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**2010 NAPHS ANNUAL MEETING FOCUSES ON
“BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP IN ACTION”**

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**Sr. Carol Keehan, Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND), Youth Advocate Laurie Flynn, and Policy Leaders to Speak**

(Washington, D.C., January 13, 2010)...The **2010 Annual Meeting** of the **National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems** (NAPHS) will focus on “Behavioral Healthcare Leadership in Action.” The behavioral healthcare policy meeting will be held **March 8–10, 2010**, at the **Mandarin Oriental Washington DC**.

**Sr. Carol Keehan**, president/CEO of the Catholic Health Association, will be a keynote speaker on “**What Providers Need To Think About in Preparing for Healthcare Reform.**” Consistently ranked in the top tier of *Modern Healthcare’s* “Most Powerful People in Healthcare” (and ranked #1 in 2007), she is one of the most influential provider voices on healthcare reform and quality.

**Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND) (invited)** has been invited to be a featured speaker. As chair of the Senate Budget Committee, Sen. Conrad has worked to ensure that critical healthcare programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and the state Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are priorities in the federal budget.

**Laurie Flynn**, a leading advocate for children, youth, and families, will focus on “**Meeting the Behavioral Healthcare Needs of Children and Adolescents.**” She is executive director of The TeenScreen National Center for Mental Health Checkups at Columbia University, New York, NY, and former executive director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

**Carolyn Clancy, M.D.**, director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), will focus on “**Healthcare Quality and Reform: Implementing Delivery System Change.**” As one of 12 agencies of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, AHRQ supports health-services research to improve the quality of health care and promote evidence-based decision-making. In 2009, Dr. Clancy was chosen as the most powerful physician-executive by the readers of *Modern Healthcare* and *Modern Physician*. She was also awarded the 2009 William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research.

**Michael D. Bromberg**, chairman of the Capitol Health Group in Washington, DC, will look at “**The Big Picture: Healthcare Reform and Policy.**”

A **luncheon** will provide perspective on the impact of behavioral health care on communities as well as how to present a powerful advocacy story on Capitol Hill. NAPHS President/CEO **Mark Covall** will be the featured speaker. The meeting will also provide time for participants to **visit with congressional representatives** to gain support for expanding coverage and access, coordinating care, and ensuring fair funding for behavioral health. Additional sessions will provide perspective from the administration and Capitol Hill.

**For registration information**, visit [www.naphs.org/AnnMeeting](http://www.naphs.org/AnnMeeting) or call NAPHS at 202/393-6700, ext. 104.

NAPHS advocates for behavioral health and represents provider systems that are committed to the delivery of responsive, accountable, and clinically effective prevention, treatment, and care for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults with mental and substance use disorders. Its members are behavioral healthcare provider

organizations that own or manage more than 600 specialty psychiatric hospitals, general hospital psychiatric and addiction treatment units and behavioral healthcare divisions, residential treatment facilities, youth services organizations, and extensive outpatient networks. The association was founded in 1933.

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