

Topic Summary

Negley Award Applications are sought which present a clear understanding of and response to the issue of corporate risk management in general as evidenced by solid programming. Please submit a description of your company's **best practices**. The application essay should concisely describe a well documented risk management plan, including policy and practice. Include in your submission how your risk management program has reduced your exposure to organizational liability.

Finalists Selection and Presentation of Awards

Applications will be reviewed and three winning applications selected by the Board of Directors of Mental Health Risk Retention Group (MHRRG) whose decision is final. Three **unrestricted cash awards** are made: a **\$15,000 President's Award**, a **\$7,500 Chairman's Award**, and a **\$7,500 Directors' Award**. Winners will present their programs in St. Pete Beach, Florida at MHCA's Annual Meeting to be held February 19-22, 2008. They will present a second time, and awards will be presented at the Annual Conference of the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, to be held May 1-3 in Boston, Massachusetts. **Travel expenses not to exceed \$1500 will be paid to each finalist company on receipt of expense statement.**

Factors and Criteria for Judging

Applicants must demonstrate proven excellence in risk management or loss control programs specific to their topic. Judges will consider the following factors when evaluating submissions:

1. To what extent does the application clearly demonstrate that the described program, practice or service will limit or prevent liability exposure of the organization?

Was the loss control practice described in response to an incident that occurred, or was it designed to prevent a future occurrence?

What data is available to demonstrate that the liability issue was clearly impacted?

2. To what extent does the application of the program or activity clearly demonstrate that in preventing losses the organization has improved its quality of care?

What evidence is there that addressing the liability issue increased quality of care?

Is there evidence or data that the clinical staff view the program as improving the quality of care?

Is there evidence that the quality of care matches approved professional standards of care criteria?

Is there evidence that consumers note an improvement in the quality of care?

3. To what extent is the program or activity relevant to the industry?

How easily could the program or activity be replicated in other behavioral health centers?

To what extent was the program or activity implemented within existing resources? If additional resources were required, how were they obtained?

Submitting the Application

Application deadline is **November 30, 2007**. Applicants must be either (1) a shareholder in the Mental Health Risk Retention Group, (2) a member of Mental Health Corporations of America, Inc. (MHCA), or (3) a member of the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare.

Application essays **may not exceed five typed pages**, single-sided, double-spaced on standard letter size paper, text size no smaller than 10 pt. Attachments are permitted but will not necessarily be considered in judging. Each organization is limited to one entry per year. President's Award Winner in the previous year is not permitted to apply. Send **Fifteen (15) copies** of the application to *2008 Negley Awards, Mental Healthcare America, 1876-A Eider Court, Tallahassee, FL 32308*.

As a condition of all entries, organizations agree that their submissions may be shared among others in the industry by way of printed or electronic magazine, newspaper or newsletter articles, press releases and verbal presentations. Any names, dates or places should be changed to protect the privacy of clients or individuals as this report/case history will become public information. Centers under the direction of MHRRG Board members are ineligible to participate.

\$15,000 President's Award
\$ 7,500 Chairman's Award
\$ 7,500 Directors' Award

2008 Negley Awards Application

Topic - A risk management plan, including policy and practice

Please complete both sides of this form.

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Key personnel:

Chief Executive Officer: _____

Program Manager: _____

Board Chairman (or President): _____

It is agreed that all submissions become the property of the Mental Health Risk Retention Group, Inc. and will be used in the Company's loss prevention program in its discretion including but not limited to publication of the materials submitted.

APPLICANT CORPORATE NAME: _____

By _____ Title _____

Date signed: _____

Please complete both sides of this form. On a separate sheet, provide a brief description of the history and scope of your organization (limit 200 words). Attach the description and this agreement to narrative and send 15 copies by **Friday, November 30, 2007** to:

**2008 Negley Awards
Mental Healthcare America
1876-A Eider Court, Tallahassee, FL 32308
(Phone: 850-942-4900)**

A brief history of the Negley Awards . . .

