

## Call for Nominations

**AHA Governing Council; Section for Psychiatric and Abuse Services (SPASAS) -- Class of 2013-2015**

*Many of you continue to send me recommendations for the Council throughout the year—thank you. As the October meeting of the Nominating Committee approaches, I wanted to extend another opportunity for you to submit candidates for AHA's SPASAS Governing Council. **The one page to complete/submit, with a bio of your nominee is attached—deadline is Thursday Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>.***

### SECTION PURPOSE

The purpose of the AHA's Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Section is to promote and enhance the understanding of the mental health and substance abuse treatment needs of all persons, and of the issues pertinent to behavioral health services. The section defines and focuses AHA policy, advocacy, and service efforts on behalf 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 advocacy and public policy development process of the AHA. Council members serve as field experts in behavioral health and use their experience and expertise to influence legislation and AHA policy positions impacting all Americans. The term of office is for three years beginning January 1, 2013 and expiring on December 31, 2015. Governing council members attend up to three, 2-day meetings each year in various geographic locations, with additional conference calls scheduled as needed. AHA pays the governing council member expenses incurred related to council meetings.

### ELIGIBILITY:

Candidates for nomination should hold senior level positions (i.e., CEOs, COOs, vice presidents, department heads, medical directors, trustees, nurse executives) in hospitals or networks, which are members of the American Hospital Association. The AHA Board of Trustees has made a strong commitment to increasing diversity in governance positions. Candidates from all regions will be considered, but please note, AHA Regions 2 & 4 are already well represented. We are seeking diversity individuals, and/or those with the following roles/responsibilities:

- CEO, Senior Executive, or Trustee of a general hospital or system with a strong psychiatric or addiction treatment program, or
- Administrator or clinician with a strong addiction treatment program, dual diagnosis program, med/psych or geriatric psych program.

**Send your recommendations to [rchickey@aha.org](mailto:rchickey@aha.org) no later than Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and contact me if you have any questions.**

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