

National Recovery Month

September 2018

National Recovery Month Planning Partners

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Due May 4, 2018

Ramstad/Kennedy Annual Award

For Outstanding Leadership

By a Single State Authority

The first annual **Ramstad/Kennedy Award** was presented in 2008 to the Massachusetts Single State Agency (SSA) Director, Michael Botticelli, during a *National Recovery Month (Recovery Month)* reception at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) State Systems Development Program (SSDP) conference. During this past year, the *Recovery Month* Planning Partners have been working to re-focus our national efforts on expanding prevention, treatment and recovery support for the millions of Americans in need of treatment and recovery services for their mental and/or substance use disorder and their family members who are also impacted. The 2017 *Recovery Month* theme was *Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities*

Background: The Planning Partners have witnessed with appreciation as the SSAs have increased their critical role in supporting and promoting recovery and *Recovery Month* activities, materials and awareness in their states and within their agencies. The Planning Partners (200+ organizations and agencies) have also watched with appreciation the extraordinary and long-time efforts and passionate leadership of the **Honorable Jim Ramstad (R-MN-ret)** and the **Honorable Patrick Kennedy (D-RI-ret)** in the development, understanding and promotion of public policies to bring equity to care for people with mental and substance use disorders and their family members.

The **Ramstad/Kennedy Award** was established in 2008 to recognize an SSA Director who has demonstrated outstanding leadership in support of recovery and *Recovery Month* and to acknowledge Congressmen Ramstad and Kennedy for their commitment to recovery and recovery-oriented policies. The 2018 Award will be presented at the 2018 NASADAD Annual Meeting in Conjunction with CSAT and CSAP conference in Washington, DC, which is scheduled for May 21-24.

To nominate an SSA director, please refer to the criteria below, and complete and return the application form by **May 4, 2018**. Any questions can be sent to SSARMAaward@nacoa.org.

Thank you!

Criteria: Single State Agency Director who has:

1. Provided outstanding leadership and innovation in promoting the goals of *National Recovery Month* during the previous year, including support of the 2017 *Recovery Month* theme, *Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities*.
2. Strengthened and expanded *National Recovery Month* activities within their agency and throughout other state agencies.
3. Provided support to strengthen and expand *National Recovery Month* activities that supported individual and family recovery throughout their state.



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4. Expanded the number and impact of *National Recovery Month* activities in their local communities.

Please provide the following information for the SSA Director that you are nominating:

Name: _____
Title: _____
Agency: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

- 1.) **Briefly describe the activities or initiatives undertaken in 2017 – and their impact – which demonstrate outstanding leadership. Include efforts to engage all state departments to acknowledge and host activities for *Recovery Month* and additional efforts that fostered awareness and recovery support for children and families impacted by a loved one's mental or substance use disorder.**

- 2.) **Please include links to any reports/press releases for these activities and/or initiatives.**

In case we have any questions, please provide your contact information:

Name: _____
Agency: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Thank you for your interest and support of *National Recovery Month*.

Nominations due by 11:59 pm on May 4, 2018. Send electronically to SSARMAward@nacoa.org or by fax to NACoA at 301-468-0987.

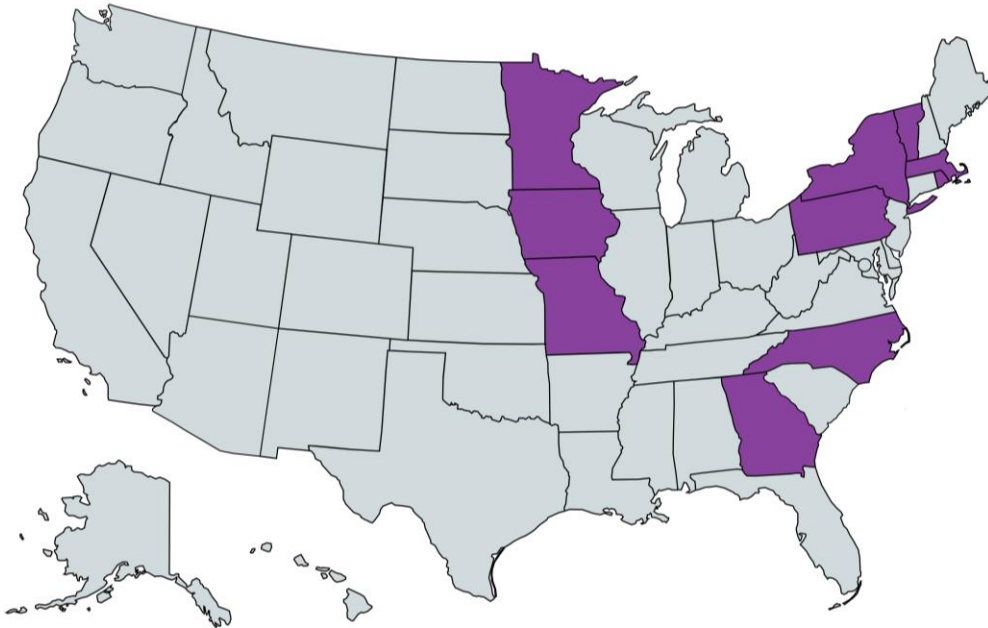


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Ramstad/Kennedy Award **A Legacy of Outstanding Service**

- **2008** - Michael Botticelli, **Massachusetts**; recently Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP)
- **2009** - Karen Carpenter-Palumbo, **New York**
- **2010** - Carol Falkowski, **Minnesota**
- **2011** - Barbara Cimaglio, **Vermont**
- **2012** - Craig Stenning, **Rhode Island**
- **2013** - Flo Stein, **North Carolina**
- **2014** - Mark Stringer, **Missouri**
- **2015** - Gary Tennis, **Pennsylvania**
- **2016** - Kathy Stone, **Iowa**
- **2017** – Cassandra Price, **Georgia**



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