

Avoiding Tragedy: A Better Way Forward for the Mentally Ill **Informative Panel Discussion**

Saturday March 2, 3-5pm

St. Joseph Center, 480 S. Batavia
Street, Orange, CA 92868.

**Free and open to the public.
Come, bring your questions.**



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**One in four adults suffer from a
diagnosable mental illness/ NIMH**

Panel Members

- **Dr. Jody M Rawles**, Director of Hospital Services, Psychiatry & Human Behavior, School of Medicine, University of California, Irvine
- **Carla Jacobs**, Mental Health Advocate and Executive Member of the Proxy Parent Foundation Board of Directors
- **Dr. Pete Farrell**, Correctional Health Services Lead Psychiatrist, Orange County Health Care Agency
- **Sheryl Wamsley-Goldsmith**, LCSW, MPA, Manager of the Correctional Health Services Mental Health Program, OCHCA
- **Kevin Smith**, Division Manager, Adult Mental Health Services, Orange County Health Care Agency

In light of the Sandy Hook tragedy we will ask our panel of experts:

- **What's right and what's wrong in our current mental health system?**
- **What are the barriers to timely & appropriate diagnosis & treatment?**
- **Why has mental illness been criminalized?**
- **What changes are needed to prevent future tragedies?**