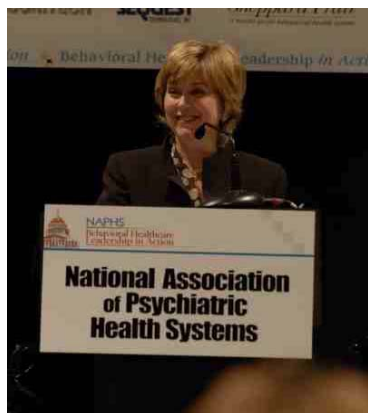




NAPHS HOSTS *THE* POLICY MEETING FOR LEADERS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS...

PART 1: POLICY SPEAKERS



Journalist Jane Pauley Addresses 2007 NAPHS Annual Meeting

Award-winning journalist **Jane Pauley** presented the keynote address at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS).

In introducing **Jane Pauley** (seated), NAPHS President **Diana L. Ramsay** of Sheppard Pratt Health System noted that Jane disclosed in her autobiography (*Skywriting: A Life Out of the Blue*) that she

spent three weeks in a New York psychiatric hospital in the spring of 2001 for bipolar disorder and that she “mourned ‘Janie,’ the person I had thought I was – the ‘most normal girl on TV’ – the girl who never was.”

In a moving speech, Ms. Pauley described her experiences and urged the audience to help fight fear and misinformation. She said that “anything that’s safe to joke about is safe to talk about.” Being sick is a part of life, and mental illness doesn’t need to be different. People need to feel safe enough to reach out for help, she said, and advocates need to make legislators feel safe enough to have conversations with their constituents about mental illness.

Here Jane (center) laughs with NAPHS President **Diana L. Ramsay** (left), who is also executive vice president and COO of Sheppard Pratt Health System, and NAPHS Executive Director **Mark Covall** (right).



Jane Pauley also visited with NAPHS members, including NAPHS President **Diana Ramsay**, executive vice president & COO of Sheppard Pratt Health System; NAPHS President-elect **Jeff Borenstein, M.D.**, CEO/medical director of Holliswood Hospital; NAPHS past president **Debra Osteen**, president of behavioral health, Universal Health Services, Inc.; and Youth Services Committee member **C.T. O'Donnell**, president & CEO of KidsPeace.



Presidential Candidate Tommy Thompson Calls for Healthcare Reform; Urges Members to Take Action



Republican presidential candidate **Tommy G. Thompson** said that the 2008 election “could be the best year for all of us in health care.” He encouraged the audience to make sure – whichever candidates you support – that they are committed to changing the healthcare system for the better. He outlined his own strategies for investing in prevention and wellness, addressing chronic illness, disease management, increased use of information technology, and Medicaid and Medicare reform. He called for passage this year of mental health parity legislation.

On the panel “**Tommy**” **Thompson** (at podium) jokes with moderator and NAPHS First Vice President “**Joey**”

Jacobs (right), who is chairman, CEO, and president of Psychiatric Solutions, Inc., and NAPHS President **Diana Ramsay** (left).



Sec. Thompson Honored by NAPHS; Award Recognizes Commitment to America’s Mental Health



In recognition of Sec. Thompson’s “leadership in health care and his commitment to a fair and comprehensive system of care for those with serious mental illness,” an award was presented on behalf of “NAPHS, its members, and individuals and families they serve” by NAPHS Board and Executive Committee member **Joey Jacobs** (right above), who is chairman, CEO, and president of Psychiatric Solutions, Inc.

Sec. Thompson also visited with NAPHS staff and members at the Annual Meeting. Shown here with Sec. Thompson are (in photo #1) NAPHS Executive Director **Mark Covall** (far left) and NAPHS Director of Congressional Affairs **Nancy Trenti, J.D.** (right); (in photo #2) NAPHS Board and Executive Committee member **Joey A. Jacobs**, chairman, CEO, and president of Psychiatric Solutions, Inc.; NAPHS Board and Executive Committee member **Debra Osteen**, president of behavioral health, Universal Health Services, Inc.; and NAPHS Board member **Leonard F. Dziubla**, CEO of Phoenix Care Systems, Inc.



Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI) Urges Grassroots Action to Pass Mental Health Parity Legislation



Rep. Patrick J. Kennedy (D-RI) said that mental health parity is an issue that has “truth, justice, and the angels” on its side. He urged sustained grassroots advocacy to ensure that strong and effective mental health parity legislation passes Congress this year.

Rep. Kennedy is a lead sponsor of H.R. 1424 in the House. In the Senate, S.558 has been sponsored by his father, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA).

Members of Congress need to know that their constituents are behind them, Rep.

Kennedy said.

