

**Robert Lee Sutherland Seminar XV
Hogg Foundation for Mental Health**

**Welcome Remarks
Summary Notes**

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The Robert Lee Sutherland Seminars

- First seminar in 1978 – Rosalynn Carter and Lady Bird Johnson in attendance
- Common cause and a catalyst for change
- Advance meaningful dialogues around political issues

Common themes over the years

- Improve access
- Decrease disparities.
- Potential to dramatically change mental health and behavioral health care.

Laurie Alexander

A. Core values of conference:

1. People receiving services must be at the table
2. Ethnic and cultural diversity is central to every conversation particularly in our diverse state
3. Children youths and older adults have special needs
4. Substance abuse disorders are important too
 - a. Integration of mental health and substance abuse often doesn't happen
1. Where research is available, it should be integrated
 - a. Conference highlights research and evaluation
 - b. How they're applied has to fit individual setting

B. Stakeholders come with diff knowledge and goals

1. To account for these, agenda covers a lot of content at fairly high level