

The Maryland Psychiatric Society: Working Hard To Serve Our Members

2013-2014 MPS Initiatives

The MPS was represented by several members on the DHMH Continuity of Care Advisory Panel, which submitted its report to the General Assembly. The report resulted in 2014 legislation establishing the Outpatient Services Programs Workgroup that will work on implementing an Assisted Outpatient Treatment program in Maryland and evaluating the dangerousness standard for involuntary admissions.

During the 2014 Maryland General Assembly, the MPS **met with key State legislators** during Advocacy Days, reviewed bills, communicated positions and provided psychiatrist testimony at important hearings. Some additional major successes include:

- ◆ Helped to defeat legislation that would create criminal penalties for failure to report child abuse.
- ◆ Opposed a bill requiring people with mental illness to disclose their diagnosis to obtain a driver's license.
- ◆ Supported the step therapy bill that prevents insurers from forcing fail-first protocols on patients.

Informed members about Maryland's **Gun Control Law** and its Clinician Obligations.

Hosted **20 DSM5 trainings** across the state, as well as a movie/CME presentation.

Participated in the MIA's ongoing review and revision of Maryland's **Uniform Treatment Plan Form**.

MPS Paper of the Year Awards given to best submissions by Resident Fellow and Early Career members.

Provided **Sunshine Act/Open Payment** deadlines and resources.

Distributed information for practice:

- ◆ How to Update Your Listing in the Maryland Health Insurance Exchange Provider Directory
- ◆ Revised CMS-1500 Claim Form Deadline
- ◆ Updates on Maryland and Federal Health Care Reforms, including ICD-10, Parity and Data Transparency
- ◆ Monthly Updates on Medicare & Medicaid, including payments, ePrescribing, EHR use and PQRS
- ◆ ABPN Maintenance of Certification news
- ◆ HIPAA Risk Assessment Tools
- ◆ Prescription Drug Monitoring and Maryland's Program
- ◆ Telepsychiatry Risk Management

Honored **Paul McClelland, M.D.** with the 2014 MPS **Lifetime of Service Award**.

Explained Maryland's Healthcare Practitioner **ID Badge Law** Requirements.

Member Benefits

- ◆ Strong representation in Maryland General Assembly, with state regulators, and within the mental health community.
- ◆ Information about issues relevant to psychiatry in Maryland.
- ◆ Reduced rates for excellent CME programs.
- ◆ Networking and peer support through the member listserv, committees and meetings.
- ◆ Patient referral service that matches callers with member practices based on patient preferences.
- ◆ Subscription to monthly *MPS News*, which includes positions and office space available.
- ◆ Listing in and free copy of the annual MPS Membership Directory.
- ◆ Subscription to *The Maryland Psychiatrist*, the journal of psychiatry in our state.
- ◆ A place to turn for solutions to problems regarding insurance, billing, malpractice, legal needs, etc.
- ◆ Reduced rates for advertisements in *MPS News* and the annual directory.