

ORGANIZATIONAL DESCRIPTIONS: MEMBERS

ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES [ACF]

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Peter Goldberg, President and CEO

Founding Date: Family Service America (1911) and the National Association of Homes and Services for Children (1975) merged in 1998 to form the Alliance for Children and Families.

Membership Size: 370 agencies. **Publications:** The Alliance for Children and Families Magazine; Alliance E-News; electronic digests. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Patrick Lester, Senior Vice President for Public Policy.

Organizational Purpose: The Alliance advocates for children, families and the organizations that serve them to foster community-supportive policies. The Alliance provides advocacy, research, leadership development, public information, training and agency support.

Description: International nonprofit association of 340 private not-for-profit child- and family-serving agencies operating in the 50 states, Washington, DC, and Canada. Alliance members serve more than 5 million families annually in more than 6,000 communities. The Alliance's mission is to strengthen members' capacity to serve and advocate for children, families and communities and its vision is a healthy society and strong communities for children and families. **Priority Issues for 2008:** In the area of behavioral health, supporting policies that make it financially feasible for families with children with mental health needs to stay together and rely on home- and community-based services; supporting mental health and substance use parity; supporting tuition subsidies for students entering the field of child and adolescent mental health or other nonprofit human services fields; and opposing funding cuts for substance use prevention and treatment, particularly for individuals with mental illness and children in the child welfare system.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY [AACAP]

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Virginia Q. Anthony, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1953. **Membership Size:** 8000. **Staff Size:** 35. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 57. **Affiliated Organizations:** Regional organizations of child and adolescent psychiatry. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** October 28-November 2, 2008, in Chicago, IL. **Publications:** Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry; AACAP News. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Kristin K. Ptakowski, Director of Government Affairs and Clinical Practice; Elizabeth Rorick, Assistant Director of Government Affairs; Pat Jones, Legislative Assistant.

Organizational Purpose: To coordinate activities surrounding membership's research and treatment of psychiatric disorders of children, adolescents and their families. **Description:**

Membership organization for child and adolescent psychiatrists. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Increasing access to treatment for children and adolescents with mental illness; parity; addressing the national shortage of child and adolescent psychiatrists; ending child custody relinquishment for mental health treatment; increasing research into child and adolescent disorders; and related children's issues.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRY [AAGP]

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WEB SITE: www.AAGPonline.org

Christine M. deVries, Chief Executive Officer; Bruce Pollock, MD, PhD, FRCPC, President

Founding Date: 1978. **Membership Size:** 2,000. **Staff Size:** 16. **Affiliated Organizations:** Geriatric Mental Health Foundation. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** March 14-17, 2008, in Orlando, FL. **Publications:** American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry; Geriatric Psychiatry News. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Marjorie Vanderbilt, Director, Government Affairs; Stephanie Reed, Associate Director, Government Affairs.

Organizational Purpose: AAGP is a national association representing and serving its members and the field of geriatric psychiatry. It is dedicated to promoting the mental health and well being of older people and improving the care of those with late life mental disorders.

Description: AAGP members have been certified in the subspecialty of geriatric psychiatry. About half of AAGP's members are involved in research and hold academic positions. AAGP has the infrastructure that one would expect in a national association (e.g., departments of education, government affairs, communications, finance, etc.). **Priority Issues for 2008:** Mental health parity; Medicare mental health co-payment equity; the Positive Aging Act; Medicare physician reimbursement issues; legislation to extend the National Health Corps Loan Repayment Program for geriatric training; federal funding for geriatric mental health research and services programs and for Title VII Geriatric Health Professions Education programs; mental health services in nursing homes; long-term care; and patient protection.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY [AAMFT]

112 South Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

PHONE: 703/838-9808; FAX: 703/838-9805

WEB SITE: www.aamft.org

Michael Bowers, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1942. **Membership Size:** 25,000. **Staff Size:** 30. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 54. **Affiliated Organizations:** AAMFT Research & Education Foundation, state and provincial divisions, Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** 66th AAMFT Annual Conference, October 30-November 2, 2008, in Memphis, TN. **Publications:** Family Therapy Magazine; Journal of Marital and Family Therapy. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Tracy Todd, PhD, Director, Professional and Public Affairs; Brian Rasmussen, PhD, Government Affairs Manager; Melissa Stamps, Government Affairs Manager.

Organizational Purpose: To represent the professional interests of marriage and family therapists, to facilitate research, theory development and education in the field of marriage and family therapy, and to develop standards for graduate education and training, approved supervision, professional ethics and the clinical practice of marriage and family therapy. **Description:** AAMFT members are marriage and family therapists practicing in the US, Canada and abroad. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Improve the quality of mental health services by increasing access to well-trained marriage and family therapists

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PASTORAL COUNSELORS [AAPC]

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WEB SITE: www.aapc.org

Douglas M. Ronsheim, DMin, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1964. **Membership Size:** 3,000. **Staff Size:** 5. **Number of State/ Local Chapters:** 10 regions. **Publications:** *Currents* (AAPC Newsletter); *Journeys* (AAPC Magazine). **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Douglas Ronsheim, Executive Director.

Organizational Purpose: AAPC was formally organized in 1963 in response to the need for leadership and standards for the involvement of religious organizations in mental health care. Since that time, the association has provided clarity in pastoral counseling practice and training, clinical certification, criteria for religious institutions in pastoral counseling ministry, and coordination with other mental health professions. **Description:** Pastoral counseling is a form of therapy or counseling in which a pastoral counselor, as a representative of a religious tradition or community, certified and/or licensed as a Behavioral Health professional utilizes the insights and principles of religion, theology and modern behavioral sciences in working with individuals, couples, families, groups, institutions and communities toward the achievement of wholeness and health. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Building “continuums of care”, post discharge from hospitals, utilizing Departments of Pastoral Care, Pastoral Counseling Centers and congregations thus linking the resources of larger health care systems to direct care providers in the context of faith communities and congregations; Expanding the Clergy Education and Training Project to provide Core Competencies for Clergy regarding alcohol and drug dependence, partners include National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACoA), Johnson Institute with partial funding through SAMHSA; working collaboratively with Family Communications Inc. producer’s of Mister Rogers Neighborhood, Pittsburgh, PA and National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies (NACCRRA) Arlington, VA in implementing The Faith-Based CARES Project- An Interdisciplinary Intervention for the Management of Anger and Impulsive Behavior in Preschool Faith-Based Child Care Centers; Participate in the Men Get Depression National Educational Outreach Campaign. This is an effort to increase knowledge, reduce stigma, and promote screening and treatment for male depression.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PRACTICING PSYCHIATRISTS [AAP]

10436 Snowpoint Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814

Janis G. Chester, MD, President

Founding Date: 1990. **Membership Size:** 1,000. **Staff Size:** 2. **Publications:** Bi-monthly informational mailings to members. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Janis Chester, MD; Jim Pyles.

Organizational Purpose: To further causes affecting delivery of appropriate psychiatric care to patients of practicing psychiatrists. **Description:** Membership composed of psychiatrists dedicated to preserving the centrality and sanctity of the patient/psychiatrist relationship, and protecting it from third party intrusions by government or insurance interests. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Maintaining patient privacy in electronic medical records; maintaining the right to opt out of any national health care scheme for patients and physicians, i.e., the right to private practice; advocating for meaningful parity legislation; any other health care reform initiatives on the federal level; litigation involving private practice psychiatrists and managed care companies; other issues selected as critical by the board.

AMERICAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATION [ACA]

5999 Stevenson Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304-3300

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WEB SITE: www.counseling.org

Richard Yep, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1952. **Membership Size:** 45,000. **Staff Size:** 55. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 56. **Affiliated Organizations:** The Counseling and Human Development Foundation, ACA Insurance Trust, the American Counseling Association Foundation and the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** March 26-30, 2008, in Honolulu, HI. **Publications:** Counseling Today; Journal of Counseling and Development; Journal of Mental Health Counseling; and 14 refereed scholarly journals. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Scott Barstow, Director of Public Policy and Legislation; Peter Atlee, Legislative Representative.

Organizational Purpose: To enhance human development throughout the life span, to promote the counseling profession, and to educate policymakers regarding mental health issues. **Description:** ACA members are professional counselors who work in a wide variety of settings, including private practice, managed care plans, community mental health centers, educational settings, government correctional institutions and business. Organizational activities include leadership training, government relations and advocacy, research and professional development. ACA has 56 branches in the U.S. and abroad, 4 regional subdivisions and 17 member associations organized around specific interests and practice areas. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Parity of insurance coverage for mental health and substance abuse services; full federal recognition of professional counselors as providers of mental health and substance abuse treatment services; patient protection legislation; Medicare and Medicaid coverage issues; education reform initiatives; school safety and health services; funding of federal mental health and substance abuse treatment services and research programs; expanding health insurance coverage.

AMERICAN GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION [AGPA]

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WEB SITE: www.agpa.org

Marsha S. Block, CAE, CFRE, Chief Executive Officer; Connie Concannon, MSW, CGP, FAGPA, President

Founding Date: 1942. **Membership Size:** 3,000+. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 33. **Affiliated Organizations:** State and regional group psychotherapy societies. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** February 16-21, 2009, in Chicago, IL. **Publications:** International Journal of Group Psychotherapy and The Group Circle. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Marsha S. Block, CAE, CFRE, Chief Executive Officer; Diane C. Feirman, CAE, Public Affairs Director; Diana Marit Kunkel, PhD; and Siddharth Shah, MD, MPH.

