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NAATP Announces James W. West, M.D. Quality Improvement recipients for 2003

Activities to reduce medication errors and use of restraints recognized

Lancaster, PA, February 19, 2003: For the third consecutive year, the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers will be recognizing the efforts of its members in the area of Quality Improvement. The James W. West, M.D. Quality Improvement award initiated to encourage NAATP members to document their activities in this area. The award has been named in honor of James W. West, M.D. medical director emeritus of the Betty Ford Center in recognition of his pioneering efforts and support of quality improvement.

For 2003 the award, two organizations will be recognized. Marworth, a northeastern Pennsylvania treatment organization will be recognized as the NAATP "larger" organization for their efforts in reducing medication errors in its 77 bed inpatient program.

The second organization being recognized is the Illinois Institute for Addiction Recovery at Proctor Hospital in Peoria, IL. This organization will receive the award as the designated "smaller organization".

Their submission documented their efforts to dramatically reduce the incidence of restraint use in their young-adult unit.

Both of these organizations documented their efforts and submitted a comprehensive written application that outlined the activities undertaken by their respective organizations and the documented results of their efforts. Such documentation serves to reinforce the commitment that the members of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers have to quality improvement.

The NAATP Quality Improvement award is co-sponsored by the MSJ Corporation and the Manisses Communications Group, publisher of Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Weekly.

These two awards will be presented as part of the NAATP Annual conference on May 20th, 2003 at the Quality Improvement Awards Breakfast. Persons from the two organizations will be present to also present a brief description of their winning submissions. A feature article profiling the two winning organizations will be published in the April 2003 issue of Mannisses Communications Group Behavioral Healthcare



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