

## Peggy Edwards

PROJECT ROLE: KH Senior Consultant

FOCUS: Peggy Edwards is an experienced project manager in areas of strategic planning, organization development, community and employee engagement, board training and development, and leadership development.

She has designed and led numerous organizational planning and development projects and training programs for clients and stakeholders including community, executive teams, cross-functional work groups, and boards of directors. Her in-depth knowledge of planning and management methodologies includes strategic planning, team-based problem-solving, employee satisfaction assessments, performance measures, process mapping, and adult learning approaches.

Ms. Edwards has worked with many organizations, including higher education, manufacturing, hospitality, and healthcare groups. Her local, regional, and federal government work is broad-based, with specific experience in juvenile justice, children's services, population-based healthcare, and emergency management planning.

In addition to project management, Ms. Edwards applies the expertise she has gained in more than 25 years working in government, business, and consulting practice to leadership development and facilitator training programs conducted for business and industry, government agencies, and not-for-profit organizations.

Currently, Ms. Edwards serves as the part-time and interim Executive Director of **United Homeless Healthcare Partners**, a network of homeless healthcare providers and advocates from throughout Los Angeles County with a mission that includes policy development and service delivery improvement.

- REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS:
- **Community College Districts** – Team member providing strategic planning support for Ventura County Community College District, El Camino College, Los Angeles Trade Tech College, and Long Beach City College/Small Business Development Network
  - **County of Los Angeles Public Library** – Facilitator/instructor providing an action-learning based leadership development program that includes workshops, individual coaching, and application of learning to taskforces addressing projects identified by the organization's strategic plan
  - **County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department** – Project Leader facilitating a process addressing the needs of current and formerly incarcerated people and communities for successful re-entry. Project goal is to reduce recidivism through implementation of evidence-based practices in treatment, services, and policy. Participants include local, county, and state public agencies and non-profits service providers and advocates
  - **Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Projects** – Projects included strategic planning and project management for West Michigan Child & Family Council, Clark County (NV) Department of Family & Youth Services, Sacramento County Child & Family Commission, Los Angeles County Office of Child Advocates, Arizona Governor's Division for Children, Lorain County (OH) Juvenile Justice Task Force, Providence House (Cleveland, OH), Youth Councils - Workforce Investment Boards in Madera County and City of Los Angeles, One Voice Volusia (FL), State of Florida Department of Education, and Fresno County Babies First Consortium
  - **County of Los Angeles, Department of Health Services Public Health** – Project Manager in the development and implementation of a three year strategic plan, including establishing and funding a regional organization of homeless healthcare providers and advocates

- **County of Los Angeles, Unincorporated Area Services** – Project Manager for a community-county joint planning project to develop emergency preparedness and response procedures for residents of Topanga Canyon

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

- **Ellis/Edwards**, Principal
- **The McNellis Company**, Western Planning Institute, Principal
- **Host Marriott Corporation**, Organization Development, Director

EDUCATION:

B.A., Purdue University  
Master of Public Administration, The Consortium of the California State Colleges and Universities

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

AND AWARDS:

- Sam Dixon Family Health Centers, Board Member and Treasurer
- Los Angeles Superior Court, Voluntary Mediator
- Zonta International, Area Director, former Club President, and Foundation Trustee
- Santa Clarita Child & Family Center, Board Member
- Girl Scout Council of Greater Los Angeles, Board Development Committee
- 2005 Citizenship Award, Purdue University Alumni Association