Organizational Purpose: AGPA is a multidisciplinary organization dedicated to advancing knowledge, research and training in group psychotherapy to benefit the client/patient population. The association promotes quality group psychotherapy care as a primary method of treatment that is clinically sound, cost-effective and accessible; advances group psychotherapy training and research; provides a network of peer support that serves the needs of group practitioners; advocates for quality care on behalf of its members, patients and the public. **Description:** AGPA serves as the national voice specific to the interests of group interventions. Psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, psychiatric nurses, mental health counselors, drug and alcohol counselors and creative arts therapists are part of the AGPA community that has been formulating theory and embracing practice in group interventions since 1942. Members and affiliate societies provide a wealth of professional, educational and social support for group psychotherapists. Publications disseminate the advances in group psychotherapy nationally and internationally. Annual conferences bring together experts in group psychotherapy from all over the world, providing state of the art education and research to these practitioners and sharing with them advocacy issues regarding the mentally ill and other public health issues. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Recognition of group psychotherapy as a core public health service; community outreach efforts to provide group services as a means of building mentally healthy communities; credentialing for group psychotherapists; health care reform initiatives, particularly patient and confidentiality protections and behavioral health care research funding.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION [AHA]

Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services
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Rich Umbdenstock, President

Founding Date: AHA in 1898, the Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services in 1969. **Section Membership Size:** 1,300. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** Contacts within each of the 50 states and numerous metropolitan hospital associations that deal with behavioral issues. **Publications:** Monthly Membership briefings: "*Behavioral Health Updates*"; Case Examples on Ensuring Effective Triage of Psychiatric Patients in the Emergency Department; many other items found on the web site: www.aha.org/psych. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Rebecca Chickey, Director, Section for Psychiatric and Substance Abuse Services; Megan Cundari, Senior Associate Director, Federal Relations; Danielle Lloyd, Senior Associate Director, Policy Development.

Organizational Purpose: To promote high quality psychiatric and substance abuse care for all people through the development of public policy, representation and advocacy, and

membership services to assist hospitals and health care organizations meet community mental health needs. **Description:** The section is composed of freestanding specialty hospitals and general hospitals offering psychiatric and/or substance abuse services through inpatient, outpatient and partial hospitalization programs, as well as hospital-based community mental health centers. The section is guided by a 16-member governing council of nationally-recognized administrators, physicians, nurses and other professionals involved in behavioral health care management. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Advocacy for reforming the nation's health care system; expanding access to care and ensuring fair financing; member services to provide tools to help behavioral health care providers.

AMERICAN MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION [AMHCA]

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W. Mark Hamilton, PhD, Executive Director and CEO; Gary Gintner, PhD, LPC, NCC, President

Founding Date: 1976. **Membership Size:** 8,000. **Staff Size:** 5. **Number of State/ Local Chapters:** 48. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** July 17-19, 2008, in San Diego, CA. **Publications:** Journal of Mental Health Counseling; The Advocate, E-News from Washington. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Beth Powell, Director, Public Policy and Professional Issues.

Organizational Purpose: To enhance the profession of mental health counseling through licensing, advocacy, education, and professional development. **Description:** Members of AMHCA have a master's or doctoral degree in counseling or a related field and have completed a minimum of 2 years, 3000 hours of post-master's clinical supervision, and have passed a state licensure examination. Mental health counselors practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, substance abuse treatment centers, employee assistance plans, community mental health centers, agencies, and private practice. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Eliminate physician referral/supervision requirements under TRICARE; Medicare reimbursement for mental health counselors; recognition of mental health counselors by the Department of Defense, FEHBP and other federal programs; federal mental health parity; health care reform initiatives, particularly patient and confidentiality protections and behavioral health care research funding.

AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION [ANA]

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Linda J. Stierle, MSN, RN, CNAA, Chief Executive Officer; Rebecca M. Patton, MSN, RN, CNOR President

Founding Date: 1896. **Membership Size:** 160,000. **Staff Size:** 150. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 50 state and 3 territory constituents. **Affiliated Organizations:** American Nurses Foundation; ANA Political Action Committee; American Nurses Credentialing Center; American Academy of Nursing. **Publications:** Capitol Update, a monthly online newsletter on legislative and regulatory issues; The American Nurse,

bimonthly circulation of nearly 200,000. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Rose Gonzalez, Director, Government Affairs; Michelle Artz, Associate Director, Government Affairs.

Organizational Purpose: The ANA is the only full service professional organization representing the interests of the nation's 2.6 million registered nurses through its 54 constituent associations. ANA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting the economic and general welfare of nurses in the work place through a comprehensive work place advocacy program, projecting a positive and realistic view of nursing to the public, and by working with the U.S. Congress and regulatory agencies on issues affecting nurses and the public. **Description:** Individual members are registered nurses. Sixty two percent are staff nurses. Members are represented by their state nurses association. ANA is organized as a federation of state nurses associations, working through ANA congresses, committees, councils and ad hoc groups. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Focus on defining and measuring quality of patient care, especially for consumers and in terms of the knowledge and skills of nurses; preserving and extending the roles of nurses in patient care, especially through state and federal health care reform efforts; increased minority recruitment into nursing.

AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION [AOTA]

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WEB SITE: www.aota.org

Fred P. Somers, Executive Director; Penelope Moyers, PhD, OTR/L, FAOTA, President

Founding Date: 1917. **Membership Size:** 37,500. **Staff Size:** 100. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** April 10-13, 2008, in Long Beach, CA. **Affiliated Organizations:** American Occupational Therapy Foundation, Assembly of State Association Presidents and World Federation of Occupational Therapists. **Publications:** American Journal of Occupational Therapy; eleven special interest section quarterlies (including mental health, developmental disabilities, school systems and geriatrics); and OT Practice. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Tim Nanof, Legislative Representative; Laurel Cargill Radley, Associate Director of Professional Affairs.

Organizational Purpose: To represent the interests and concerns of occupational therapy practitioners and to improve the quality of occupational therapy services. **Description:** Membership includes registered occupational therapists (OTs), certified occupational therapy assistants (OTAs), and occupational therapy students, operating through 50 state associations, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 65 foreign countries. AOTA has an extensive network of committees and special interest sections, including mental health, all of which have representation at the state level. The state associations and AOTA committees provide an established network for communicating with members through a weekly newsletter, a monthly professional journal, a bi-weekly professional practice magazine, and extensive continuing education activities. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Medicare, especially mental health coverage and partial hospitalization benefits; implementation of IDEA and children's health and mental health programs including positive behavior supports; parity legislation; protecting access to care in Medicaid in schools and under the Rehabilitation option.

AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION [APA]

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James Scully, MD, Medical Director

Founding Date: 1844. **Membership Size:** 38,000. **Staff Size:** 250. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 76. **Annual Conference/Meeting:** May 3-8, 2008, in Washington, DC. **Publications:** Weekly federal and monthly state legislative newsletters; the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition (DSM-IV-TR); DSM-V (scheduled for publication in 2012); Psychiatric News; American Journal of Psychiatry; Hospital and Community Psychiatry. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Lizbet Boroughs, Deputy Director, Government Relations; Paula Johnson, Deputy Director, State Affairs; Clare Koller, Deputy Director, Government Relations; Kristin McDonald, Deputy Director, Government Relations; Nicholas Meyers, Director, Government Relations.

Organizational Purpose: A medical specialty society, the APA promotes the highest quality diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and care for the mentally ill, the mentally retarded and the emotionally disturbed, and facilitates the prevention of such conditions. **Description:** APA members include psychiatric physicians and psychiatric residents. APA objectives are to improve the treatment, rehabilitation and care of the mentally ill, the mentally retarded and the emotionally disturbed; promote research, professional education in psychiatry and allied fields and the prevention of psychiatric disabilities; advance the standards of all psychiatric services and facilities; foster the cooperation of all concerned with the medical, psychological, social and legal aspects of mental health and illness; make psychiatric knowledge available to other practitioners of medicine, scientists in other fields of knowledge, and the public; and promote the best interests of patients and those actually or potentially using mental health services. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Nondiscriminatory coverage of treatment for mental illness, including substance abuse; sustained growth of funding for psychiatric biomedical and behavior research and services; stringent protection of medical records privacy, particularly psychotherapy records; elimination of Medicare's discriminatory 50% copayment for outpatient psychiatric treatment; expansion of Medicare coverage of mental health services, including nondiscriminatory coverage of psychotropic medications in any prescription drug benefit and elimination of discriminatory 190-day lifetime reserve limit on inpatient care in psychiatric hospitals; children's health and related issues; Department of Veterans Affairs medical care and health research appropriations; Indian Health Services appropriations; parity implementation; enactment of strong laws to protect patients and physicians from abusive managed care practices, specifically including enabling patients to sue health plans for malpractice and establishing nondiscriminatory utilization review criteria; promote necessary mental health structure for preparing and responding to terrorism.

AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC NURSES ASSOCIATION [APNA]

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Nicholas Croce, Jr., MS, Executive Director; Jeanne Clement, EdD, APRN, BC, FAAN,
President

Founding Date: 1987. **Membership Size:** 4,500. **Staff Size:** 8. **Number of State and International Chapters:** 35. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** October 15-18, 2008, in Minneapolis, MN. **Publications:** APNA News newsletter; Journal of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Nicholas Croce.

Organizational Purpose: APNA provides leadership to advance psychiatric/mental health nursing practice, improve mental health care for culturally diverse individuals, families, groups and communities and shape health policy for the delivery of mental health services. **Description:** APNA membership encompasses all levels of psychiatric-mental health nursing, from the basic level prepared nurse (staff nurse) to the advance practice level (Nurse Practitioners and Clinical Nurse Specialists). 60% of members are advanced practice nurses with a master's degree. Approximately 7% hold doctoral degrees and work as researchers or faculty members. Members practice in a wide variety of capacities and settings throughout the US with such diverse responsibilities and position titles as clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, manager/head nurse, educator, administrator, director or vice president of nursing, staff nurse, therapist, researcher and consultant. The majority of APNA members specialize in adult mental health, and many are also involved in subspecialties such as substance abuse, geriatric mental health or child and adolescent mental health. Advance practice psychiatric nurses have prescriptive privileges in 38 states. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Violence; Depression and trauma; disaster mental health; Disparity; Diversity; High risk and vulnerable populations; Young children/elderly

AMERICAN PSYCHOANALYTIC ASSOCIATION [APsaA]

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Dean K. Stein, Executive Director; K. Lynne Moritz, MD, President

Founding Date: 1911. **Membership Size:** 3,500. **Staff Size:** 14. **Number of State/ Local Chapters:** 29 affiliate training institutes; 45 affiliate societies and study groups; 3 study groups. **Affiliated Organizations:** Fund for Psychoanalytical Research, American Psychoanalytic Foundation, 42 affiliated societies, 3 study groups, 29 accredited institutes. **Annual Convention/ Meeting:** June 18-22, 2008, in Atlanta, GA; January 14-18, 2009, in New York City, NY. **Publications:** The American Psychoanalyst; Journal of the American Psychoanalytic Association; Ethics Case Book of the American Psychoanalytic Association. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** James Pyles, Washington Representative; Dottie Jeffries, Director of Public Affairs in New York.

Organizational Purpose: To study and advance psychoanalysis and psychotherapy, advocate and maintain standards for the training of psychoanalysts and for the practice of psychoanalysis, foster the integration of psychoanalysis with other branches of science, and encourage research in all fields having to do with the scientific knowledge and welfare of man.

Description: Members are graduates or candidates at accredited institutes. The Board of Directors is an Executive Council, and a Board on Professional Standards sets and maintains standards for training. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Ensuring that the use and disclosure of mental health information is consistent with professional ethics standards and judgment, state and federal privacy and privilege laws and the privacy protections under the HIPAA Privacy Rule; preservation of essential conditions for effective psychoanalysis and intensive psychotherapy; confidentiality, privacy, security and continuity of treatment relationships; patient participation in treatment decisions; freedom of patient and therapist to contract for

services on a self-paying basis outside the insurance reimbursement system. Also, mental health care issues including nondiscriminatory coverage for mental illness in health care reform.

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION [APA]

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Norman B. Anderson, PhD, Chief Executive Officer; Alan Kazdin, PhD, President

Founding Date: 1892. **Membership Size:** 150,000 members and affiliates. **Staff Size:** 557. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 60. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** August 15-18, 2008, in Boston, MA. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Elizabeth Hoffman, PhD, Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer, Science Directorate; Ellen G. Garrison, PhD, Senior Policy Advisor, Executive Office; Peter Newbould, Director of Congressional and Political Affairs, APA Practice Organization; Douglas Walter, Counsel for Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, APA Practice Organization; Annie G. Toro, Associate Executive Director for Government Relations, Public Interest Directorate; Diane Elmore, PhD, Senior Legislative and Federal Affairs Officer, Public Interest Directorate.

Organizational Purpose: To advance psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means of promoting health, education and human welfare. **Description:** Membership includes researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students working in the full range of academic, government, science and other settings. APA has 53 interest-based divisions dealing with subspecialties of psychology and such issues as child, youth and family services; psychologists in public service; and ethnic minority issues. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Parity for mental health and substance abuse services; health insurance reform; SCHIP reauthorization; reform and fair reimbursement in Medicare and Medicaid; funding for behavioral research, mental and behavioral health services, prevention research and services; minority health disparities; school mental health services and violence prevention; health professions/minority training; and SAMHSA reauthorization.

AMERICAN PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION

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Aaron Nesbitt, Chief Association Officer; Dan Reidenberg, PhD, Chairman

Founding Date: 1997. **Membership Size:** 4,200. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** September 4-6, 2008 in San Diego, CA. **Publications:** Annals, a quarterly peer-reviewed indexed and abstracted scientific journal. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Aaron Nesbitt.

Organizational Purpose: The American Psychotherapy Association (APA) has assumed the leadership role in creating a forum to advance psychotherapy. APA exists to help its members assist their clients and to build and increase their professional practice. **Description:** The mission of the American Psychotherapy Association's continuing education program is to provide post-graduate needs based educational activities for psychotherapists of various professions, including counselors, marriage and family therapists, nurse psychotherapists, pastoral counselors, psychiatrists, psychoanalysts, psychologists and social workers. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Advance the field of psychotherapy.

ANXIETY DISORDERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA [ADAA]

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Jerilyn Ross, MA, LICSW, President and CEO; Alies Muskin, Chief Operating Officer

Founding Date: 1980. **Membership Size:** 2,500. **Staff Size:** 10. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** March/April. **Publications:** Triumph (ADAA quarterly E-Newsletter); ADAA Hot Sheet, Professional Member E-Newsletter; *Depression and Anxiety*, the official journal of the ADAA (published by Wiley) Facing Panic; educational booklets on anxiety disorders. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Alies Muskin.

Organizational Purpose: ADAA is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote the prevention and cure of anxiety disorders and to improve the lives of all people who suffer from them. For nearly 30 years, ADAA has been improving lives and providing hope through research, education and treatment, and communicating credible, applicable information about treatment and diagnosis in print and on the Internet. The ADAA's message is anxiety disorders are real, serious and treatable. **Description:** The association is made up of professional members who conduct research and treat anxiety disorders, and individual supporters who have anxiety and related disorders. **Priority Issues for 2008 :** Anxiety disorders and comorbid illnesses; increasing awareness of diagnosis and treatment of anxiety disorders among providers of care, legislators, media and the public; creating awareness about anxiety disorders and their treatment among students on college campuses; Improving access to quality mental health care.

ASSOCIATION FOR AMBULATORY BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE [AABH]

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Mickey Wright, Executive Director; Larry Meikel, President

Founding Date: 1964. **Membership Size:** Approximately 300 system, program and individual members. **Staff Size:** 2. **Annual Convention/ Meeting:** July 13-15, 2008, in Baltimore, MD. **Publications:** Standards and Guidelines for Partial Hospitalization Programs and Intensive Outpatient Programs; Milieu (quarterly newsletter), National Overview of Ambulatory Behavioral Services. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Mickey Wright, Executive Director; Michelle Vaughan, Government Relations Liaison.

Organizational Purpose: To provide education, support and advocacy for Partial Hospitalization and Intensive Outpatient Programs. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Medicare Partial Hospitalization and Intensive Outpatient Programs benefits; educating, supporting and advocating for PHP/IOP.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY [AAP]

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Stephen M. Pfeiffer, PhD, Executive Director; Jennifer F. Kelly, PhD, Board Chair

Founding Date: 1974. **Membership Size:** 3,000. **Staff Size:** 2. **Annual Convention/ Meeting:** August 2008 in Boston, MA. **Publications:** Advance newsletter. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Stephen Pfeiffer; Jean Carter.

Organizational Purpose: The purpose of AAP is to promote human welfare through the advancement of the profession and science of psychology. It promotes the interests of all psychologists by means including, but not limited to: representation of psychologists before public and governmental bodies; cooperation with other organizations and agencies in furtherance of the profession and science of psychology; and support and operation of a political committee as a "separate segregated fund" within the meaning of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 as amended. **Description:** Membership is divided into four classes: regular, associate, student and organizational. There is one 6-member Board of Trustees serving terms of 4 years. The Chair of the Board and Secretary-Treasurer are elected from and by the Board. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Advocacy for a broad range of psychological services within mental health programs; health care reform legislation, full mental health parity coverage in private and public health insurance programs; inclusion of training graduate psychologists in Medicare Graduate Medical Education program; continuation of the federal mental health courts project through 2009; and neutralizing legislation that would exempt Association Health Plans from state laws that protect mental health consumers.

ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS [ABHW] (Formerly AMBHA)

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WEB SITE: www.abhw.org

Pamela Greenberg, MPP, President and CEO; Rhonda Robinson Beale, MD, OptumHealth Behavioral Solutions, Chair of Board

Founding Date: 1994. **Membership Size:** 9. **Staff Size:** 1. **Annual Convention/ Meetings:** Board meetings twice a year. **Publications:** A catalogue of special reports and studies is available. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Pamela Greenberg, MPP, President and CEO.

