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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Community Mental Health Partners  
**From:** Tracy Maksel, Assistant Mental Health Administrator  
**Date:** January 21, 2010  
**Subject:** MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH 2010 - CALL FOR PROGRAMS & OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY ADVOCATES

The Mental Health Awareness/Stigma Committee has begun planning for a creative and successful countywide calendar of events for Mental Health Awareness Month, May 2010. We invite you to attend the next Committee meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2010 if your agency is interested in developing or collaborating with other agencies on a program for Awareness Month. Information for the Calendar of Events will be accepted through March 15, 2010.

A highlight of every year's activities is a community awards ceremony and proclamation event. Entitled "Celebrating Wellness," this event is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 5:00 pm, at the Mancini Hall, Ocean County Library Toms River Branch. At this celebration, we will honor individuals and groups that have demonstrated dedication in promoting Mental Health Awareness and Stigma Reduction activities in our community. **The Committee encourages all Community Mental Health Partners to identify an individual or group that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to Awareness and Stigma Reduction. Please fill out the attached Nomination Form and return it no later than March 15, 2010.**

The next Mental Health Awareness/Stigma Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 9:30 am, at the Ocean County Department of Human Services. If you are interested in attending, please contact Christina Gaetano, Chairperson, via phone (732-349-1977 x 113) or email ([ChristinaGaetano@oceanmentalhealth.org](mailto:ChristinaGaetano@oceanmentalhealth.org)).



SPECIAL  
ASSISTANCE/  
ACCOMMODATIONS  
AVAILABLE UPON  
REQUEST

**Mental Health Awareness and Stigma Reduction Award  
2010 Nomination Form**

The Mental Health Awareness Committee would like to honor individuals and groups dedicated to promoting Mental Health Awareness and Stigma Reduction activities in our community. These individuals/ groups will be recognized at the "Celebrating Wellness" event, scheduled for May 6, 2010, 5:00 pm, at the Ocean County Library, Toms River Branch. Please fill out this form to nominate an individual/group, and return it no later than Monday, March 15, 2010.

Name of Individual or Group Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization(s) with which the Nominee is affiliated: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the Nominee's efforts to mental health awareness and stigma reduction. This may entail a particular incident or a background in promoting awareness and reducing stigma. Use the back or additional sheets if more space is needed.

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Organization Making Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*We will contact you if more information about the nominee is needed.*

If this nominee is chosen to receive an award, is there a person in mind who would be able to speak briefly about the nominee's accomplishments at the awards ceremony?

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Please return this form no later than Monday, March 15, 2010 to  
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