

# FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE  
*Healthy Minds. Strong Communities.*

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## National Council Names 2010 Awards of Excellence Honorees

*Awards to be Presented at Annual Conference Fabulous Forty Gala with Awards of Excellence in Orlando, Florida*

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](http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/conference). To purchase individual tickets, contact Shellee Chen, 202-684-3722, [shelleec@thenationalcouncil.org](mailto:shelleec@thenationalcouncil.org).

### **Excellence in Service Innovation**

*Supported by a grant from Mental Health Weekly For The Journey Home Project*

## 2010 National Council Awards of Excellence

### **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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

*For their work to create Intentional  
Communities*

Touchstone Mental Health, Martha Lantz, CEO  
Minneapolis, MN

**Excellence in Health IT  
Programs of Significance**

*For their work tackling delays and improved  
coordination associated with crisis lines*  
Behavioral Health Link, Gregg Graham, CEO  
Atlanta, GA

*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  
Programs of Significance**

*For their work advancing the emotional well  
being of children*

Beech Brook, Mario Tonti, CEO  
Cleveland, OH

*For their work managing risk from a strengths  
based perspective*

Southwest Behavioral Health Services,  
Jeff Jorde, CEO  
Phoenix, AZ

**Excellence in Addictions Treatment &  
Prevention  
Programs of Significance**

*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.cwrmmc.org](http://www.cwrmmc.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](http://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.

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The National Council for Community Behavioral  
Healthcare is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) association of  
1,700 behavioral healthcare organizations that provide  
treatment and rehabilitation for mental illnesses and  
addictions disorders to nearly six million adults,  
children and families in communities across the  
country. The National Council and its members bear  
testimony to the fact that medical, social,  
psychological, and rehabilitative services offered in  
community settings help people living with mental

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

illnesses and addiction disorders recover and lead  
productive lives.

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