Organizational Purpose: ABHW is an association of the nation's leading behavioral health and wellness companies these companies provide an array of services related to mental health, substance use, employee assistance, disease management, and other health and wellness programs to over 147 million people in both the public and private sectors. ABHW seeks to present and promote the industry perspective in federal and state legislative and regulatory actions, and is working to foster a broad understanding of specialty behavioral health care's ability to deliver accessible, quality, cost-effective care. The association maintains an office and staff in Washington, DC and represents the industry to federal and state governments, mental health and substance abuse providers, associations and other key audiences. ABHW supports and promotes the need for comprehensive specialty behavioral care benefits in all private and public health care programs, including Medicare and Medicaid. **Description:** ABHW members collectively provide behavioral health care benefits to over 147 million people. **Priority Issue for 2008:** Mental health parity.

BAZELON CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH LAW

1101 15th Street, NW, Suite 1212, Washington, DC 20005

PHONE: 202/467-5730; FAX: 202/223-0409

WEB SITE: www.bazelon.org

Robert Bernstein, PhD, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1972. **Staff Size:** 25. **Publications:** Legislative alerts and public policy reports on key federal and state issues. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Chris Koyanagi, Policy Director; Laurel Stine, Director of Federal Relations.

Organizational Purpose: To create opportunities in the community for people with mental disabilities so that they have choices that will enable them to self-determine and live with dignity. **Description:** The Judge David L. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law is a national nonprofit advocacy organization, formed in 1972 and until 1993 called the Mental Health Law Project. The Center uses litigation and federal policy reform to define and uphold the legal rights of children, adults and elders with mental disabilities and to create approaches to meeting their needs that will assure them choice and dignity. Staff attorneys provide training and technical assistance to legal services, protection and advocacy and state ombudsman programs and other advocates for low-income individuals and families. Policy staff lobby Congress and federal agencies and provide technical assistance to state-based advocates and policy makers concerning rights of persons with mental illness. The Center publishes issue papers, booklets and manuals explaining and interpreting major federal laws and regulations that protect the rights and make resources available to children and adults with disabilities. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Maintaining and improving Medicaid coverage of mental health; eliminating criminalization of adults and juveniles with mental illness; enactment of legislation to require parity for mental health coverage in private insurance plans; improving access to community mental health services; implementation issues regarding Part D of Medicare and improvements in Medicare coverage for mental health services; reauthorization of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services authority; protecting civil rights and autonomous decision making for consumers.

CENTER FOR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK (Formerly the American Board of Examiners)

27 Congress Street, Suite 501, Salem, MA 01970

PHONE: 800/694-5285; FAX: 978/740-5395

WEBSITE: www.Centercsw.org

Robert Booth, Executive Director; Howard Snooks, President

Founding Date: 1987. **Membership Size:** 10,000. **Staff Size:** 5. **Affiliated Organizations:** New York, Ohio (southern), California, Maryland, Illinois, and Louisiana state associations for clinical social work. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Robert Booth; Capt. Peter Delany; Anne Claiborne, Esq.

Organizational Purpose: Promotion of Clinical Social Work. **Description:** The Center for Clinical Social Work, which includes the American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work (ABE), is a national not-for-profit organization whose main purposes are to promote clinical social work as a profession and to advance it in all settings by developing practice standards and credentials, advocating for practitioners and their clients, and enhancing opportunities for research, education, and training. ABE issues and upholds the national

BCD certification for advanced-generalist clinical social workers, and offers specialty credentials in Psychoanalysis and Practice with Children & Their Families. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Mental health parity; greater recognition of clinical social work profession, especially at the federal level, within the Department of Veterans Affairs, and in the healthcare plans and policies of the upcoming Administration.

CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA [CWLA]

2345 Crystal Drive, Suite 250, Arlington, VA 22202

PHONE: 703/412-2400; FAX: 703/412-2401

WEB SITE: www.cwla.org

Christine James-Brown, President and Chief Executive Officer

Founding Date: 1920. **Membership Size:** 700 public and private child-serving agencies. **Staff Size:** 60. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** N/A. **Annual Conference/Meeting:** CWLA Annual National Conference, "Children 2008: Leading the Nation for Children & Families," February 25-27, 2008, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. **Publications:** Child Welfare Journal, Children's Voice Magazine, Children's Monitor E-Newsletter, Standards for Child Welfare Services. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Laura Weidner, Government Affairs; Julie Collins, Director of Mental Health Programs.

Organizational Purpose: CWLA is the nation's oldest and largest membership-based child welfare organization. Working with and through its member agencies, CWLA is committed to developing and disseminating practice standards as benchmarks for high-quality services that protect children and youths and strengthen families and neighborhoods, to promoting high-quality services through training, consultation, conferences, publications, and other membership services, and to formulating and promoting public policies at every level that contribute to the well-being of children, youths, families and neighborhoods. **Priority Issues for 2008:** 1) Protect the use of Targeted Case Management and Rehabilitative Services Medicaid options to facilitate greater provision of health and mental health services to the child welfare population. 2) Enact federal mental health parity legislation. 3) Increase federal support for mental health and substance abuse research and treatment services.

CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH ATTENTION-DEFICIT/HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER [CHADD]

8181 Professional Place, Suite 150, Landover, MD 20785

PHONE: 301/306-7070; FAX: 301/306-7090

WEB SITE: www.chadd.org

E. Clarke Ross, DPA, Chief Executive Officer; Anne Teeter-Ellison, EdD, President

Founding Date: 1987. **Membership Size:** 14,000. **Staff Size:** 31. **State/Local Chapters:** 200. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** November 13-15, 2008, in Anaheim, CA. **Publications:** Attention!, CHADD Notes, NRC News, CHADD What We Know Sheets, Leadership Update, legislative alerts. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** E. Clarke Ross, DPA, Chief Executive Officer; Ruth Hughes, PhD, Deputy CEO for Public Policy and Community Services.

Organizational Purpose: CHADD is the leading national nonprofit organization that works to improve the lives of people affected by attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder

(AD/HD) through education, research, advocacy and support. **Description:** Members include parents, adults with AD/HD, educators, health care providers, including psychiatrists and pediatricians, clinical psychologists, and neurologists. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Issues related to the NCLB, reauthorization of SCHIP, Mental Health Parity Act; appropriations for CDC, CMHS, and NIMH; restrictions on access to psychiatric medications and behavioral interventions; implementation of the recommendations of the July 2003 Report of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health; SAMHSA reauthorization; and health insurance for college students with disabilities.

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK ASSOCIATION [CSWA] (Formerly CSWF)

PO Box 3740, Arlington, VA 22203
PHONE: 202/966-6649 (DC); 206/524-3690 (Seattle)
FAX: 253/322-4696 (DC); 206/368-9390 (Seattle)
WEB SITE: www.clinicalsocialworkassociation.org
Kevin Host, LICSW, President

Founding Date: 1971. **Membership Size:** 750. **Staff Size:** 3. **Number of State/ Local Chapters:** 15. **Affiliated Organizations:** Foundation for the Advancement of Clinical Education and Training (continuing education); State Societies for Clinical Social Work (in many states). **Publications:** Newsletter to membership. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Margot Aronson, LICSW, CSWA Representative; Laura Groshong, LICSW, Director of Government Relations.

Organizational Purpose: To develop and promote appropriate standards of clinical social work training and practice, to advocate for universal state licensing, and to advance the interests of clinical social workers and their clients in state and federal mental health programs. **Description:** An association of individual members who are clinical social workers in private settings, clinical settings, public mental health settings, hospitals and schools. **Priority Issues for 2008:** To advance the interest of clinical social workers and their patients in state and federal health care reform initiatives, especially managed care reform, privacy legislation, implementation of SCHIP and mental health parity bills.

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK GUILD 49, OPEIU [CSWG]

McDermott, Will & Emery, 600 13th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005
PHONE: 202/756-8348; FAX: 202/756-8087
WEB SITE: <http://64.78.56.99/med/>
Renee Cardone, President

Founding Date: 2001. **Membership Size:** 400. **Staff Size:** 1. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 1. **Affiliated Organizations:** AFL-CIO/National Guild of Medical Professionals. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** TBD. **Publications:** Newsletters published by state chapters. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Calvin Johnson; Luba Shagawat.

Organizational Purpose: The Clinical Social Work Guild 49, OPEIU exists to advocate for the interests of clinical social workers and their clients. It was formed and continues to exist to address the real and potential abuses of a profit-driven system for the delivery of mental health care and the attendant abuses that may be perpetrated on clinical social work professionals, their practices/agencies, and their clients. Those abuses may include, for example, devaluing

professional fees, arbitrary numbers of treatment episodes, inappropriate safeguards of clients' privacy, decisions based on profit rather than care. **Description:** Members of the Guild have a minimum requirement of a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree, except for student members who are in an MSW program at the time of application. Most members have post graduate training, including PhDs and DSWs. All members practice clinical social work either in private practice or agency and hospital settings. **Priority Issues for 2008:** The right to negotiate collectively with insurance companies; parity; Medicare; confidentiality of medical records; adequate and professional mental health care for military and their families.

DEPRESSION AND BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE [DBSA]

730 North Franklin Street, Suite 501, Chicago, IL 60610-3526
PHONE: 800/826-3632 or 312/642-0049; FAX: 312/642-7243
WEB SITE: www.DBSAAlliance.org
Sue Bergeson, President

Founding Date: 1985. **Staff Size:** 24. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** More than 1,000 across the US and Canada. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** National Conference September 12-13, 2008, in Virginia. **Publications:** Chapter Directory; quarterly newsletter; bookstore catalog; free public information packets; brochures; videos. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Gloria Pope, Advocacy and Public Policy Director in Chicago; Larry Werner, Washington Consultant.

