

# COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON THE IMPACTS OF MENTAL HEALTH & The Criminal Justice System

Join local leaders and experts as they discuss how mental illness impacts the criminal justice system and programs that address these challenges.

*Moderated by Doyle Forrestal, CEO of Colorado Behavioral Health Care Council.*

**FREE AND VIRTUAL**  
Thursday, October 8 | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Register on Eventbrite:  
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## FEATURED EXPERTS



**Ingrid Bakke, Chief District Judge,  
Div. 13 Twentieth Judicial District**

Judge Bakke was appointed Chief Judge of the Twentieth Judicial District in November 2017. She was first appointed to the Boulder District Court Bench in January of 2011. Prior to this appointment, she was in private practice at Kennedy & Bakke focusing on criminal defense and dependency and neglect work, a prosecutor for 6 years in Boulder County and 11 years in Jefferson County, and served as the Chair of the Sex offender Management Board. She graduated from the University of Denver College of Law and was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 1990.



**Joe Pelle, Boulder County Sheriff**

A native Coloradan, Sheriff Pelle has been a peace officer in Boulder County since 1980 and accepted the role of Sheriff in 2003. He has a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Colorado, and a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and Public Administration from Metropolitan State College.



**Anjali Nandi  
20th Judicial District Chief Probation Officer**

Prior to serving as the Chief Probation Officer, Anjali Nandi, PhD, LAC, MAC was an organizational leadership consultant in the human service field who designed and delivered a variety of training seminars in the fields of behavior change, addictions and corrections to state and local agencies throughout the country. She was a Program Director of two state-licensed out-patient drug and alcohol treatment agencies in Colorado and for over fifteen years has provided individual and group therapy to clients with depression, anxiety, addictions and trauma. Dr. Nandi has co-authored five books and published articles in journals such as Federal Probation and Traffic Injury Research Foundation.



**Lucy Ohanian, Chief Deputy Public Defender**

As Colorado State's Public Defender since 2007, Ms. Ohanian spent the last ten years as a trial lawyer in the Arapahoe Regional Trial Office. She is now a Chief Deputy in the state administrative office and is responsible for lawyer hiring and recruitment.



**Michael Dougherty, District Attorney,  
20th Judicial District**

In November 2018, Mr. Dougherty was elected Boulder County's District Attorney. A member of the Colorado Attorney General's Office since 2010, he has spent his career supporting victims of rape and sex crimes, including acting as the supervisor of the Colorado DNA Justice Review Project. Between working at the AG's office and becoming the elected District Attorney in Boulder, he also worked at the Jeffco District Attorney's Office as the Assistant District Attorney. He obtained his undergraduate degree from Cornell University in 1993, graduated from Boston University School of Law in 1997 and served as a prosecutor with the Manhattan District Attorney's Office from 1997 – 2010.



**Nicole Collins  
Managing Public Defender for Boulder Regional Office**

As managing Public Defender for the Boulder Regional Office, Ms. Collins has litigated all types of criminal cases for indigent clients in both Boulder and Broomfield Counties over the last 18 years. She received her Law degree and her Master's in Social Work from the University of Denver. She has volunteered hundreds of hours serving on numerous boards and committees and is currently the vice-chair of the board of directors for the Boulder Shelter for the Homeless. Other current and past boards and committees include: the Boulder County Community Corrections Board, the Boulder Adult Integrated Treatment Court, Access to Justice Committee for the 20th Judicial District, Boulder IMPACT Board, City of Boulder working group on sexual violent predators, and Mental Health Partners Board of Directors.

A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BY MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERS AND THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI) OF BOULDER COUNTY

The goals of these conversations are to share with the community the breadth and depth of work being done within these systems to address and accommodate mental health, build community awareness regarding the impact of mental illness in our region, and explore how we can better address these challenges in the future. Learn more about MHP at [www.mhpcolorado.org](http://www.mhpcolorado.org) and NAMI - Boulder County at [www.namibouldercounty.org](http://www.namibouldercounty.org)