



## Testimonials from NJAMHAA Members

*“NJAMHAA has been a fierce advocate for providers in the State of New Jersey. NJAMHAA leadership is knowledgeable, experienced, and skilled at helping providers navigate the complex intersection of client needs and government requirements. NJAMHAA has been tireless in its advocacy for rate increases and providers across the state are able to continue to provide critical services as a result of their advocacy efforts. NJAMHAA has been an invaluable resource to Integrity House and to providers across the State of New Jersey.”* – Robert J. Budsock, MS, LCADC, President and CEO, Integrity House

*“As a long standing provider of substance use disorder treatment and an emergency shelter in Trenton, NJ, we and many of our partners would not have been able to work in the COVID 19 environment without the information, contacts and advocacy of NJAMHAA. I acknowledge NJAMHAA is crucial to our work every day, but the effort at this time has been nothing short of vital and frankly amazing.”* – Mary Gay, LCADC, President, Rescue Mission of Trenton

*“NJAMHAA is a powerful and influential organization of highly experienced and compassionate advocates at every level. I have witnessed NJAMHAA change the course of the field in the most meaningful and powerful ways. NJAMHAA’s unrelenting advocacy has improved the quality of the lives of individuals in New Jersey who face serious challenges by continually advancing best practices for our consumers and thereby setting standards that serve as national models.”* – Theresa C. Wilson, MSW, LCSW, President & CEO, South Jersey Behavioral Health Resources, Inc. and Executive Vice President, Inperium NJ

*“The NJAMHAA team always does great work in keeping the members informed, but during the pandemic, your work has been invaluable. I am receiving a ton of e-mails related to COVID19; it can be information overload. However, your e-mails are always precise and to the point!”* – Brigitte D. Johnson, Esq., Executive Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs/In-House Counsel/Compliance Officer, CarePlus New Jersey

*“I have personally and professionally benefited from NJAMHAA’s advocacy and professional development services and my agency has greatly benefited from their legislative support. NJAMHAA’s commitment to its members is without parallel!”* – Galindo “Glenn” King, Freedom House, Inc.

*“As soon as I came to live and work in New Jersey, I learned about NJAMHAA and became involved. NJAMHAA provides so many services: advocacy, information, training, education, supports. It’s a true benefit to nonprofit mental health agencies.”* – Cynthia Heller, LCSW, Chief Executive Officer, Circle of Care for Families & Children of Passaic County, Inc.

*“NJAMHAA’s role and impact in the field of mental health has been tremendous with the landscape becoming more complex. It can only be more important moving into the future.”* – Anthony DiFabio, PsyD, President and CEO, Acenda Integrated Health

*“What I found most impressive about NJAMHAA is its tenacity, legislative advocacy and very broad scope.”* – Robert N. Davison, MA, LPC, Chief Executive Officer, Mental Health Association of Essex and Morris, Inc.

*“One major advantage of NJAMHAA is we’re inclusive. This brings different points of view about serving people and different skills to strengthen our association and the behavioral healthcare system.”* – Deborah Megaro, MBA, Chief Executive Officer, Capitol County Children’s Collaborative

*“Your efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic have been nothing short of spectacular. The Advocacy Leadership Award for Organizational Excellence from the National Council for Behavioral Health is a testament to your unwavering dedication to behavioral healthcare providers in New Jersey, and we are proud to have you in our corner.”* – Regina Widdows, President & CEO, SERV Behavioral Health System, Inc.