The Negley Awards were established in 1990 by Negley Associates, underwriting managers for the Mental Health Risk Retention Group. The Awards recognize and reward outstanding achievements in risk management by community behavioral health centers. Winners share their risk management strategies with other behavioral health centers thereby enlightening the greater community. Since the award program's inception, in excess of one-quarter million dollars have been awarded to deserving applicants.

2007: General Topic - a risk management plan, including policy and practice
(Cummins Behavioral Health Center, *Indiana*; Center for Behavioral Health, *Indiana*; Bayview Center, *Florida*)

2006: General Topic - a risk management plan, including policy and practice
(The Providence Center, *Rhode Island*; Pikes Peak Mental Health, *Colorado*; LifeStream Behavioral Center, *Florida*)

2005: "Best Practices for Prescribing & Administering Medications to Maximize Recovery & Avoid Adverse Events"
(Vinfen Corporation, *Massachusetts*; Thresholds, *Illinois*; Boys Town National Research Hospital, *Nebraska*)

2004: General Topic - a risk management plan, including policy and practice
(Community Counseling Centers of Chicago, *Illinois*; Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, *Florida*; Riverside Community Care, *Massachusetts*)

2003: General Topic - a risk management plan, including policy and practice
(Vinfen Corporation, *Massachusetts*; Heritage Behavioral Health, *Illinois*; ACT Corporation, *Florida*)

2002: "Excellent Supervision...Key to employee responsibility and reduced corporate risk"
(Vinfen Corporation, *Massachusetts*; United Services, *Connecticut*; Tri-County Mental Health Services, *Maine*)

2001: "Avoiding Liability While Addressing Violence in the Workplace and School"
(F.E.G.S., *New York*; Trend CMHC, *North Carolina*; CarePlus, *New Jersey*)

2000: "Profiling the Potentially Dangerous Client"
(La Frontera Center, *Arizona*; Scioto Paint Valley MHC, *Ohio*; ACT Corporation, *Florida*)

1999: "Quality Improvement - Targeting Risk"
(MHC of Greater Manchester, *New Hampshire*; The Providence Center, *Rhode Island*; Manatee Glens MHC, *Florida*)

1998: "Avoiding Liability for Suicide"
(Spokane Mental Health, *Washington*; West Yavapai Guidance Clinic, *Arizona*; North Central MHS, *Ohio*)

1997: "Managing the Violent Client"
(CPC Behavioral Healthcare, *New Jersey*; Advocates, Inc., *Massachusetts*; Turning Point, *California*)

1996: "Wrongful Termination"
(North Central Mental Health Service, *Ohio*; Seven Counties, Inc., *Kentucky*; The Northwestern Corp., *Pennsylvania*)

1995: "Preventing or Dealing with Sexual Misconduct"
(Shawnee Hills, Inc., *West Virginia*; Eastway Behavioral Healthcare Corp., *Ohio*; Seven Counties, Inc., *Kentucky*)

1994: General Topic (Scioto Paint Valley Mental Health Center, *Ohio*)

1993: General Topic (Bear River Mental Health Svcs, *Utah*)

1992: General Topic (North Central Mental Health Svcs, *Ohio*)

1991: General Topic (David Lawrence CMHS, *Florida*)

What's the value-added advantage of owning your insurance company?

Shareholder Dividends
The Negley Awards
Cancellation Protection



Comprehensive Coverage
Stable Rates
Loss Prevention Training

Mental Health Risk Retention Group, Inc. is a liability insurance company entirely owned by the nonprofit care provider organizations which are its customers. It exists solely to provide a stable, reliable and affordable source of liability coverage for its owners/customers.

For more information, contact: MHRRG, c/o Negley Associates, P. O. Box 206, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

Phone: 973-239-9107 FAX: 973-239-6241 Website: www.MHRRG.com

Call for Applications

2008 Negley Awards For Excellence in Risk Management

Promoting responsible and effective risk management to ensure the safety of behavioral healthcare clients, staff and directors - thereby safeguarding essential services for the improved health of our communities.

Cash Prizes!

- \$15,000 President's Award
- \$ 7,500 Chairman's Award
- \$ 7,500 Directors' Award