Organizational Purpose: DBSA is the leading patient-directed organization focusing on the nation's most prevalent mental illnesses – depression and bipolar disorder. DBSA's mission is to improve the lives of people living with mood disorders. **Description:** This not-for-profit organization fosters an environment of understanding about the impact and management of these life-threatening illnesses, by providing up-to-date educational information and more than 1,000 peer-run support groups across the country. Assisted by a Scientific Advisory Board, comprised of the leading researchers and clinicians in the field of mood disorders, DBSA supports research to promote more timely diagnosis, to develop more effective and tolerable treatments and to discover a cure. The organization works to ensure that people living with mood disorders are treated equitably. Over five million people request and receive information and assistance from DBSA each year. More information can be found at www.DBSAAlliance.org or by calling 1/800-826-3632. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Eliminating stigma; achieving parity in access and insurance; recovery through peer-to-peer services; increasing funding for mental health research; protecting patient confidentiality; managed care reform; supporting treatment for co-occurring illnesses; and ensuring adequate disability benefit coverage.

EATING DISORDERS COALITION FOR RESEARCH, POLICY & ACTION [EDC]

611 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Suite 423, Washington, DC 20003
PHONE: 202/543-9570; FAX: 202/543-9570
WEB SITE: www.eatingdisorderscoalition.org
Marc Lerro, Executive Director; Kitty Westin, President

Founding Date: 2000. **Membership Size:** 36 organizations and 3,000 individual supporters. **Staff Size:** 2. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** None. **Affiliated Organizations:** See web site for list of organizations. **Annual Convention/Meetings:** Congressional Briefings and

Lobby Days in Washington, DC. **Publications:** Annual Report, Policy Recommendations for Congress. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Marc Lerro, Executive Director; Jeanine Cogan, Policy Director.

Organizational Purpose: To advance the federal recognition of eating disorders as a public health priority. **Description:** The EDC is a coalition of international, national, and regional organizations working on prevention and education, treatment, and research on anorexia nervosa (AN), bulimia nervosa (BN), binge eating disorder (BED), and eating disorders not otherwise specified (ED-NOS). **Priority Issues for 2008:** Introduction of a comprehensive eating disorders bill; advocating for mental health parity; advocacy with policy-makers, national media, and others.

EMERGENCY NURSES ASSOCIATION [ENA]

915 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016-6569

PHONE: 847/460-4000; FAX: 847/460-4001

WEB SITE: www.ena.org

Denise King, RN, MSN, CEN, President; David Westman, Executive Director

Founding Date: Incorporated on December 1, 1970. **Membership Size:** Nearly 34,000 individuals. **Staff Size:** 80. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 51 state councils and 200 local chapters. **Affiliated Organizations:** ENA Foundation; Board of Certification for Emergency Nurses. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** September 24-27, 2008, in Minneapolis, MN; Leadership Conference: February 28-March 2, 2008, in Honolulu, HI. **Publications:** ENA *Connection* Newsletter; *Journal of Emergency Nursing*; *Washington Update*; and ENA E-zine online. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Terri Nally, Senior Public Policy Specialist; Christine Murphy, Senior Public Policy Analyst; Kathleen Ream, Director of Government Affairs.

Organizational Purpose: ENA is a professional member organization that promotes excellence in the specialty of emergency nursing. Toward that end, ENA promotes the interests of ENA members and improves the professional environment of emergency nurses; promotes the ENA Code of Ethics for Emergency Nurses and the American Nurses Association Code of Ethics; collaborates with other health related organizations to improve emergency care; serve as the primary resource for emergency nursing leadership, education and research; define standards that serve as a basis for emergency nursing practice; develop, disseminate and evaluate emergency nursing education and research; encourage interaction and mentorship among emergency nurses; and advocate for the public regarding emergency care. **Description:** Members include staff nurses and managers in emergency departments; administrators, prehospital, flight, pediatric and trauma emergency nurses; emergency clinical nurse specialists; nurse practitioners; and students and educators. Primary ongoing activities include professional development services and resources; networking system; professional publications; annual meetings; public relations; certification; education programs; standard- and competency-setting; ENA Injury Prevention Institute; and federal and state advocacy. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Quality patient care; access to emergency and trauma care; workplace safety; emergency preparedness; injury control and prevention; domestic abuse and sexual assault.

MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA [MHA] (Formerly NMHA)

2000 North Beauregard Street, Sixth Floor, Alexandria, VA 22311

PHONE: 703/684-7722; FAX: 703/684-5968

WEB SITE: www.nmha.org; www.mentalhealthamerica.net

Government Affairs: 750 First Street, NW, Suite 940, Washington, DC 20002

PHONE: 202/675-8381; FAX: 202/675-8389

David L. Shern, PhD, President and Chief Executive Officer

Founding Date: 1909. **Membership Size:** 500,000. **Staff Size:** 40. **Number of State/ Local Chapters:** 340. **Affiliated Organizations:** State and local mental health associations. **Publications:** The Bell, State Advocacy Update, The Prevention News, Consumer-Supporter News, Legislative Alerts. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Kirsten Beronio, Senior Director, Federal Relations; Ralph Ibson, Vice President, Government Affairs; Julio C. Abreu, Senior Director, Government Affairs.

Organizational Purpose: To change public attitudes towards mental illness, to improve services to people who suffer from them, to promote mental health and wellness, ultimately, to prevent mental illness. **Description:** MHA volunteers all over the country work to meet the mental health needs of their communities through support groups, community outreach/education, information and referral programs and patient advocacy. Nationally, MHA works with the media to keep the public informed about mental illness and mental health, with the federal government to promote research and services, and with other organizations to ensure that the nation's mental health needs are understood and addressed. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Comprehensive parity for mental health and substance abuse services in both private and public health plans; fostering integration of mental health care with general health care; protecting the integrity of, and improving, the Medicaid program; improving veterans' access to needed mental health services; promoting mental health and wellness; and fostering prevention and early detection of mental health disorders.

NAADAC, THE ASSOCIATION FOR ADDICTION PROFESSIONALS

1001 North Fairfax Street, Suite 201, Alexandria, VA 22314

PHONE: 703/741-7686; FAX: 703/741-7698

WEB SITE: www.naadac.org

Cynthia Moreno Tuohy, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1972. **Membership Size:** 12,000. **Staff Size:** 12. **Number of State/Local chapters:** 47. **Affiliated Organizations:** NAADAC Educational Foundation; NAADAC PAC. **Annual Convention/ Meeting:** August 28-31, 2008, in Kansas City, KS. **Publications:** NADAAC News, Addiction Professional Magazine. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Cynthia Moreno Tuohy, Executive Director; Daniel Guarnera, Government Relations Liaison.

Organizational Purpose: To lead, unify, and empower addiction focused professionals to achieve excellence through education, advocacy, knowledge, standards of practice, ethics, professional development and research. **Description:** Represents addiction counselors and other related professionals such as nurses, psychologists, and social workers who provide addiction prevention, treatment and education in a variety of settings including hospitals, private and public treatment centers, private practice and community behavioral health agencies. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Research appropriations for the National Institute on Drug

Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and for services funding for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Health Professions Training Activities Program; workforce development; addictive disorder parity, mental health parity, reauthorization of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS [NAMI]

Colonial Place Three, 2107 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22201-3042
PHONE: 703/524-7600; FAX: 703/524-9094
WEB SITE: www.nami.org
Mike Fitzpatrick, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1979. **Membership Size:** 210,000. **Staff Size:** 65. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 1,200. **Affiliated Organizations:** All state and local Alliances. **Annual Convention / Meeting:** June 13-17, 2008, in Orlando, FL. **Publications:** NAMI Advocate. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Ron Honberg, National Director for Policy and Legal Affairs; Andrew Sperling, Director, Federal Legislative Advocacy; Laura Usher, Federal Affairs Representative; Darcy Gruttadaro, Director, NAMI Child and Adolescent Action Center.

Organizational Purpose: To eradicate serious brain disorders and improve the quality of life for persons of all ages who are affected by mental illness. **Description:** Comprised of 1,200 state and local AMIs; state and local AMIs are the grassroots advocacy of NAMI. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Medicaid/managed care; research on severe mental illness; reduction in life threatening and harmful actions (restraints and seclusion); accountability for service delivery; extension and expansion of Mental Health Parity Act of 1996; work incentives; housing; expanding treatment and supports for children and adolescents; decriminalization of mental illness; integrated treatment for persons with co-occurring mental and addictive disorders; veterans with mental illness.

NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS [The Alliance]

1518 K Street, NW, Suite 410, Washington, DC 20005
PHONE: 202/638-1526; FAX: 202/638-4664
WEB SITE: www.endhomelessness.org
Nan Roman, President

Founding Date: 1983. **Membership Size:** 7,000. **Staff Size:** 22. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 0. **Annual Conference/Meeting:** July 28-30, 2008, in Washington, DC. **Publications:** Alliance Online news – this is a weekly online newsletter. We also periodically publish best practice profiles and policy papers on a variety of subjects. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Peggy Bailey, Health Policy and Program Analyst.

