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I am sending this on behalf of The Florida Council for Community Mental Health. Please note, Our Supervising Psychologist, Dr. Robert Boxley, won the Supervisor of the Year Award!

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The Florida Council for Community Mental Health (FCCMH) awards three top staff within its community behavioral health member agencies. FCCMH annually selects top employees that work within the community mental health and substance abuse field from a list of individuals recognized by their organization.

This year’s award winners are:

Direct Service Provider of the Year

Cathedra Winston
Lakeside Behavioral Healthcare
Cathedra has been with Lakeside Behavioral Healthcare over 7 years, she started as a Pharmacy Technician, then worked as a Forensic Specialist, Residential Advisor, and is now currently working as a Lead Wrap Around Coach in Case Management. She is currently pursuing a Master’s degree in Psychology and Counseling at Troy University. As a Wrap Around Coach, she works with some of the toughest families who have children in the legal system and to compound their problems they struggle with mental health issues, finances, and parental structure and need support. Cathedra works after hours and on weekends to ensure families have their needs met.

Administrator/ Supervisor of the Year

Robert Boxley, PhD
Manatee Glens

Robert Boxley, Ph.D. is a supervising psychologist. He is a prolific writer and frequent presenter at professional conferences. With more than 25 years of clinical experience in individual, couple, family and group therapy he brings an expertise that is not easily found in community behavioral health. His specialization in psychological testing, depression/anxiety, autistic spectrum disorders, child/adolescent counseling, residential/school-based care and substance abuse provides a deep understanding of the treatment needs of individuals receiving care at Manatee Glens. His commitment to the field goes much deeper than his direct service. Annually, he supervises eight Psy.D. practicum students and is vital in training 190 other clinical workers. He also supervises clinicians in local schools. This helps fill Florida’s dire need for psychiatrists, especially in community mental health. Dr. Boxley led the creation of the Lake Erie College of Medicine/Manatee Glens Hospital Psychiatry Residency program, one of only seven such programs in the country and the first private, non-profit psychiatric hospital that has its own medical residency program! Now, other hospitals will have this as a model and template for other programs in Florida.

Peer Specialist of the Year

Elizabeth Newton
Peace River Center

Elizabeth Newton, a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist servicing Peace River Center’s FACT Team was nominated by her team and was chosen to represent Peace River Center because of her excellent performance as a professional in their organization. “She always has Peace River Center and those serve at heart when making decisions” her CEO states. She consistently demonstrates leadership, compassion and commitment to the individuals we serve as they seek our help. Elizabeth embodies the core values set forth for all PRC employees – Integrity, Accountability, Team Focus, Respect and Excellence.

When CEO Bill Gardam announced Elizabeth’s nomination as Peer Mentor of the Year, he told her, “Our clients feel your grace and acceptance. You respond to them. You touch them. In fact
your impact on all of those you meet makes you an outstanding emissary for Peace River Center. We are grateful for your service. In your words we want to say, Merci Beaucoup!”

Bob Sharpe, CEO and President FCCMH remarked, “Listening to the accomplishment of these award winners makes us all proud of the quality of care our members provide on a day to day basis. Recognizing these individuals is just an incredible opportunity to promote the skills and commitment of our members to the individuals they serve. We are so privileged to be their association representative”.

FCCMH has been representing community mental health and substance abuse providers for over 50 year with the mission of helping it members provide and sustain quality behavioral health.

Manatee Glens is the specialty hospital and outpatient practice in Bradenton treating mental health and addictions in youth, adults and seniors.

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