



Call for Nominations

AHA Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services
Class of 2008-2010

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, 2008.

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, click on Member Center, then Constituency Sections and then on the Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services.

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, 2008 and expiring on December 31, 2010. 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 or a Veterans Hospital.

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

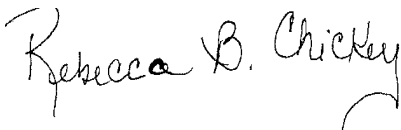
Region 9

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 if you have questions. Fax or send by mail your recommendations to the section by **April 27th, 2007**.

Sincerely,



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

Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services
Call for Nominations
Class of 2008-2010

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 April 27th, 2007, to:
AHA Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services
Nominating Committee
C/O Camille Holder
One North Franklin
Chicago, IL 60606
FAX to: 312/422-4590 or Email to: cholder@aha.org