include positions with the State Judicial Council of California, as well as over 10 years as a consultant in projects in 30 California Counties. Kevin obtained a master’s degree from UC San Diego in International Relations and Public Policy, and a bachelor’s degree from UC Davis in History and Political science.

This meeting will qualify for 0.5 hours of MCLE.

**Complimentary lunch will be provided by Yuba and Sutter Counties.**

Please RSVP to [mpoulos@suttercourts.com](mailto:mpoulos@suttercourts.com), by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2024.

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### REMINDER NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our November meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024**. Andrew Ramos, General Counsel for Yuba Water Agency, will be presenting.
- There will be no regular meeting in December. We will have a holiday party, details TBA.
- All of our newsletters and events are posted on our website: [www.yubasutterbar.org](http://www.yubasutterbar.org), as well as our Fee Arbitration program information.

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## 2024 YUBA SUTTER BAR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

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**Yuba Sutter Bar Association  
Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2024, 12:00-1:00 p.m.  
Dragon Inn Restaurant, 1016 G Street, Marysville, CA 95901**

1. Courtney Gengler called the meeting to order and made announcements:
  - Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Kevin O’Connell, Policy Consultant to Yuba and Sutter Counties, will present on: “Preparing Yuba and Sutter Counties for CARE Court Implementation. Location TBD.
  - Our November meeting will be on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. Andrew Ramos, General Counsel for Yuba Water Agency, will be presenting.
  - We have access to the Attorney Meeting Room in the Yuba County courthouse on the second floor. The door code is #21500.
2. Introductions for new and returning meeting attendees.
3. Courtney Gengler introduced the speaker: Stephanie Cooper, Senior Victim Advocate with Sutter County Victim Services.

The Sutter County Victim Services Program provides assistance to victims as they go through the criminal justice system. Specifically, they assist victims and families apply for reimbursement for medical, counseling, and funeral or burial bills. They provide referrals and assist with emergency needs. They assist victims in understanding the process and facilitate communication with the District Attorney’s Office. A criminal case does not need to be filed for Victim Services to provide services.

Currently, the Sutter County Victim Services Program has 4 advocates and 1 intern. Volunteers are welcome. They no longer have a Victim Services dog. A quick discussion about the value of dogs in the program and Yuba County’s program dogs followed.

Many questions were asked and answered.

4. Courtney Gengler thanked the speaker and adjourned the meeting.