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WELCOME REMARKS & AWARD CEREMONY

Elizabeth J. Clark, PhD, ACSW, MPH
President, NASW Foundation
Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers

Wednesday, September 27, 2006
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Washington, DC

The National Association of Social Workers Foundation (NASWF) is a charitable organization created to enhance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities through the advancement of social work practice.

Founded in 2001 and affiliated with NASW, the Foundation's goals are to:

- Identify, develop, and respond to social work policy and practice issues;
- Assist with rapid response to social crises;
- Support practice-based research, so that practice and research are directly linked;
- Raise the visibility of social work and enhance public esteem for the profession;
- Support the development of cutting edge continuing education that addresses critical issues; and
- Promote the appropriate application of new technology to the practice of social work.



PAULA ALLEN-MEARES,
PHD, MSW
Knee/Wittman
Outstanding Lifetime
Achievement in
Health & Mental Health

Since 1993, Dean Allen-Meares has led the University of Michigan School of Social Work. Under her direction, federally funded research and publications on mental health, poverty, and health have advanced, as well as post doctoral opportunities with relevant disciplines and research institutes.

The School of Social Work was the second in the nation to be funded by NIMH. Dean Allen-Meares is the Co-principal Investigator on this NIMH grant to create a center on Mental Health, Poverty, Risk and Resilience. This center seeks to reduce the public health burden of mental disorders among the poor by identifying potent and changeable risk and protective factors, developing effective methods for early detection, and evaluating information/services. The center is linked to Psychiatry, the Center for Human Growth and Development, the Medical School, the Institute for Social Research, and such research programs as the Program for Research on Black Americans.

Her research and scholarly products are cited around the world. As Co-principal Investigator on an NIMH R01 she is studying the developmental outcomes for youth whose primary caregiver has a mental illness. This study also examines family, social, personal and community factors that predict youth resiliency. As Principal Investigator of the Global Program on Youth she has convened groups of scholars, policy makers, and service providers who work together to address issues related to youth.

Dr. Allen-Meares received a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and her MSW and PhD from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. She earned certificates in management from Harvard University and the University of Michigan School of Business.

Her numerous leadership activities include, President, Society for Social Work and Research; Trustee of the W.T. Grant Foundation in New York; NIMH Scientific Advisory Committee, Institute for the Advancement of Social Work Research; various positions with the Council on Social Work Education and National Association of Deans and Directors of Schools of Social Work. Her NASW activities include past Chair of the NASW Publications/Communications Committee; Editor-in-Chief of *Journal of Social Work in Education*; and a committee member for the *Encyclopedia of Social Work, 20th Edition*.

She is presently appointed to the New York Academy of Medicine's panel on long-term care issues in the United States and is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies.

KNEE/WITTMAN AWARDS:

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| 1990 | Helen Rehr , New York, NY
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice | 1997 | Anne O. Freed , Boston, MA
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice |
| | Bernice Harper , Washington, DC
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy | | Hans S. Falck , Richmond, VA
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy |
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| 1992 | Joan Clement , Seattle, WA
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Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice |
| | Juanita Evans , Washington, DC
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy | | Joan O. Weiss , Chevy Chase, MD
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy |
| 1993 | Elizabeth Watkins , Chapel Hill, NC
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice | 2000 | W. Eugene Gibbons , Orem, UT
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice |
| | Juan Ramos , Gaithersburg, MD
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy | | Claire Rudolph , Fayetteville, NY
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy |
| 1994 | Maurice V. Russell , New York, NY
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice | 2002 | Kenneth W. Y. Lee , Honolulu, HI
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice |
| | Barbara Berkman , Boston, MA
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy | | Rose Dobrof , Mount Vernon, NY
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy |
| | Abraham Lurie , Jericho, NY
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy | 2003 | Carl G. Leukefeld , Lexington, KY
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice |
| 1995 | Ruth R. Middleman , Louisville, KY
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice | | Joel M. Levy , New York, NY
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy |
| | Golda M. Edinburg , Brookline, MA
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy | 2004 | Grace Lebow , Chevy Chase, MD
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice |
| 1996 | Jesse Harris , Columbia, MD
Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Practice | | Marylou Sudders , Cambridge, MA
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy |
| | Virginia Insley , Washington, DC
Outstanding Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy | 2005 | Phyllis Solomon , Philadelphia, PA
Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy & Practice |
| | | | Janet B. W. Williams , Irvington, NY
Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Health & Mental Health Policy & Practice |

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KNEE/WITTMAN HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Knee/Wittman Awards are given to recognize individuals who are models of excellence and have made significant contributions in the field of health and mental health. The Knee/Wittman Award program was established to recognize those who represent the values, ethics, and approaches exemplified by two dedicated social work pioneers, Ruth Knee and Milton Wittman.

Knee and Wittman (who is now deceased) guided the development of social policy and standards. Their lifelong commitment to social values and the effective provision of services to people who are disadvantaged are reflected in their careers with the Public Health Service, and in their leadership roles with professional social work, public health, and mental health organizations.

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to a professional social worker who has made exemplary contributions in health and mental health practice. Professional social work practice includes direct or clinical social work; social work education; social work research; and administration related to health or mental health problems, issues, or programs.

The Outstanding Achievement Award is presented to an individual or group that has made a significant impact on national mental health public policy, professional standards, or program models.

KNEE/WITTMAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PANEL

Kenneth W. Y. Lee, MSW
Chair

Ruth Knee, MSSA, ACSW
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