

HEALTH & CARE

Protecting Children from Drug Abuse

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

5:00 pm **Registration and Refreshments**

5:30 pm **Welcome to House of Sweden**

Karin Olofsdotter, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Sweden

5:35 pm **Opening Remarks**

Richard MacKenzie, Associate Professor, USC Keck School of Medicine & Mentor Foundation Advisor

5:45 pm **The Role of Parents and Communities in the National Strategy for Demand Reduction**

Tom McLellan, Deputy Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy

6:15 pm **Lessons Learned about Effective Prevention**

Frances Harding, Director, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

6:45 pm **How to Empower Communities to Reduce Drug Use**

Eduardo Hernandez-Alarcon, VP, International Programs, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America

7:15 pm **Mentor's Prevention Programs for Parents**

Ken Winters, Professor, U of MN Medical School & Mentor Foundation Advisor

7:45 pm **Conclusions**

Richard MacKenzie, Associate Professor, USC Keck School of Medicine & Mentor Foundation Advisor

7:55 pm **Closing Remarks**

Yvonne Thunell, Chairman, Mentor Foundation Board of Trustees

MODERATOR: Richard MacKenzie

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Richard MacKenzie, M.D. *Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Southern California School of Medicine. Former Director of Adolescent Medicine Program at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA).*

Dr MacKenzie is a former President of the Society for Adolescent Medicine and an active member of the International Association of Adolescent Health. He has been a pioneer in the development of clinical and research approaches to issues that compromise the health of young people, including drug and alcohol abuse and other bio-behavioral conditions. He has developed a number of programs many of which have been replicated worldwide. Dr Mackenzie's expertise, programs and leadership in the field of adolescent health have been recognized in awards for outstanding achievement by the American Academy of Pediatric Medicine and the Society for Adolescent Medicine.

A. Thomas McLellan, Ph.D. *Deputy Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy*

As Deputy Director, Dr. McLellan serves as, Director R. Gil Kerlikowske's primary advisor on a broad range of drug control issues and assists in the formulation and implementation of the President's National Drug Control Strategy. Dr. McLellan has 35 years of addiction treatment research experience. He most recently co-founded the Treatment Research Institute, a non-profit organization with the goal to transform the way science is used to understand substance abuse. Dr. McLellan's contributions to the advancement of substance abuse research and the application of these findings to treatment systems and public policy have changed the landscape of addiction science and improved the lives of countless Americans and their families. He has published over 400 articles and chapters on addiction research. From 2000-2009 he was editor-in-chief of the Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment, and he has also served on several other editorial boards of scientific journals. Dr. McLellan is the recipient of several distinguished awards including the Life Achievement Awards of the American and British Societies of Addiction Medicine (2001 & 2003); the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Innovator Award (2005); and awards for Distinguished Contribution to Addiction Medicine from the Swedish (2002) and Italian (2002) Medical Associations.

Frances M. Harding *Director of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), which provides national leadership in the federal effort to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and drug problems.*

Frances M. Harding is recognized as one of the nation's leading experts in the field of drug and alcohol policy and is the author of several published articles on prevention. Ms. Harding has held numerous national positions and received recognition from her peers for her work, including serving as president of the National Prevention Network, an organization representing all fifty states' alcohol and other drug abuse prevention offices, and as New York State's representative to the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc., where she served on its board of directors. In 2004, she became the first non-researcher to receive the prestigious Science to Practice Award from the International Society for Prevention Research.

Eduardo Hernández-Alarcón, Ph.D. *Vice President of International Programs and Deputy Director for Dissemination and Coalition Relations for the National Community Anti-Drug Coalition Institute, at Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA).*

Dr. Hernández-Alarcón administers CADCA's international program, geared to help communities build coalitions through training and technical assistance. Dr. Hernández-Alarcón has been a substance abuse prevention and coalition leader at the local, state, and national level for almost two decades. He entered the field as a volunteer concerned about the alarming rise of alcohol-related problems among Latinos, particularly youth. Dr. Hernández-Alarcón worked as a Special Expert at the *Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration*. He went on to work at the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention in the Division of State and Community Systems Development, where he focused on multicultural issues and prevention work with faith-based communities which later led to the role as the Associate Director for the *Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives* at the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Ken Winters, Ph.D. *Director, Center for Adolescent Substance Abuse Research, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Senior Scientist, Treatment Research Institute, Philadelphia, PA, USA*

Dr. Winters' research interests include the assessment and treatment of adolescent drug abuse, the role of ADHD and related disruptive behaviors as risk factors for drug involvement and early intervention strategies for pre-adolescents who reveal a risk profile for drug abuse. Current research projects include following drug abusing adolescents into young adulthood in order to describe the course of youth drug abuse, prospectively examining the impact of childhood ADHD on the onset and development of drug abuse during adolescence, and testing the effectiveness of brief intervention on early-stage drug abusing adolescents. Dr. Winters is an Associate Editor for the *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors*, and on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse* and the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*. He has published several assessment tools and numerous articles in the area of adolescent health and is a consultant for many organizations, including the NIDA, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Hazelden Foundation, WHO and the Mentor Foundation.