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ADAS Board's CEO Knapp-Brown honored nationally for distinguished service

CINCINNATI/ ROCKVILLE, MD – Sherry Knapp-Brown, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of the Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board (<http://www.hamilton-co.org/adas/>), was honored recently by the Association of Behavioral Healthcare Management (ABHM) with the Harold C. Piepenbrink Award for her contributions to the behavioral healthcare management field and to ABHM.

The Piepenbrink Award was inaugurated in 1977 to acknowledge the service of its immediate past President to the field of mental health administration. ABHM is the professional membership component of the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, of which the Hamilton County Board is an organizational member.

Dr. Knapp-Brown's current position as Chief Executive Officer of the Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board is the culmination of progressively more responsible management positions in three states. In 2003, Dr. Knapp-Brown graduated from the certificate program at the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government for senior executives in state and local government.

The award judges cited "Sherry's contributions to and participation in ABHM when she served as President of the Tri-State Chapter in 1990 and on the ABHM board first in 1991 and again from 1993-96. She became President-Elect in 1997 and President in 1998. She demonstrated consistent leadership in committee work and was a key leader in the decision and negotiations regarding the ABHM affiliation with the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, working tirelessly toward the goal of a healthy ABHM and a successful relationship with the National Council. As part of that pivotal process, she has served on the National Council's Board of Directors, Executive Committee, as well as volunteering for other assignments."



Dr. Sherry Knapp-Brown is known for her energy, passion and leadership both within ABHM and beyond. Her clinical expertise is reflected in numerous publications on the subject of behavioral health policy and treatment and crisis intervention services. She is licensed as a psychologist in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, a Certified Behavioral Healthcare Executive, and is a Diplomat in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

About the Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board

The Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board (<http://www.hamilton-co.org/adas/>) plans, funds, and evaluates public alcohol and drug treatment, prevention, and education services for the citizens of Hamilton County. The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners established the ADAS Board as a separate alcohol and drug addiction services board in 1989, following the passage of House Bill 317.

About the National Council of Community Behavioral Healthcare

The National Council of Community Behavioral Healthcare is the oldest and largest community behavioral health trade association, and the only one representing the providers of mental health, substance abuse and developmental disability services. Their members serve more than 4.5 million adults, children and families each year and employ more than 250,000 staff. The Association of Behavioral Healthcare Management is a premier professional association, dedicated to the certification and continuous education of behavioral healthcare professionals.

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