Celebrate with us! Fifteen exemplary individuals and organizations will be presented with the National Council Awards of Excellence on March 16, 2010, during the 40th Annual Conference of the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare in Orlando, FL. The Awards of Excellence honors those who have significantly shaped the mental health and addictions industry and improved the lives of those in need of treatment and support.

“Each year the National Council honors individuals and organizations that are the ‘best of the best.’ These are the programs and the people who are ahead of the trends: those who are pioneering new service delivery models, those who are advancing original collaborations, and those who demonstrate positive outcomes for individuals and families,” said Linda Rosenberg, MSW, President and CEO of the National Council.

Listed below, the 2010 Awards of Excellence honorees were chosen from more than 125 nominations based on their demonstrated achievements in providing critical services to those with mental illnesses and addictions disorders.

Tickets for the Fabulous Forty Gala with Awards of Excellence can be purchased with your conference registration, www.thenationalcouncil.org/conference. To purchase individual tickets, contact Shellee Chen, 202-684-3722, shelleec@thenationalcouncil.org.

Excellence in Service Innovation
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Offer Your Own Congratulations in Awards of Excellence Gala Program

Take this opportunity to offer your own congratulations to your award winning colleague by submitting a note or "ad" in the Awards Gala Program.

Full Page ($500)
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Print ready artwork accepted, or submit text and graphics and we'll create an ad for you. For more information about artwork, formatting, and ad specs, contact Thea Browning, 202-684-3725, theab@thenationalcouncil.org. For more information on the 2010 National Council Award winners, and to view winners from previous years, please go to www.thenationalcouncil.org.

Programs of Significance

The National Council would like to make mention of the following programs who were difficult to turn down!

Excellence in Service Innovation
Programs of Significance

For their Court to Community Treatment
Burrell Behavioral Health
Todd Schaible, CEO
www.burrellcenter.com
Springfield, MO

Excellence in Health IT
Supported by a grant from Qualifacts Systems, Inc
For the NARBHAnet Telemedicine Network
Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority
Mick Pattinson, PhD, CEO
www.narbha.com
Flagstaff, AZ

Excellence in Risk Management
Supported by a grant from the Mental Health Risk Retention Group and Negley Associates
For their Agency-Wide Assessment and Intervention Program for Clinical Risk in a Multi-Service Behavioral Healthcare Network
Institute for Community Living
Peter Campanelli, PhD, CEO
www.iclinc.net
New York, NY

Excellence in Addictions Treatment & Prevention
For Developing a Continuum of Recovery Based Services in an Opioid Treatment Program
Hartford Dispensary
Paul McLaughlin, Executive Director
Manchester, CT

Excellence in Consumer and Family Advocacy
For their work with the Central Texas African American Family Support Conference
Austin Travis County Integral Care (formerly Austin Travis MHMR)
David Evans, CEO
www.integralcare.org
Austin, TX

Excellence in Grassroots Advocacy
(State)
For their Campaign for Addiction Prevention, Treatment and Recovery
Association for Behavioral Health (formerly MHSACM)
Vic DiGravio, Executive Director
www.abhmass.org
Natick, MA

(Local)
For their Grassroots Advocacy Program to Retire Debt
Program
Mental Health Center of Denver,
Carl Clark, CEO
Denver, CO

For their Criminal Justice Team
Community Partnership of Southern Arizona,
Neal Cash, CEO
Tucson, AZ

Excellence in Health IT
For their work to create Intentional Communities
Touchstone Mental Health, Martha Lantz, CEO
Minneapolis, MN

Programs of Significance
For their health information technology program that united the state of Colorado
Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council, George DelGrosso, Executive Director
Denver, CO

Excellence in Risk Management
For their work advancing the emotional well being of children
Beech Brook, Mario Tonti, CEO
Cleveland, OH

Programs of Significance
For their work managing risk from a strengths based perspective
Southwest Behavioral Health Services,
Jeff Jorde, CEO
Phoenix, AZ

Excellence in Addictions Treatment & Prevention
For their work preventing child substance abuse, delinquency and behavioral issues
San Luis Valley Mental Health Center, Fernando Martinez, CEO
and Remain Open Serving People
Colorado West Regional Mental Health Center
Sharon Raggio, CEO
www.cwrmhc.org
Glenwood Springs, CO

Up & Coming Leadership Award
Rosa M. West, Vice President for Specialty Populations and New Initiatives
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.
Maggie Labarta, CEO
www.mbhci.org
Gainesville, FL

Visionary Leadership
Mary Anderson, Board Member, Newaygo County Mental Health, White Flint MI

Howard Bracco, PhD, CBHE, President & CEO, Seven Counties, Inc., Louisville KY

David Guth, CEO, Centerstone of America, Nashville TN

Dr. Jay Reeve, President & CEO
Apalachee Center, Tallahassee FL

Richard Van Horn, President Emeritus, Mental Health America of Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA

Excellence in Public Service Award
For their work on Mental Health Parity

Pamela Greenberg, Executive Director
National Association for Behavioral Health & Carol McDaid, Principal
Capitol Decisions, Inc.

Alamosa, CO
For their work integrating dual disorders treatment and supported housing
Threshold Services, Inc., Craig Knoll, Executive Director
Silver Spring, MD

Excellence in Consumer and Family Advocacy Programs of Significance
For his work dedicated to improving the lives of persons who have lost hope
Turn-A-Frown-Around Foundation, Drew Horn, Founder (submitted by NJAMHA)
Freehold, NJ

For her work dedicated to improving the behavioral healthcare system
May Farr, Pacific Clinics
Arcadia, CA

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illnesses and addiction disorders recover and lead productive lives.