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## THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND

# 2011 *Annual Legislative Reception*

February 16, 2011  
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Westin Annapolis  
100 Westgate Circle  
Annapolis, MD



Members of the General Assembly are guests of MHAMD

## *The Parity Perspective:* What Healthcare Reform and Parity Really Mean for Maryland

We may finally be able to end the discrimination in access to care for Marylanders living with mental illness. The intersection of healthcare reform with federal mental health parity presents an opportunity for change that will come only once during our lifetimes. As advocates, consumers, family members, providers and policymakers, we need to ensure that implementation of these precedent-setting laws makes the difference that we all envision.

Join us to understand what healthcare reform and parity mean for Maryland. We've pulled together leading state and national experts to discuss healthcare reform's implications and opportunities for people living with mental illness. The panelists will talk about the challenges they see and answer your questions about how it will all play out here in Maryland.

Moderated by WYPR's "Maryland Morning" host, Sheilah Kast, our expert panel features the very people charged with planning and implementing reform within the state and across the nation:

**John Colmers** - Secretary, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

**Richard Frank** - Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Disability, Aging and Long-Term Care Policy, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

**Henry Harbin** - National Healthcare Reform Consultant and Founder, Magellan Health Services

**Steven Larsen** - Director, Office of Insurance Oversight, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**Elizabeth "Beth" Sammis** - Acting Commissioner, Maryland Insurance Administration



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*Programs for people...  
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The Mental Health Association of Maryland's Annual Legislative Reception is one of the state's premier mental health advocacy events. In these tough economic times, a strong and unified mental health advocacy voice is more critical than ever. Your participation and support of our event provide vital resources in our ongoing effort to protect and enhance access to mental health services through the Maryland Mental Health Coalition, the Mental Health and Criminal Justice Partnership, the Coalition on Mental Health and Aging and the many other workgroups we coordinate.

We hope you will join us to help ensure our education and advocacy continue to *change Marylander's lives*.

MHAMD is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

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## Schedule

2011 Policy Agenda

Greetings from the Governor (invited)

Awards Presentation

Buffet Reception & Cash Bar

Expert Panel: The Parity Perspective

*Be sure to stop by MHAMD's informative bill tables to learn about proposed and pending 2011 legislation. Bill tables open at 4 p.m.*

## Award Recipients

Each year, MHAMD recognizes advocates, policymakers and leaders who have made a difference for people living with mental illness. Our 2011 honorees demonstrate how strategic leadership, passion and dedication can move us toward the vision of a just, humane and healthy society. For these individuals, seeing the vision was not enough. They formulated the plan, put in the hard work and moved us closer to achieving that vision.

### Legislator of the Year

*honoring public policy leadership*

#### Victor R. Ramirez

Senator-elect, Democrat, District 47, Prince George's County

### Paula Hamburger Award

*honoring a champion for children*

#### Cathy Surace

Managing Attorney, Maryland Disability Law Center

### Distinguished Service Award

*recognizing visionary leadership and lasting impact*

#### Richard Frank

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Disability, Aging and Long-Term Care Policy, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

### Community Partnership Award

*recognizing creative genius in support of mental health*

#### Ron Thompson & Siquis

## Registration

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**Deadline:** February 1, 2011

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