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# Press Release

## NAATP Announces Appointment of New President/CEO

National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP) Board Chair, Cathy Palm, is pleased to announce that Ms. Karen Carpenter-Palumbo has accepted the offer of the Board of Directors to become the new President/CEO of NAATP. She will begin her new position on April 4, 2011.

Prior to accepting the position, Ms. Carpenter-Palumbo served as Commissioner of the State of New York Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services from 2007 through 2010. She also has extensive experience working in the mental health field and other health related organizations, as well as in the insurance industry. She has been a strong advocate for both the private and public sectors of the addiction treatment field, and brings that strong commitment to the field to her new position at NAATP.



When informed of Ms. Carpenter-Palumbo's appointment, Dr. Tom McClellan, Director of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Center for Substance Abuse Solutions, said, *"You could not have selected a better leader. Karen is the perfect combination of energy, integrity and creativity that we need for these challenging times."*

Paul Samuels, Director/President of the Legal Action Center, added, *"NAATP has made a terrific choice in selecting Karen Carpenter-Palumbo to be its new President/CEO. It is altogether fitting that one of the leading experts on addiction treatment and policy in the country will lead one of our nation's leading addiction treatment organizations. With her expertise and proven track record of success in leading New York State's addiction services agency, Ms. Carpenter-Palumbo will undoubtedly add to NAATP's long history of accomplishment and help move our nation to more effectively address the disease of addiction."*

Carpenter-Palumbo holds a Master of Social Work degree, and has been the recipient of many awards for the work she has done in the addictions field, among them the 2010 SAMHSA Science and Service Award, the 2010 Spirit Award from the International Nurses Society on Addictions, and the 2009 Ramstad-Kennedy Award for Outstanding Leadership.

The Board of Directors is committed to leadership that takes NAATP to a new level of active support for and advocacy on behalf of its membership, and is enthusiastic about the energy and vision Ms. Carpenter-Palumbo brings to that commitment. In her own words, our new President states, *"Today as I embark on the next chapter in my career, I hope to continue my mission, which is also the mission of*

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*NAATP...to prevent the disease of addiction, to increase access to the highest quality of care for the treatment of addiction, and to improve recovery outcomes for addiction so that people and families in this nation and world can be given an opportunity to live the best life possible."*

Interim President, Dennis Gilhousen, will continue to provide support to NAATP for a brief period to help with a smooth transition of leadership, and in the immediate future the NAATP office will remain in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with the same staff, address and phone numbers.

*The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers is a trade association representing over 300 of the best known providers of addiction treatment both in this country and internationally. The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers' office is located in Lancaster, PA and NAATP is governed by a Board of Directors from across the country. Additional information on the work of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers may be obtained by contacting the NAATP office at 717-392-8480*

