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# Call for Nominations

AHA Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services  
*Class of 2009-2011*

**The Nominating Committee of the Section For Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services is actively soliciting nominations of highly qualified candidates for 3-year terms commencing January 1, 2009.**

## **SECTION PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Section is to promote and enhance the understanding of the mental health and substance abuse treatment needs of persons of all ages, and of the issues pertinent to behavioral health care provider organizations. The section seeks to identify priority issues to address and ways to define and focus AHA policy, advocacy, and service efforts on behalf of all members of the behavioral health care field. Additional information about the Section can be obtained on the web at: [www.aha.org/psych](http://www.aha.org/psych).

## **GOVERNING COUNCIL ROLE**

The section's governing council provides input and participates in the overall policy development process of the AHA. Council members often take an important role in identifying and tracking issues of special interest to the types of organizations and services they represent. They also play a liaison role with other health care and consumer organizations concerned with similar issues.

The term of office is for three years beginning January 1, 2009 and expiring on December 31, 2011. Governing council members attend two-to-three, 2-day meetings each year in various geographic locations, with conference calls scheduled as necessary. AHA pays the expenses of members of the governing council for expenses they incur related to council meetings.

## **CRITERIA/QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY:**

Candidates for nomination should hold senior level positions (i.e., presidents, vice presidents, CEOs, COOs, department heads, medical directors, trustees, nurse executives) in hospitals or networks, which are members of the American Hospital Association. Candidates should also

- ✓ Have responsibility for services in the behavioral health care continuum, which may include adult, child and adolescent, and/or geriatric psychiatric or addiction treatment programs,
- ✓ Demonstrate commitment to AHA's vision of integrated delivery systems, for example, through the establishment of cooperative and collaborative relationships with other institutions and organizations in their community to enhance health care to residents
- ✓ Have the support of their hospital/system CEO, if applicable,

Please keep in mind as you develop your recommendations that the AHA Board of Trustees has made a strong commitment to increasing diversity in governance positions. Please make every effort to include qualified women and minorities in your recommendations. Candidates from all regions and of all responsibilities will be considered; however we are also seeking individuals with the following roles and responsibilities:

- CEO of a general hospital or system with a strong psychiatric or addiction treatment program.
- Administrator or clinician with a strong addiction treatment program, dual diagnosis program, med/psych or geriatric psych program.
- Department Head or Medical Director of a quality mental health or substance abuse treatment program.
- CEO of a freestanding psychiatric hospital
- Nurses, social workers and psychologists working in a hospital with a strong behavioral health program.

**American Hospital Association Regional Breakdown by State**

**Region 1**

Connecticut  
Maine  
Massachusetts  
New Hampshire  
Rhode Island  
Vermont

**Region 2**

New Jersey  
New York  
Pennsylvania

**Region 3**

Delaware  
Kentucky  
Maryland  
North Carolina  
Virginia  
West Virginia  
District of  
Columbia

**Region 4**

Alabama  
Florida  
Georgia  
Mississippi  
South Carolina  
Tennessee  
Puerto Rico

**Region 5**

Illinois  
Michigan  
Indiana  
Ohio  
Wisconsin

**Region 6**

Iowa  
Kansas  
Minnesota  
Missouri  
Nebraska  
North Dakota  
South Dakota

**Region 7**

Arkansas  
Louisiana  
Oklahoma  
Texas

**Region 8**

Arizona  
Colorado  
Idaho  
Montana  
New Mexico  
Utah  
Wyoming

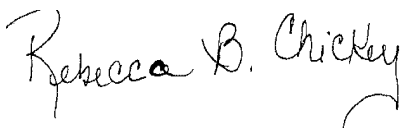
**Region 9**

Alaska  
California  
Hawaii  
Nevada  
Oregon  
Washington

Now, more than ever, behavioral health is at the forefront of medical care. By uniting hundreds of individual voices into one coherent voice, the AHA makes it possible for member hospitals to work with other behavioral health care organizations to not only address the field's top concerns, but to act on them.

Please contact me at the Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services (phone: 312/422-3303) or via e-mail at [rchickey@aha.org](mailto:rchickey@aha.org) if you have questions. Fax or send by mail your recommendations to the section by ????, 2008.

Sincerely,



Rebecca B. Chickey  
Director  
American Hospital Association  
Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services

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**RECOMMENDED CANDIDATE**

**PART 1 - Demographic Information**

AHA Region \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**PART II - Qualifications:**

Please include a current curriculum vitae and one-page statement of qualifications for each nominee. The statement should highlight the nominee's involvement in the particular psychiatric and/or substance abuse continuum of services that would contribute to his/her role on the governing council, as well as list current board member positions and involvement in the establishment of collaborative relationships with other organizations in the community, and any past advocacy experiences. Letters of recommendation are welcome.

**RECOMMENDED BY:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form with a one-page statement of qualifications and a curriculum vitae or biographical sketch by July 3rd, 2008, to:**

**AHA Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services**  
**Nominating Committee**  
**C/O Camille Holder**  
**One North Franklin**  
**Chicago, IL 60606**

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