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Press Release

Edward Diehl, receives Outstanding Achievement Award from the American College of Addiction Treatment Administrators (ACATA)

Annual Award for outstanding contributions in the field of addiction treatment administration and management presented to Edward Diehl during the annual conference of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers.

Palm Beach Gardens, FL, May 28, 2009: The recently held National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers annual leadership conference in Palm Beach Gardens, FL was the occasion where the American College of Addiction Treatment Administrators presented their annual recognition award. This award recognizes administrators who have made outstanding contributions in the field of addiction treatment administration and management. The award is presented annually by the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers at its annual conference.

This award has grown out of the efforts of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers to nurture excellence in addiction treatment administration and to develop professional collegiality among addiction treatment administrators. It is often the administrator who creates and sustains the vision of a treatment center. In recognizing the *administrator of the year* the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers recognizes the vision creators and sustainers of our field.

Edward Diehl, the President/CEO of Seabrook House in Seabrook, NJ was presented the 2009 ACATA Administrator of the Year award on May 19, 2009 at the Awards Luncheon which was part of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers Annual Leadership Conference in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

Mr. Diehl has worked for over 25 years in counseling, marketing, and administration in the healthcare specialty field of chemical dependency treatment. He began his career in 1976 with the establishment of a social detoxification program (social setting) for indigents in Atlantic City, New Jersey. In 1977, Mr. Diehl joined Seabrook House, the largest private non-profit chemical dependency treatment organization in southern New Jersey.

Working first as a Certified Alcoholism Counselor, he then shifted to the Community Relations Department establishing outreach programs, developing operations manuals and becoming a liaison between Seabrook House and licensing and accreditation authorities. In 1986 he became Vice-President of Clinical Services and Community Relations, overseeing all treatment activities and relations with the community.

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Mr. Diehl was appointed President of Seabrook House in **August 1989**, a position he holds today. He is an expert in healthcare financing, public policy and surviving successfully in the world of managed healthcare.

Beyond Seabrook House, Mr. Diehl has devoted his career to advocating for the fair treatment of America's families with addiction. Serving on a variety of boards and commissions in New Jersey, he values most his service as a member of the board of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP). Ed has served as Chairperson of the NAATP board since 2007 through the 2009 NAATP Annual Meeting.

In accepting the award, Mr. Diehl thanked all of his colleagues who have supported him, mentored him and encouraged him in so many different ways. Mr. Diehl also indicated that he was accepting this on behalf of all those that were committed to improving the leadership and management of addiction treatment.

The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers is a trade association representing over 300 of the best known providers of addiction treatment both in this country and internationally. The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers' office and executive Dr. Ronald J. Hunsicker are located in Lancaster, PA and NAATP is governed by a Board of Directors from across the country. Additional information on this award or on the work of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers may be obtained by contacting the NAATP office at 717-392-8480.



President/CEO Edward Diehl

