



National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month Planning Partners

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Barbara Cimaglio receives the Ramstad-Kennedy Award for Outstanding Leadership Vermont leader honored at national gathering

Indianapolis, IN (June 9, 2011) – Barbara Cimaglio, Vermont’s Deputy Commissioner for Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs was awarded the Ramstad-Kennedy Award for Outstanding Leadership by the *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month (Recovery Month)* Planning Partners at the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors annual meeting today.

“Ms. Cimaglio has been a strong and innovative advocate and leader on behalf of recovery across three states where she has held major positions in addiction treatment and recovery, including the promotion of recovery support for impacted children and families,” said Michael Botticelli who presented the award on behalf of the over 100 *Recovery Month* Planning Partner organizations. “Today, Barbara is being honored for her outstanding leadership and commitment to recovery support in the State of Vermont in this past year, including her state-wide promotion and participation in *Recovery Month* activities; her prioritizing funding for recovery support and embracing the many pathways to recovery for affected individuals and their family members.”

Michael Botticelli, DPH, is the Director of the Massachusetts Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and was the first recipient of the Ramstad-Kennedy Award. The award was established in 2008 to honor the extraordinary efforts and passionate leadership of the Honorable Jim Ramstad (R-MN-retired) and



Patrick Kennedy (D-RI-retired) in bringing equity to care for people with addiction and mental illness.

The award is given each year to the head of a state agency overseeing addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services for outstanding support for recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs, including each September's *Recovery Month* activities and programs.

Recovery Month is celebrating its 22nd year of observance this September. This year's theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery: Recovery Benefits Everyone*" emphasizes the positive results of recovery for afflicted individuals, their family members, and the community. *Recovery Month* is designed to help people understand there is hope and that help for alcohol and drug use disorders is effective and available. More information about *Recovery Month* can be found at <http://www.recoverymonth.gov>.

The *Recovery Month* Planning Partners work in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to carry out activities year round to support recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs.