



Panelist:

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Mr. Kast worked in Oregon public mental health services for thirty years with clinical experience in adult day treatment and acute inpatient care, as director of a county community mental health center and as state mental health program director. At the national level, Mr. Kast served as a member of the Board of Directors, vice-president and president of the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. From 2001 to 2005, Mr. Kast was responsible for managing the full range of health services for the Oregon Department of Human Services including public health, behavioral health and health care financing and concluded his state service as Interim Deputy Director of the Department.

Following retirement from state service in 2005, Mr. Kast was appointed the Public Member of the State Psychiatric Security Review Board, the agency that accepts jurisdiction for persons found “guilty except for insanity” of crimes committed in Oregon. As a private consultant he helps public and private agencies address issues relating to human services and behavioral health issues. Currently he is also Director of the Oregon Health Record Bank, a project funded by a Medicaid Transformation Grant from CMS to the Oregon Division of Medical Assistance Programs.

Mr. Kast is a graduate of Stanford University with advanced degrees in English from the State University of New York and Social Work from Portland State University. He resides with his wife, Carol Kast, MSW, in Portland, Oregon.