Organizational Purpose: The National Alliance to End Homelessness is a nonpartisan, mission-driven organization committed to preventing and ending homelessness in the United States. **Description:** The National Alliance to End Homelessness is a leading voice on the issue of homelessness. The Alliance analyzes policy and develops pragmatic, cost-effective policy solutions. We work collaboratively with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to build state and local capacity, leading to stronger programs and policies that help homeless individuals and families make positive changes in their lives. We provide data and research

to policymakers and elected officials in order to inform policy debates and educate the public and opinion leaders nationwide. **Priority Issues for 2008:** HUD/McKinney Vento programs; preserving Section 8 vouchers; SAMHSA reauthorization; increasing funding within SAMHSA programs, in particular, funding for mental health and substance use treatment and other services administered by permanent supportive housing programs; and authorizing the Services for Ending Long-Term Homelessness Act (SELHA). In addition, a major focus of our organization is also making sure mainstream systems can provide services that prevent homelessness. Therefore, we track and advocate for a variety of Health and Human Services Department programs including Medicaid, TANF, most SAMHSA programs, Community Health Centers and health care for the homeless funding.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN’S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH [NACBH]

1025 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1012, Washington, DC 20036

PHONE: 202/857-9735; FAX: 202/362-5145

WEB SITE: www.nacbh.org

Joy Midman, Executive Director; Charles M. Thompson, President

Founding Date: 1985. **Membership Size:** 60. **Staff Size:** 2. **Annual Convention/Meetings:** April 6-9, 2008, in Washington, DC; Fall Technical Meeting date and location TBD. **Publications:** Friday Facts, weekly member newsletter; membership directory. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Patricia Johnston, Director of Member Services.

Organizational Purpose: To promote the availability and delivery of appropriate and relevant services to children and adolescents with, or at risk of, emotional, behavioral or substance abuse disorders and their families. Advocate for the full array of mental health and related services necessary, the development and use of assessment and outcome tools based on functional as well as clinical indicators, and the elimination of categorical funding barriers. **Description:** Treatment centers and programs for children and adolescents, providing a full array of mental health and related services including residential treatment, partial hospitalization, intensive outpatient treatment, therapeutic foster care, group homes, independent living programs, in-home treatment and intensive case management, as well as accredited education services, and a wide array of social services. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Medicaid/SCHIP/health care reform; system transformation; family-provider partnerships; mental health parity; workforce development.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL MENTAL HEALTH [NARMH]

300 33rd Avenue South, Suite 101, Waite Park, MN 56387

PHONE: 320/202-1820; FAX: 320/202-1833

WEB SITE: www.narmh.org

Mark Mitchell, President

Founding Date: 1977. **Membership Size:** 300+ individuals, 125 organizations. **Staff Size:** 1. **Annual Convention/Meetings:** August 6-9, 2008, in Burlington, VT; June 17-20, 2009, in Albuquerque, NM. **Publications:** Rural Mental Health Journal. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Harold Goldsmith, Government Affairs Liaison; Nancy Speck, Board Member.

Organizational Purpose: Provides rural providers, consumers and advocates a forum to share problems, find solutions and work cooperatively, and to improve rural mental health

services; improves delivery of mental health services in rural areas; reduces inequities in the delivery of rural mental health services via promotion and advocacy; develops educational resources and disseminates information on rural mental health; sponsors an annual national rural mental health conference to link rural professionals and provide rural education. **Description:** NARMH membership is diverse, representing direct care, policy, academic, hospital and community based organizations, as well as individuals involved in professional practice in rural mental health. The organization provides a forum for the identification of rural mental health issues and problems, shares innovative solutions and model programs, and speaks with a shared voice on issues of rural mental health concern. NARMH's values include partnership, diversity, education, advocacy and innovation. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Increasing consumer and family involvement in the development and implementation of rural mental health services; ensuring that rural mental health professionals develop and maintain a high level of clinical service delivery, practice management and cultural competence; increasing understanding of the costs associated with providing rural mental health services, dissemination of the successes of rural mental health models, as well as communicating how changes in public policy or financing affect rural mental health; and connecting the rural mental health community electronically, organizationally and politically.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ANOREXIA NERVOSA AND ASSOCIATED DISORDERS [ANAD]

Box 7, Highland Park, IL 60035
PHONE: 847/831-3438; FAX: 847/433-4632
WEB SITE: www.anad.org
Vivian Hanson Meehan, President

Founding Date: 1976. **Membership Size:** 15,000+. **Staff Size:** 10. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 400+ national and international chapters. **Publications:** Working Together, newsletter. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Jeff Lewis, Esq., and Jumoke Oyewole in Washington, DC; Christopher Athas, Vice President, and Mary Elsner, Director of Advocacy and Government Affairs, in Highland Park, IL.

Organizational Purpose: ANAD is a national/international educational and advocacy organization dedicated to helping sufferers of eating disorders and their families. ANAD advocates prevention through education, research and training and fights insurance and job discrimination. **Description:** ANAD members include concerned individuals, health care professionals, support group leaders and members and resource people. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Mental health parity legislation that covers eating disorders; appropriations for eating disorders research and prevention; education/prevention programs; development of ANAD support groups; opposing the sale of over-the-counter laxatives, diet pills and diuretics to minors; opposing BMI testing for school children.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY DIRECTORS [NACBHDD]

25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20001
PHONE: 202/661-8816; FAX: 202/661-8871
WEB SITE: www.nacbhdd.org
Leon Evans, Chair; Ellen Witman, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1996. **Membership Size:** 450. **Staff Size:** 3. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 18. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** February 27-29, 2008, in Washington, DC. **Publications:** The NACBHDD Newsletter; DC Update. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Maeghan Gilmore, Director of Government Affairs and Public Policy; Melissa Stein, Legislative Assistant.

Organizational Purpose: NACBHDD works to promote excellence in the delivery of county/local behavioral health services. **Description:** County/local behavioral health care authorities (MH/DD/SA); state associations in the states in which counties have responsibility for these systems; interested professionals. Annual legislative and policy conference each year, newsletter, professional development network, policy briefs.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCILS [NAMHPAC]

2000 North Beauregard Street, Sixth Floor, Alexandria, VA 22311

PHONE: 703/797-2595; FAX: 703/684-5968

WEB SITE: www.namhpac.org

Judy Stange, Executive Director; Deb Johnson, Board Chair

Founding Date: 1996. **Membership Size:** 59. **Staff Size:** 3.75. **Publications:** Public Policy Updates. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Judy Stange, Executive Director.

Organizational Purpose: NAMHPAC is committed to the development of a comprehensive, accessible and flexible community-based system of mental health care that is driven by consumers of mental health services, their families and parents of children with serious emotional disturbance. Mental health planning and advisory councils must play a central role in the realization of this mission. **Description:** Membership is open to all mental health planning and advisory councils in all states and territories. Ongoing activities of the association are related to the development, evaluation and communication of ideas about mental health planning, advocacy and evaluation of mental health systems. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Data needs of planning councils; implementation of evidence-based programs; mental health and older adults; leadership development; trauma-informed services.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH SYSTEMS [NAPHS]

701 13th Street, NW, Suite 950, Washington, DC 20005

PHONE: 202/393-6700; FAX: 202/783-6041

WEB SITE: www.naphs.org

Mark Covall, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1933. **Membership Size:** 600+ behavioral health organizations. **Staff Size:** 7. **Affiliated Organizations:** Association of Behavioral Group Practices. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** April 6-8, 2008, in Washington, DC. **Publications:** CEO Forecast, a weekly executive briefing; Trends in Behavioral Healthcare Systems (annual data report); and Enhancing Youth Services. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Mark Covall, Executive Director; Nancy Trenti, Director of Government Relations.

Organizational Purpose: The NAPHS advocates for behavioral health and represents community-based provider systems that are committed to the delivery of responsive, accountable and clinically effective prevention, treatment and care for children, adolescents and adults with mental and substance use disorders. **Description:** Members operate psychiatric hospitals, psychiatric units in general hospitals, behavioral group practices, youth services programs, outpatient programs, partial hospitalization programs, substance abuse treatment programs and residential treatment programs. NAPHS has a cooperative agreement with the American Hospital Association. Ongoing activities include advocacy, training and technical assistance for members on clinical/administrative issues, data collection/dissemination and performance measurement. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Access to mental health services; mental health parity in the private sector and federal/state public sector (including specific reforms to Medicaid/Medicare; mental health and related needs of children and youth; performance measurement and patient safety.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS [NASP]

4340 East West Highway, Suite 402, Bethesda, MD 20814

PHONE: 301/657-0270; FAX: 301/657-0275

WEB SITE: www.nasponline.org

Susan Gorin, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1969. **Membership Size:** 26,000. **Staff Size:** 30. **Number of State/ Local Chapters:** 52 state associations. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** February 4-10, 2008, in New Orleans, LA. **Publications:** School Psychology Review, quarterly journal; Communiqué, monthly newspaper; more than 30 books, pamphlets and software. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Ted Feinberg, Assistant Executive Director; Stacy Skalski, Director of Public Policy; Jeff Charvat, Director, Research & Information Services.

