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At the November 2009 symposium, “Social Work and Comparative Effectiveness Research: Strengthening the Connection,” practitioners, researchers, educators, and administrators examined how the social work profession can participate in federal efforts to improve health outcomes by providing evidence-based information about the most effective services to patients, clinicians and other decision makers.

(Photos) Rear Admiral Peter J. Delany, PhD, LCSW-C, USPHS of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration leads federal comparative effectiveness efforts to expand the use of behavioral data in health care policy and reform.

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Samira K. Beckwith, ACSW, LCSW, FACHE, received the 2009 Ruth Knaus/Hilton Whittington Award for Lifetime Achievement in Health and Mental Health Practice.

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John E. “Jack” Hansen, PhD, ACSW, retired social welfare administrator and socially-minded business entrepreneur, received the 2009 International Rhoda G. Sarnat Award for advancing public understanding of the social work profession. In the 1990’s, Hansen published Aging Network News, a monthly for professionals in the field of aging. His published books include, 365 Ways Retirees’ Guide to Productive Lifestyles and Personal Assistance: The Future of Home Care. From 1986-2009, he operated Capital Advantage, helping organizations empower citizens through congressional and grassroots advocacy. Capviza online grassroots advocacy. He founded several companies that provide services for aging people.

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NASW Social Work Pioneers® 6th Annual Event

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