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John George Psychiatric Hospital recognized with “Provider of the Year” award

San Leandro, Calif. — [John George Psychiatric Hospital’s](#) (JGPH) Guy Qvistgaard, chief administrative officer, and Judy Linn, director of nursing services, have been awarded the “Provider of the Year, Facility” award from the California Association of Mental Health Patients’ Rights Advocates (CAMHPRA). The awards will be presented at the CAMHPRA annual luncheon Friday, March 4.

“It is evident that JGPH is committed to providing a healing environment through knowledge and advocacy for patients and their families,” said Francesca Tenenbaum, director, Patients Rights Advocates of Alameda County. “Family and patients’ rights advocates are valued members of their team. The use of our observations and suggestions to identify patient-centered solutions and program development is acknowledged and appreciated.”

JGPH has rapidly advanced as a leader in psychiatric care over the last several years. Effective patient engagement practices, including emphasis on staff education and staff/patient collaboration has resulted in increased patient and staff satisfaction.

Additionally, Beverly Bergman, a family advocate with the Mental Health Association of Alameda County, was awarded the “Provider of the Year, Individual” award for her work involving patient and family advocacy at John George Psychiatric Hospital.

“It is remarkable that two awards are being given for individuals from Alameda County and even more so that they are both providers associated with JGPH,” Tenenbaum said.

“The improvements at JGPH are entirely possible because of people like Beverly and Judy,” said Qvistgaard. “We are honored to receive these awards from the CAMHPRA in recognition of our dedication to patient advocacy and quality care.”

CAMHPRA is a state-wide professional organization of patients’ advocates. Their mission is to empower clients with mental health disabilities to live more independent and secure lives through the enforcement of their legal rights, promotion of their treatment interests and the advancement of their social and economic well-being.

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About John George Psychiatric Hospital

John George Psychiatric Hospital (JGPH), located in San Leandro, Calif., is a leader in psychiatric care and provides psychiatric care for nearly 100 percent of all acute psychiatric emergencies in Alameda County. JGPH is nationally recognized as a model for other programs across the country and is a leader in the use of data analytics to formulate effective care decisions. As a member of the Alameda Health System, JGPH has a direct connection to a nationally known institution of medical and educational excellence and its expanded health care services. For more information, visit JohnGeorgeAHS.org.