

National Recovery Month

September 2012

Recovery Month Planning Partners CALL FOR NOMINATIONS Due June 1, 2012

Ramstad-Kennedy Annual Award for Outstanding Leadership by a Single State Authority

Background: The *Recovery Month* Planning Partners have witnessed with appreciation as the Single State Agencies (SSA) have increased their critical role in supporting and promoting *Recovery Month* activities, materials and awareness in their states and within their agencies. The Planning Partners have also watched with appreciation the extraordinary and long-time efforts and passionate leadership of the Honorable Jim Ramstad (R-MN-ret) and the Honorable Patrick Kennedy (D-RI-ret) in the development, understanding and promotion of public policies to bring equity to care for people with addiction and mental illness.

In 2007 representatives of the *Recovery Month* Planning Partners met with the National Association of State Alcohol/Drug Abuse Directors (NASADAD) Board of Directors to thank them for their leadership within their home states. Additionally, the group discussed the need for greater collaboration to promote *Recovery Month* within states and in coordination with national activities. The Ramstad-Kennedy award was established to recognize a SSA Director who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in support of recovery and *Recovery Month* and to acknowledge Congressmen Ramstad and Kennedy for their commitment to recovery and recovery-oriented policies.

The first annual **Ramstad-Kennedy Award** was presented to Mike Botticelli, Massachusetts SSA, in 2008 during a Recovery Month celebration at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) State Systems Development Program (SSDP) conference. In 2009, the award was presented to Karen Carpenter-Palumbo of New York; in 2010, the award was presented to Carol Falkowski, Minnesota SSA; and in 2011 the award was presented to Barbara Cimaglio, Vermont Deputy Commissioner for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs.

2012 Award: The 2012 **Ramstad-Kennedy Award** will be presented at SAMHSA's July 30-August 1 State Systems Development Program (SSDP) national conference in Baltimore, MD. To nominate an SSA director, please complete and return the form below. Thank you!

Criteria: Single State Agency Director who has:

1. Provided outstanding leadership and innovation in promoting the goals of the National Recovery Month in their state
2. Strengthened and expanded Recovery Month activities within their agency and throughout other state agencies
3. Provided support to strengthen and expand Recovery Month activities throughout their state



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4. Expanded the number and impact of Recovery Month activities in their local communities
5. Encouraged and expanded recovery organizations in their state

Please provide the following information for the SSA Director that you are nominating:

Name: _____
Title: _____
Agency: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

- 1.) **Briefly describe the activities or initiatives undertaken since last year's *Recovery Month* celebration – and their impact – which demonstrate outstanding leadership.**

- 2.) **Please include links to any reports/press releases for these activities and/or initiatives.**

In case we have any questions, please provide your contact information:

Name: _____
Agency: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Thank you for your interest and support of ***Recovery Month***.

Please send your nomination no later than June 1, 2012 electronically to SSARMAward@nacoa.org or by fax to NACoA at 301-468-0987.

