

**Task Force on Resentencing
June 10, 2022 Meeting – Speaker Biographies**

Jac A. Charlier, MPA, Executive Director, TASC Center for Health and Justice



A national expert in crime reduction and pre-arrest diversion, Jac Charlier specializes in practical solutions that bring together justice system partners, behavioral health service providers, and community leaders in common aims of creating safer, healthier communities.

Jac is a leading voice and visionary in the emerging movement toward deflection and pre-arrest diversion as standard practice, whereby law enforcement officers will, whenever appropriate, deflect people with substance use disorders and mental health issues to treatment in the community rather than arrest or ignore them.

Jac's career has been devoted to solutions that reduce crime and drug use by bridging criminal justice systems—from police to prosecutors to courts to probation to parole—with behavioral health services in the community. He is also a recognized civic leader in the Chicagoland area and brings his years of successful grassroots experience to work in developing justice solutions grounded in the context of the community.

Since 2011, Jac has led the growth and evolution of TASC's [Center for Health and Justice](#), which provides national and international consulting, training, public policy strategy, and research dissemination to help create more just justice systems. Under Jac's leadership, CHJ regularly advises counties and state systems across the US, while also developing curricula and providing consultation services for countries across the globe.

As the co-founder in 2017 of the national [Police, Treatment and Community Collaborative \(PTACC\)](#) and a leader in justice system strategies to fight the national opioid epidemic, Jac led the development of a framework for preventing and reducing opioid overdose and death among justice populations, as well as community-based post-overdose response strategies for law enforcement.

Jac joined TASC in 2011, bringing 16 years of service in the Parole Division of the Illinois Department of Corrections, where he specialized in building connections between parole and the community, and transferring innovations from research into practice. Beginning as a street parole officer, he rose through the ranks to become the deputy chief of parole, leading system-wide parole operations for the Chicago metropolitan area. In the Parole Division, he started the first parole domestic violence reduction initiative and the first gender-specific caseload supervision system.

Jac is a faculty member with the National Judicial College for the [Justice Leaders Systems Change Initiative \(JLSCI\)](#), a general jurisdiction court systems change approach to reducing drug use and recidivism while promoting recovery. He served as the criminal justice representative for the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at the University of Illinois at Chicago and is an adjunct faculty member at several Chicago-area universities, where he teaches criminal justice courses around ethics, leadership, research, and management. He also speaks regularly on the topics of civic engagement, community building, and criminal justice reform.

Jac is a military veteran of the US Army, current board chair of Chicago Veterans, and a member of the American Legion. He also is an Eagle Scout and past chair of the National Eagle Scout Association, Chicagoland Chapter. Jac received his MPA from the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University and his BS in mathematics from the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Rob Jeffreys, Director, Illinois Department of Corrections



Rob Jeffreys serves as Director of the Illinois Department of Corrections. Jeffreys is a nationally-recognized criminal justice expert with correctional experience spanning more than two decades. He spent 21 of his 24 years in corrections management at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. Jeffreys currently serves as the agency's chief of staff and directs its Information Technology and Strategic Initiatives bureaus as well as the Office of Human Resources that supports more than 12,000 employees. Previously as ODRC's Regional Director, he managed the operations of eight adult prisons and the Adult Parole Authority across 20 counties, oversaw 25,000 offenders and 3700 staff and managed an annual budget of \$340 million. As Bureau Chief of Classification and Reception at ODRC, Jeffreys provided population management for over 50,000 offenders based on trends, research, and data analysis variables. From 2007 to 2010, he was sent on a special assignment under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) as a National Prison Security Program Coordinator with the National Institute of Corrections in Washington D.C., developing programs and assessments for over 26 federal and state agencies in the areas of security operations, security audit training, staffing analysis, emergency preparedness, prison management, and technical assistance. He also served as Warden for correctional institutions in Chillicothe and Marion, Deputy Warden in Toledo and in various positions at ODRC's St. Clairsville facility. He began his career as a corrections class specialist in ODRC's Bureau of Research. Jeffreys received both his Master of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

Danielle Sered, Founder and Executive Director, Common Justice



Danielle Sered founded and directs Common Justice. Before leading this work, Danielle served as the deputy director of the Vera Institute of Justice's Adolescent Reentry Initiative, a program for young men returning from incarceration on Rikers Island. Prior to joining Vera, she worked at the Center for Court Innovation's Harlem Community Justice Center, where she led its programs for court-involved and recently incarcerated youth.

Danielle sits on the Downstate Coalition for Crime Victims, the New York State Governor's Council on Reentry and Community Reintegration, and the Executive Session on the Future of Justice Policy in America. Under her leadership, Common Justice received the Award for Innovation in Victim Services from the federal Office for Victims of Crime in 2012. Her book, *Until We Reckon*, received the Award for Journalism from the National Association for Community and Restorative Justice and was selected by the National Book Foundation for its Literature for Justice recognition. She received the Brown Memorial Baptist Church Extraordinary Woman Award and the 67th Precinct Council Award for Service, given in recognition for leadership in reducing violence in Brooklyn. An Ashoka fellow and Stoneleigh fellow, Danielle received her BA from Emory University and her masters degrees from New York University and Oxford University (UK), where she studied as a Rhodes Scholar.

Danielle has been featured widely in the public conversation about mass incarceration and violence, including the Aspen Ideas Festival the Atlantic Magazine Summit on Race and Justice, in the New York Times, the Washington Post, USA Today, on Democracy Now, NPR, and On Second Thought with Trevor Noah. Danielle is the author of *The Other Side of Harm: Addressing Disparities in our Responses to Violence*, *Accounting for Violence: How to Increase Safety and Break Our Failed Reliance on Mass Incarceration*, and the book *Until We Reckon: Violence, Mass Incarceration, and a Road to Repair*.

**Dr. Daniel Yohanna, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience Interim Chair,
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience**



Daniel Yohanna received his medical degree from Rush Medical College in Chicago, and completed his internship and psychiatric residency training at Northwestern University Medical School. Dr. Yohanna joined the Northwestern University Medical School Faculty in 1986 and later joined the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine faculty in 2005 and is now the Interim Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience. He was board certified in Psychiatry in 1988 and in Forensic Psychiatry in 1999 and recertified in 2009 and 2019. Dr. Yohanna has served on or chaired many committees and task forces on the treatment of the severe and persistent mentally ill. He was elected to the council of the Illinois Psychiatric Society in 2003 and served as President for the 2006-2007 term. He has published and lectured on integrating behavioral health in primary care, chronic mental illness, and forensic psychiatry. He is the current co-PI for ECHO Chicago series on Serious Mental Illness, a training program for primary care clinician in free and FQHC facilities.