Organizational Purpose: Serve the mental health and educational needs of all children and youth. Encourage professional growth. Inform the public about school psychology and advance the standards of school psychology. **Description:** Primarily school psychology practitioners within the public schools and other settings. Volunteer-driven organization with elected executive board and delegate assembly representing each state and the District of Columbia. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Expanding school mental health through the Mental Health in Schools Act (HR 3430 and S 1332); creating leadership and support for related services through the Addressing Barriers to Learning Act (HR 3419); promoting PBS/PBIS through the Positive Behavior for Effective Change Act (HR 3407 and S 2111); school Medicaid reimbursement through the Protecting Children's Health Act (S 578); anti-bullying/harassment through the Safe Schools Improvement Act (HR 3132); and support for school mental health funding.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS [NASW]

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Elizabeth J. Clark, PhD, ACSW, MPH, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1955. **Membership Size:** 151,000. **Staff Size:** 140. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 56. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** None. **Publications:** numerous books,

videotapes and periodicals. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Jim Finley, Senior Government Relations Associate.

Organizational Purpose: To advance the quality of social work practice and to enhance the effective functioning and well-being of individuals, families and communities through advocacy. **Description:** NASW members are professional social workers who work worldwide in a variety of practice settings. Primary activities include development of professional standards, legislative and political action, policy analysis and dissemination, public service, membership services and publishing. NASW is governed by an elected Delegate Assembly and a National Board of Directors. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Health and mental health; civil rights; education; the uninsured, economic security.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE DIRECTORS [NASADAD]

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WEB SITE: www.nasadad.org

Lewis E. Gallant, PhD, Executive Director; Flo Stein (N.C.), President

Founding Date: 1971. **Membership Size:** 60. **Staff Size:** 13. **Publications:** State resources and services related to alcohol and other drug problems. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Robert Morrison, Director of Public Policy; Barbara Durkin, Public Policy Associate.

Organizational Purpose: NASADAD is a private, not-for-profit educational, scientific, and informational organization. NASADAD's basic purpose is to foster and support the development of effective alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and treatment programs throughout every state. **Description:** The Association was originally incorporated in 1971 to serve State Drug Agency Directors, and then in 1978 the membership was expanded to include State Alcoholism Directors. **Priority Issues for 2008:** SAMHSA reauthorization, outcomes and performance measurement, offender reentry, adequate resources for service delivery and addiction research.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS [NASMHPD]

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WEB SITE: www.nasmhpd.org

Robert W. Glover, PhD, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1963. **Membership Size:** 55. **Staff Size:** 17. **Affiliated Organizations:** NASMHPD Research Institute, Inc., National Governors' Association. **Annual Convention / Meetings:** Commissioners Meeting July 13-15, 2008, in Nashville, TN. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Elizabeth Prewitt, Director, Government Relations; Bill Emmet, Project Director; David Miller, Senior Policy Associate; Lauren Kamnik, Senior Policy Associate.

Organizational Purpose: To improve the quality and effectiveness of the public mental health system; to foster communication and cooperation among the states; and to ensure that

state mental health agencies have a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system. **Description:** NASMHPD serves as the national representative and advocate for state mental health agencies and their directors and supports effective stewardship of state mental health systems. NASMHPD's members are the state mental health directors and commissioners in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, and four territorial executive managers of mental health programs. NASMHPD informs its members on current and emerging public policy issues, educates on research funding and best practices; provides consultation and technical assistance; collaborates with key stakeholders; and facilitates state-to-state sharing. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Strengthening federal programs (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare, SAMHSA programs) that provide financial and technical resources to the states to improve mental health services; mental health parity; SCHIP and SAMHSA reauthorization; suicide prevention; housing; veterans' mental health; role of mental health in overall health; promoting quality services in workforce development; preventing the criminalization of persons with mental illness; reducing/eliminating the use of seclusion and restraint; and preventing custody relinquishment.

NATIONAL COALITION OF MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER/SURVIVOR ORGANIZATIONS [NCMHCSO]

1300 L Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005

PHONE: 703/862-6512

WEB SITE: www.ncmhcs.org

Founding Date: August 1, 2006. **Membership Size:** 30 state and 4 national consumer-run technical assistance centers. **Staff Size:** .4 FTE. **State/Local Chapters:** 30. **Annual Convention / Meetings:** October 10, 2007, in St. Louis, Missouri. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Lauren Spiro, Director of Public Policy; Daniel Fisher, MD, PhD.

Organizational Purpose: To ensure that consumer/survivors have a major voice in the development and implementation of healthcare, mental health, and social policies at the state and national levels, empowering people to recover and lead a full life in the community. **Description:** NCMHCSO members are consumer-run statewide or large regional organizations. Values: Recovery is possible for everyone; Self-Determination - We need to be in control of our lives; Holistic Choices - We need meaningful choices, including a range of recovery oriented services; We must be centrally involved in any dialogues and discussions affecting us; We will campaign to eliminate discrimination. **Policy Priorities for 2008:** Adequate federal funding to go directly to consumer-run statewide organizations/coalitions to ensure sustainability; peer-run alternatives to hospitalization; universal psychosocial coverage; parity with choice to cover a variety of community-based alternatives; creating model legislation; ensuring peoples' rights are protected; self-directed care through self-determination accounts and training; ensuring adequate funding of consumer/survivor run housing; and consumer-driven transformation of Social Security reform to enable people to return to work by raising asset and income limits, increasing work incentives, increasing work supports, re-evaluating benefits based on geography, and coordinating agencies that provide benefits and coordinating benefits; and advocating for recommended systems change per the New Freedom Commission.

NATIONAL COALITION OF MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND CONSUMERS, INC. [NCMHPC]

PO Box 438, Commack, NY 11725-0438
PHONE: 631/979-5307 or 866/826-2548; FAX: 631/979-5293
WEB SITE: www.thenationalcoalition.org
Bill MacGillivray, PhD, ABPP, President

Founding Date: 1992. **Membership Size:** 600 individual members. **Staff Size:** 1. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 2. **Affiliated Organizations:** State and local affiliated chapters. **Publications:** Coalition Report. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Dave Byrom, PhD, Past President.

Organizational Purpose: A multidisciplinary advocacy organization committed to preserving choice, confidentiality and quality in mental health treatment and to building a pro-consumer health care system. The Coalition works through public and professional education, through legal and legislative action to address the problems and abuses of managed care, to regulate the industry and to replace it. **Description:** Sponsor of three current conferences related to mental health care; sponsor and support of state regulations and/or legislation via state chapters. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Privacy protection in all health care, with particular focus on mental health and substance abuse; parity with real benefits for mental illnesses; addictive disorders and emotional problems; health care for all Americans; informing U.S. Senate and House members and staffs with briefings and seminars on the above issues.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE

[National Council]

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PHONE: 301/984-6200; FAX: 301/881-7159
WEB SITE: www.thenationalcouncil.org
Linda Rosenberg, President and Chief Executive Officer

Founding Date: 1969. **Membership Size:** 1300. **Staff Size:** 15. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 46. **Affiliated Organizations:** Division of State Associations. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** May 1-3, 2008, in Boston, MA. **Publications:** National Council News (bimonthly); Public Policy Update (weekly); State Policy Focus (monthly); Technical Assistance Update (monthly); Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research (quarterly); advisories and alerts on advocacy issues on a frequent but irregular basis. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Allison Fort, Policy Associate; Charles Ingoglia, Vice President, Public Policy; Alexa Eggleston, Director of Public Policy; Al Guida, Guide Consulting Services, Inc.

Organizational Purpose: The National Council offers state-of-the-science information, education, and technical assistance resources to its direct service mental health and addiction treatment provider organization members. **Description:** Members include local community-based, county and regional direct service providers, as well as state-level associations of service providers and provider networks. All members advocate expansion of community behavioral health services. Most members' primary mission is service delivery. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Preserve Medicaid entitlement and funding; SAMHSA reauthorization; increase funding for substance abuse block grant.

NATIONAL DISABILITY RIGHTS NETWORK [NDRN] (Formerly NAPAS)

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WEB SITE: www.ndrn.org
Curtis L. Decker, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1983. **Membership Size:** 90. **Staff Size:** 21. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 57 PADD, 56 CAP, 56 PAIMI, 56 PAIR. **Publications:** TASC Update, Annual Program Reports, NDRN Annual Report. **Annual Convention/ Meeting:** June 4 – 7, 2007 in St. Louis, MI. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Curtis L. Decker, Executive Director; Eric Buehlmann, Senior Public Policy Analyst.

Organizational Purpose: NDRN represents the interests of Protection and Advocacy Programs (P&As) and Client Assistance Programs (CAPs), as well as furthering the rights of persons with disabilities. NDRN provides training and technical assistance to the P&As and CAPs. **Description:** Protection and Advocacy agencies are authorized under relevant legislation. **Priority Issues for 2008:** SAMHSA reauthorization; appropriations; Workforce Investment Act reauthorization; No Child Left Behind Act, etc.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

[National Federation]

9605 Medical Center Drive, Suite 280, Rockville, MD 20850
PHONE: 240/402-2901; FAX: 240/403-1909
WEB SITE: www.ffcmh.org
Sandra Spencer, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1989. **Membership Size:** 3,000. **Staff Size:** 20. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 130. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** November 21-23, 2008, in Atlanta, GA. **Publications:** See web site for list of available publications. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Sandra Spencer, Executive Director; Elaine Slaton, Director of Training and Research.

