

## **Arlington County Community Services Board 2013 Awards Ceremony June 19, 2013**

The **Arlington County Community Services Board (ACCSB)** recognizes staff and community members each year who demonstrate outstanding dedication and service to consumers with Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Typical award categories include:

**Dr. Georgopolous Award:** Conferred upon a staff member who consistently goes above and beyond the call of duty by providing exemplary service directly or indirectly to a CSB client, program, or service.

**Dr. Audrey Moss Award:** Recognizes a staff person whose work demonstrates a fresh perspective, recovery-orientation, and visionary thinking and who is committed to community-based care.

**Lifetime Achievement Award:** Recognizes Department of Human Services (DHS) employees whose work demonstrates a fresh perspective, recovery-orientation, visionary thinking and is committed to community based care.

**Exemplary Staff Award:** Conferred on staff that embodies the spirit of outstanding service in their field.

**Exemplary Clinician Award:** Conferred on DHS clinical staff who have demonstrated a longstanding commitment that benefits and supports the community.

**Exemplary Team Award:** Conferred on DHS staff for dedication and going above and beyond what is required and who have demonstrated a longstanding commitment that benefits and supports the community.

**Community Partner Award:** Conferred on community members who, through their generous donations of goods, services, time or funding, support the ACCSB's consumers.

**Chairperson of the ACCSB, Mr. James Mack**, conferred the awards on behalf of the Board.

**The ACCSB selected eight staff, one team and three community partners to be recognized this year:**

**Dr. Georgopoulos Award: Ms. Diana Manganelli**, Supervisor Child and Family Services Division.



*“L-R: Tom Wallace, Dianna Manganelli and Jim Mack”*

**Dr. Audry Moss Award: Dr. Ram Gopalan**, Psychiatrist, Behavioral Healthcare Division.



*“L-R: Dr. Justine Larson, Dr. Ram Gopalan and Jim Mack”*

**Lifetime Achievement Award: Ms. Ann Courembis**, Supervisor in Client Services Entry Bureau, Behavioral Healthcare Division.



*“L-R: Ann Courembis, Leslie Weisman and Jim Mack”*

**Exemplary Staff Award: Ms. Nakia Dawkins**, Administrative Assistant in the Substance Abuse Bureau, Behavioral Healthcare Division and **Ms. Anabel Majano**, Administrative Assistant in the Mental Health Bureau, Behavioral Healthcare Division.

**Exemplary Clinician Award: Ms. Erin Azar**, Outpatient Mental Health Therapist and **Ms. Shelli Wargo**, Outpatient Mental Health Therapist and **Ms. Shaquana Wiley Banks**, Mental Health Therapist, all of the Behavioral Healthcare Division.



*“Left Image L-R: Sandy Clark, Erin Azar and Jim Mack”*

*“Middle Image L-R: Alexis Speight, Shelli Wargo and Jim Mack”*

*“Right Image L-R: Shaquana Wiley Banks (and daughter), Carol Sacks and Jim Mack”*

**Team Award: Outpatient Substance Abuse Therapists** in the Department of Human Resources. The therapists include **Mindy Burgin, Liz Stratton, Patrick Gallagher, Alesia Montana, Peggy Morris, Lora Todaro and Karen Book-Rambo.**



*“L-R: Karen Book-Rambo, Mindy Burgin, Peggy Morris, Patrick Gallagher, Liz Stratton, Suzanne Somerville and Jim Mack”*

**Community Partner Awards** were presented to **Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (ANHSI)**, the primary health clinic at the Drewry Center for mental health and substance abuse issues, **Ms. Dana Mertz**, Sentencing Advocate in the Public Defender’s Office and **Ms. Becky Suttell**, Parks and Recreation Therapeutic Recreation Office.



**Senator Barbara Favola** presented a Resolution on the ANHSI Clinic.

In addition to the staff and community partner awards, Mr. Mack conferred an award of recognition to **Ms. Cindy Fagnoni**, retiring member of the ACCSB and member of the Mental Health Committee, for her service.

### **CONGRATULATIONS! Recipients of the ACCSB Staff Appreciation Awards**

**January 2013:** Dr. Sawson Asterbadi, Clarendon House and Older Adult Psychiatrist, Department of Human Services, was nominated to receive the January 2013 staff recognition award. Dr. Justine Larson commended Dr. Asterbadi for her years of service with Arlington County as a psychiatrist for Clarendon House and for seniors in Aging and Disabilities.

**February 2013:** The Arlington County Detention Facility Re-Entry Committee Team was nominated to receive the February 2013 staff recognition award. The Committee was

nominated by Suzanne Somerville, Mental Health Program Manager, Arlington County Detention Facility. Members of the Committee include LaShawn Fisher, Sheriff's Office; Stephanie Lewis, Sheriff's Office; Dana Mertz, Public Defender's Office; Suzanne Somerville, Jail Mental Health; Shariee Sims, ACT Unit; Evelyn Valentine, Forensic Team; Katy Steinbruck, OAR; Lorraine Nwaoko, Volunteers of America; Leslie Wertz, ASPAN; Henry Huot, Community Assistance Bureau; Keri Galloway, Friends of Guest House' Viacheslav Lunkin, KI Services; Shanee Daley, Forensic Team; Jenny Wong, Sheriff's Office and Corky Rorrer, Probation and Parole Officer. Ms. Suzanne Somerville commended the committee for their collaborative team work and dedication in going above and beyond what is expected of their roles.

**March 2013:** Steve Garcia, IDD Supervisor, Aging and Disability Services Division, was nominated to receive the March 2013 staff recognition award. Ms. Joanna Barnes spoke about Mr. Garcia's accomplishments over the past year, his dedication to team work and ability to balance his time between clients and the team.

**April 2013:** Carol Sacks, Mental Health Community Support Team B Supervisor, Behavioral Healthcare Division was nominated to receive the April 2013 staff recognition award. Dr. Alan Orenstein stated that Ms. Sacks is an outstanding clinician and supervisor and that she is client centered and timely and efficient with documentation.

**May 2013:** Eileen Keane, Program Manager, Senior Adult Mental Health, Aging and Disability Services Division, was nominated to receive the May 2013 CSB staff recognition award. Ms. Glenda Blake stated that Ms. Keane has been a visionary and a wonderful expert in geriatric mental health services. Dr. Spont spoke about her leadership and good sense of humor and stated that she has been a good mentor to staff in the Senior Adult Mental Health Services.

**June 2013:** Annual Awards Ceremony.

**July 2013:** Araceli Covarrubias, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Therapist, Substance Abuse Services was nominated to receive the July 17, 2013 CSB staff recognition award. Mr. Maurice Hendrix, Violence Intervention Program (VIP) Coordinator, stated that Ms. Covarrubias is exceptional and that she is the only bilingual therapist on his staff and assists the entire Latino population receiving services in VIP.

**August 2013:** No meeting.

**September 2013:** Mario Alejandro, Therapist, ACT Unit in the Arlington County Detention Facility, Substance Abuse Bureau was nominated to receive the September 18, 2013 CSB staff recognition award. Mr. Briggs stated that Mr. Alejandro's experiences have carried over into his own work, as clients in some of the groups that Mr. Alejandro led previously, mention Mr. Alejandro's excellent work. Dr. Joe Bullock commended Mr. Alejandro for his contributions to the Substance Abuse Division's team over the past five years.

The Arlington County Community Services Board thanks all of the dedicated staff and community members who improve the quality of life of its consumers!