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I&R in the Trenches

Keynote Speaker

Ed Walsh, MSW

Director

Senior Service Systems

County of Riverside

Riverside, California

With an extensive background in Canada and in the United States as both a social worker and senior administrator in the field of aging, Ed Walsh now serves as the overall director of senior service systems in Riverside County, one of the largest and fastest growing counties in California. He has worked in a wide range of community based settings, examples of which include a Medicaid Waiver program in Boston, the internationally recognized British Columbia Long Term Care Program in Vancouver and the nationally recognized Senior Care Network in Pasadena, California. He has also held positions in tertiary care hospitals as well as in primary care and geriatric care clinics.

Ed has held a number of significant board and community leadership positions, including: President of the California MSSP Association; Chair of the Los Angeles Leadership Council of Aging Organizations; Member of the Los Angeles County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council and Member of Senator Jack Scott's Health Advisory and Senior Advisory Committees; as well as a board member on the regional Alzheimer's Association advisory board, the Hospice of Pasadena board, and service on a number of aging and long term care board, statewide committees, taskforces and work groups. Ed currently serves on the Practice Change Fellows national advisory board. Ed has a special interest in programs that strive to maintain seniors independence and keep them in their homes.

He has also held social work field and instructor appointments at several educational institutions including the University of British Columbia, UCLA and Loma Linda University. Ed holds a B.A. degree from York University in Toronto and a M.S.W. from California State University at Long Beach.