Organizational Purpose: The National Federation provides advocacy at the national level for the rights of children and youth with emotional, behavioral, and mental health challenges and their families; provides and technical assistance to a nationwide network of family-run organizations; collaborates with family-run and other child serving organizations to transform mental health care in America. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Children's mental health and local law enforcement policies and procedures; mental health in the juvenile justice system; Medicaid; expanding family network grants; fully funding children's mental health programs; supporting family organizations; and suicide prevention.

SUICIDE PREVENTION ACTION NETWORK USA [SPAN USA]

1025 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite 1066, Washington, DC 20005
PHONE: 202/449-3600; FAX: 202/449-3601
WEB SITE: www.spanusa.org
Jerry Reed, Executive Director

Founding Date: 1996. **Membership Size:** 5000. **Staff Size:** 5. **Number of State/ Local Chapters:** Field Liaisons and Quilt Organizers in 24 states. **Annual Meeting:** February 26-27, 2008, in Washington, DC. **Publications:** The Network News quarterly newsletter.

Staff Participating in MHLG: Jerry Reed, Executive Director; Brian Altman, Director of Public Policy and Program Development.

Organizational Purpose: To increase awareness regarding the toll of suicide in our nation and to develop political will to ensure that our government, both at the national and state levels, effectively addresses the problem of suicide. **Description:** Survivors of suicide are the organization's primary driving force. Volunteers in 24 states advocate for federal, state, and local public policy, create Lifekeeper Memorial Quilts, organize awareness events, and work collaboratively on local suicide prevention initiatives. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Reauthorization of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; passage of mental health parity legislation; funding for the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act programs; \$6.5 million for the CDC to expand the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS); legislation on military suicide early intervention and prevention; support for NIMH to fund behavioral intervention to prevent suicide; and elimination of Medicare mental health coinsurance discrimination.

THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITIES OF AMERICA [TCA]

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WEB SITE: www.therapeuticcommunitiesofamerica.org

Pat Beauchemin, Executive Director; Michael Harle, President

Founding Date: 1975. **Membership Size:** 60 Board members representing over 650 substance abuse treatment centers. **Staff Size:** 2. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** January 2008 in New Orleans, LA; May and September 2008 in Washington, DC. **Publications:** TCA NEWS, 3 times a year. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Pat Beauchemin, Executive Director

Organizational Purpose: TCA is an advocacy, research, and educational national non-profit association in support of expanding evidence-based substance use and mental health disorder prevention and treatment. **Description:** TCA members provide a comprehensive continuum of care to patients, many of whom have multiple barriers to recovery, such as those with co-occurring mental illness, the homeless, adolescents, pregnant women, and persons with HIV/AIDS. Therapeutic communities also strive to help individuals' secure family unification and successful welfare to work outcomes. In recent years, TCA members have expanded their range of services, providing outpatient, prevention, education, family therapy, transitional housing, vocational training, medical services, and case management in addition to long-term residential programs. Additionally, many therapeutic communities are involved in drug courts, in-prison programs, transitioning assistance out of correctional facilities, post prison treatment aftercare, and other criminal justice system programs. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Workforce shortage issues; eliminating the IMD Medicaid exclusion for alcohol and drug addiction community-based residential treatment facilities; appropriations that support and expand community addiction and mental disease treatment and prevention services; expansion of prison based and community addiction and co-occurring treatment programs that coordinate and fund community aftercare services as part of their programs; bridging substance use disease with the primary health care system. and promoting public policy that supports returning veterans and there families with behavioral health issues.

TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION, INC. [TSA]

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PHONE: 202/408-7009; FAX: 202/408-3260

Judit Ungar, President; Kenneth Moelis, Chairman of the Board

Founding Date: 1972. **Membership Size:** 40,000. **Staff Size:** 30. **Number of State/ Local Chapters:** 35. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** April 2-5, 2008, in Alexandria, VA. **Publications:** TSA National Newsletter; TSA Children's Newsletter; TSA Chapter Connection; Brochures on TS and related materials; Medical Research Letter. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Elridge Proctor, Director of Public Policy.

Organizational Purpose: Education, service and research. **Description:** There are approximately 300 support groups organized under state/local chapters, comprised of adults and children with Tourette Syndrome, physicians, researchers, allied professionals and educators. **Priority Issues for 2008:** mental health parity; genetic information protection; IDEA; NIH and CDC funding.

UNITED JEWISH COMMUNITIES [UJC]

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Howard M. Rieger, President & Chief Executive Officer

Founding Date: 1999 merger of two parts founded in 1935 (Council of Jewish Federations) & 1945 (United Jewish Appeal). **Membership Size:** 155 Jewish Federations. **Staff Size:** 250. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 155 Federations, 400 Independent Communities. **Affiliated Organizations:** Association of Jewish Family & Children's Agencies (AJFCA), Association of Jewish Aging Services of North America (AJAS), International Association of Jewish Vocational Services (IAJVS), Jewish Community Centers Association of North American (JCCA), and thousands of local hospitals, nursing homes, Jewish family & Children's services. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** UJC General Assembly November 16-19, 2008, in Jerusalem, Israel. **Publications:** Internal E-mail Distribution; UJC Washington newsletter. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Amy Aarons Rosen, Legislative Associate.

Organizational Purpose: United Jewish Communities (UJC) represents 155 Jewish Federations and 400 independent communities across North America. Through the UJA Federation Campaign, UJC provides life-saving and life-enhancing humanitarian assistance to those in need, and translates Jewish values into social action on behalf of millions of Jews in hundreds of communities in North America, in towns and villages throughout Israel, in the former Soviet Union, and 60 countries around the world. Through the Israel Emergency Campaign, UJC and the Jewish Federations of North America are providing economic, social, human welfare and other types of support to Israelis and victims of terror as they strive to lead normal lives during a period of extreme difficulty. **Description:** Federations are local planning and fundraising conveyors for the local Jewish Communities. They fund and provide research for Jewish family and children's services for which mental Health services are the most important public policy priorities. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Mental Health Parity, Long-Term Care Alternatives, Senior Transportation, Aging in Place, Defending Affordable

Housing, Rapid and Effective Disaster Relief, Supporting Emergency Food & Shelter Program (EFSP), and Disability Issues.

UNITED STATES PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION [USPRA]
(Formerly IAPSRs)

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WEB SITE: www.uspra.org
Marcie Granahan, CEO

Founding Date: 1975. **Membership Size:** 1,400. **Staff Size:** 9. **Number of State/Local Chapters:** 29. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** June 16-19, 2008, in Chicago, IL. **Publications:** Introduction to Psychiatric Rehabilitation; Psychiatric Rehabilitation Skills in Practice; Readings in Dual Diagnosis; Consumers as Providers in Psychiatric Rehabilitation; Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal; Best Practices in Psychiatric Rehabilitation; PSR Connections newsletter. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Jane Porter, Director of Government Relations and Public Affairs.

Organizational Purpose: USPRA is an organization of psychiatric rehabilitation agencies, practitioners, and interested organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting, supporting, and strengthening community oriented rehabilitation services and resources for persons with psychiatric disabilities. **Description:** Information dissemination, training, research and public policy concerning psychiatric rehabilitation and services for persons with serious and persistent mental illness are the primary activities of the association. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Improving and advancing psychiatric rehabilitation services in federal programs for people with mental illness. Specific issue areas include: housing, Medicare/Medicaid, SSI/SSDI, employment services and vocational rehabilitation.

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA [VOA]

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WEB SITE: www.volunteersofamerica.org
Charles Gould, President; Karen Dale, Vice President; Jimmie Paschall, Vice President

Founding Date: 1896. **Membership Size:** No membership. **Staff Size:** 80 in national office; more than 14,000 nationwide. **Number of State/Local chapters:** 38 state affiliates working in 46 states. **Annual Convention/Meeting:** June 2008 in New Orleans, LA. **Publications:** Spirit Magazine. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Margaret Ratcliff, Senior Vice President of Services.

Organizational Purpose: Volunteers of America is a national, nonprofit, spiritually based organization providing local human service programs and opportunities for individual and community involvement. **Description:** Volunteers of America operates human services programs in 46 states. Approximately 25 affiliates operate mental health programs. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Mental health, homelessness, substance abuse, housing, corrections, child and youth issues.

WITNESS JUSTICE [WJ]

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WEB SITE: www.witnessjustice.org

Helga West, President and Chief Executive Officer; Maria Rodman, Chair, Board of Directors

Founding Date: 2002. **Staff Size:** 5. **Publications:** e-Newsletter, periodic announcements, and white papers. **Staff Participating in MHLG:** Helga West, President and CEO.

Organizational Purpose: To provide national advocacy and direct assistance to, and support the mental health of, survivors of violence and trauma. **Description:** Witness Justice is a national, grassroots nonprofit organization serving victims of violence and trauma and their allies. We advocate and provide direct assistance, along with a wide range of online resources. Our direct services are focused addressing gaps in services, with particular focus on the vital but often neglected intermediate and long-term support that victims need to heal from psychological trauma and to navigate the criminal justice process. **Priority Issues for 2008:** Recognition and support across the health and human service spectrum of the interrelation between trauma/violence, mental health and substance abuse; improvement and expansion of access to mental health services for trauma survivors; mental health parity; mental health stigma reduction.