**Sharon Aungst**

**Director, The Partnership for Community Excellence**

Sharon Aungst joined California Forward in December 2011 as Director of The Partnership for Community Excellence. Ms. Aungst came to California Forward from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation where she had been Director of Correctional Health Care Services since 2009. She has extensive experience leading and managing correctional, forensic and community mental health services for both adults and children. She also has extensive experience in leading executive/legislative initiatives, developing policy and programs, implementing evidence-based practices, strategic planning and facilitation.

Sharon is responsible for overall leadership and management of the project, including facilitating the Partnership work teams' meetings and implementing and achieving the goals and deliverables.