He urged everyone to pledge to visit their Hill leaders, write letters to the editor, and involve facility board members – particularly those who are business leaders – in outreach. “With your help, this will be the last [Mental Health] month with inequality in mental health insurance.”

The session was moderated by NAPHS Past President **Patricia Recupero, M.D., J.D.**, who is president and CEO of Butler Hospital in Providence, RI.



Rep. Kennedy stayed to network with NAPHS Board members, including (photo #1 below) NAPHS Board and Executive Committee member **Debra Osteen** (left), president of behavioral health, Universal Health Services, Inc. and NAPHS Board member **Robert Kreider** (center), CEO & president, The Devereux Foundation; (photo #2) NAPHS President **Diana L. Ramsay** of Sheppard Pratt Health System; (photo #3) **Paul Hackman**, CEO, Ridgeview Institute; (photo #4) **Stephen W. Larcen, Ph.D.**, president & CEO, Natchaug Hospital, Inc., and vice president, behavioral health, Hartford Healthcare; (photo #5) **Valerie Devereaux, MSN**, vice president of operations, GEO Care, Inc.; and (photo #6) NAPHS Board member **Lorrie Henderson, Ph.D.** (left), chief operating officer, KidsPeace; and past Board member **Scott Kardenetz** (center), president, Division V, Psychiatric Solutions, Inc.....



.....as well as NAPHS members and staff including (in photo #1 below) **Stephen Fahey**, president/CEO, Hall-Brooke Behavioral Health Services; (photo #2) **Joan Herbert, M.S.**, administrator, MUSC Institute of Psychiatry; (photo #3) **Trula Minton**, CEO, Dominion Hospital, HCA, Inc.; and (photo #4) **Mary Andrulewicz** (left), VP & chief administrative officer, Sheppard Pratt Health System; and **Patricia Recupero, M.D., J.D.** (center), president and CEO, Butler Hospital.



Rep. Tom Allen (D-ME) Working to Solve Emergency Crisis



Rep. Tom Allen (D-ME) announced that he has introduced, with Rep. Barbara Cubin (R-WY), the *Medicaid Emergency Psychiatric Care Act of 2007* (H.R.2050). This legislation – a high advocacy priority for NAPHS – would provide federal matching funds to Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) to pay for the care of Medicaid recipients who are ages 22 through 64 that have been admitted pursuant to *Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act* (EMTALA) guidelines.

“Emergency psychiatric care delivered in general hospitals and freestanding specialty psychiatric hospitals is an integral component of community-based care for persons with severe mental illness,” said

Rep. Allen. “We must protect this valuable source of acute mental health services.”

NAPHS Past President **Dennis P. King** (standing), who moderated the Annual Meeting presentation, applauds Rep. Allen for his leadership in introducing this critical legislation. Mr. King is CEO of Spring Harbor Hospital and vice president, behavioral health, MaineHealth.



Rep. Allen was greeted at the Annual Meeting by his constituents **Dennis P. King** (left) and **Marie Sutter** (right), vice president, finance, Acadia Hospital, Bangor, ME.



Rep. Allen also discussed with NAPHS Executive Director **Mark Covall** (right) advocacy strategy for H.R. 2050, which is supported by NAPHS as well as the

American College of Emergency Physicians, American Psychiatric Association, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors.



Mike Bromberg Looks at Healthcare Reform



NAPHS Board and Executive Committee member **Debra Osteen** (left above), president of behavioral health, Universal Health Services, introduces luncheon speaker **Mike Bromberg** (at podium), who is chairman of the Capitol Health Group and a lobbyist consultant for NAPHS. Mr. Bromberg urged members to get involved in the political process.

He also told participants that major reform of the healthcare system has the best chance in decades of happening after the 2008 presidential elections.

NAPHS President Urges Personal Involvement in Advocacy



In her opening remarks, NAPHS President **Diana L. Ramsay** noted that “the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems is *our* national spokesperson, our advocate here in DC, and our advocate with other organizations that affect the lives of the individuals and families we all serve. To make a difference,” she said, “you as individual members – as well as your organizations – need to be active. We cannot rely just on our association staff to do the heavy lifting. Making a difference means taking **grassroots action** so that we can get attention for the important role that we all play as providers.”

NAPHS 2007 Advocacy Priorities Outlined

NAPHS Executive Director **Mark Covall** outlined the association’s 2007 advocacy agenda during the Annual Meeting. He noted that the association’s overall policy goals are as follows:

- Pass mental health **parity** legislation
- Pass the **IMD/EMTALA legislation**, known as *The Medicaid Emergency Psychiatric Care Act*
- **Maintain strong Medicare and Medicaid programs** to ensure that people of all ages with mental illnesses have access to a comprehensive array of essential services
- Promote the development and implementation of **core performance measures** for inpatient psychiatric care

