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CALL FOR PEER PROGRAM AWARDS
Respect and Hope

Montgomery Ala.— The Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH) Office of Peer Programs and the Alabama Directions Council are proud to announce a call for applications for the annual RESPECT Awards and the Hope Award. ADMH has long valued the power of peers to support fellow consumers and promote recovery.

The 2019 Respect Awards and the Hope Award are given each year at the Annual Alabama Institute for Recovery (formerly The Alabama Recovery Conference) to individuals who are consistently respectful and supportive to individuals with mental illness. Commissioner Lynn Beshear said of the award winners, “We are so proud to offer these awards to the deserving honorees. We are also committed to be a part of this continuing journey of recovery, as they take their next steps toward personal goals, while living self-directed, supported yet independent lives.”

The RESPECT Award winners are chosen by a committee made up entirely of consumers. Respect is an acronym for the characteristics of the recipients of the Respect Award. The RESPECT Award and the Hope Award winners will be honored at the 2019 Alabama Institute for Recovery on April 23, 2019, at Shocco Springs. The conference is coordinated by peers and features speakers and workshops on topics and issues of interest to individuals with mental illness.

Nominations are open to any individual who is responsible for the care of individuals with mental illness including mental health professionals, and others employed in the mental health field, volunteers, fellow consumers, and family members. Nominations may be submitted by anyone, must be in writing, and should not exceed two pages.

The RESPECT Award application can be found [here](#). Nominations for the 2019 Respect and Hope Awards will be accepted at the Alabama Office of Peer Programs **until March 22, 2019**.

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The Hope Award is awarded to an individual or organization for their statewide efforts to unify and benefit the various stakeholders in the mental illness arena in Alabama. The winner of the Hope Award will be honored at the 2019 Alabama Institute for Recovery on Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at Shocco Springs. **Nominations for the Hope Award should be in writing no more than two pages long.**

Nominations for the 2019 Respect and Hope Awards will be accepted at the Alabama Office of Peer Programs **until March 22, 2019**. Nominations may be emailed to michael.autrey@mh.alabama.gov, faxed to (334) 242-0796 or sent to: Respect/Hope Award Alabama, Office of Peer Programs, P.O. Box 301410, Montgomery, AL, 36130-1410.

About Us: The Alabama Department of Mental Health serves more than 200,000 Alabama citizens with mental illnesses, intellectual disabilities, and substance use disorders. The department strives to Serve, Empower, and offer Support to create awareness while promoting the health and well-being of Alabamians. Visit www.mh.alabama.gov for more information.

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