Greg Munks, San Mateo County Sheriff: Hi, I’m Sheriff Greg Monks. As you can see from our video, a collaboration among agencies, and having key services in place, is critical to our success. As a result, we have seen a decrease in recidivism, in negative outcomes, in hospitalizations, and an increase in people receiving needed services. Together we can make a difference.

The Honorable Mark Forcum, Judge, Pathways Mental Health Court: It’s very rewarding, every Friday, to come here and, and work in this program because, ultimately, we help offenders receive positive mental health treatment and, at the same time, reduce recidivism. And I think, ultimately, the way that this program works so well is that it is based on a team approach. When we built the program, it was built on a team approach – getting input from the district attorney’s office, the private defender program, the probation department, and mental health professionals that work here in San Mateo County.

Myra Weiher, Assistant Chief Private Defender: We’re very pleased that the Pathways Program is so successful in this county. It provides an alternative to incarceration for our clients; it provides a lot of support with the treatment team; it reduces the days that they spend in the hospital; and it reduces the days that they spend in jail.

Steve Wagstaffe, District Attorney, San Mateo County: I’m a strong advocate of collaboration and for doing what is right for our behaviorally challenged citizens. That’s why I have personally participated in the Field Crisis Consultation Committee and continue to represent my office in the Pathways Court even after I was elected as the district attorney because of its importance to our community.

Brad White, General Manager, American Medical Response: AMR has been a partner with the SMART Program since its inception – to include the Field Crisis Consultation Committee. Through this partnership, we’re able to get the right resource to the right patient, and the patient to the right facility, for their needs.

Sharon Roth, Co-Vice President, San Mateo County National Alliance on Mental Illness: NAMI is a key partner in San Mateo County. We want to ensure that our seriously mentally ill family members receive caring and appropriate treatment provided by well-trained people who are working together.

Laura Rogers, Director, San Mateo County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services: This collaboration has been transformative in terms of introducing new possibilities for hope and recovery in the lives of many people who struggle with mental illness and drug and alcohol problems in this county, their family members, and many citizens who struggle with these problems.
Don Mattei, Chief of Belmont Police Department: I want to thank you for the time you spent viewing these video segments. You play an important part in this: You are the field officers; but, more importantly, the collaboration that we have with the district attorney’s office, the judges and even firefighters – each and every one of you play a very important part in this system – the goal being to help those who sometimes cannot help themselves. Thank you very much.

(The names and titles of the following individuals scroll down the screen: Greg Munks, San Mateo County Sheriff; Mark Forcum, Pathways Court Judge; Myra Weiher, San Mateo County Assistant Chief Private Defender; Steve Wagstaffe, San Mateo County District Attorney; Brad White, General Manager, American Medical Response; Sharon Roth, Co-Vice President, San Mateo County’s National Alliance on Mental Illness; Louise Rogers, Director, San Mateo County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services; Don Mattei, Chief, Belmont Police Department; Dan DeSmidt, Captain, Belmont Police Department; Pat Halleran, Lieutenant, Belmont Police Department; Terry Wilcox-Rittgers, MFT-Clinical Services Manager, San Mateo County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services; Brad Nozik, who played “George”; Yahaira Ortega, who played “Gloria Lopez”; Tim Finch, SMART Paramedic; Pernille SMART Clinician; Bill McGuigan, Corporal, Belmont Police Department; Armando Sandival, Meteo Lodge, Mobile Support Team; Troy Adams, Detective, Belmont Police Department; Mike Supanich, Sergeant, Belmont Police Department; Dave Lashley, Detective, Belmont Police Department; Greg Eatmon, Lieutenant, San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office; Catherine Barber, San Mateo County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services; Max Reising, Officer, Pacifica Police Department; Robert Anderson, Senior Officer, San Mateo Police Department; Michael Leon, Pathways Probation Officer; Georgia Patterson, Mental Health Association; Matt Boyle, San Mateo County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services; Christina Webb, Conservatorship Investigation; Dan Hazelton, Officer, Daly City Police Department; Jan Ogar, San Mateo County Emergency Medical Services; Lynn Northrup, San Mateo County Aging & Adult Services; Marcie Moon, San Mateo County Aging & Adult Services; Tennille Tucker, Pathways Clinician; Karen Blesius, Pathways Clinician; Bonnie MacAskill, Pathways Probation Officer. Special thanks to Holiday Liquors & Deli, Belmont, for allowing them to film; The Mental Health Service Act, for providing funding to create the training video; and Peninsula Television, Rocky Robinson – camera and editing.)