

National Association of Social Workers, Guam Chapter Announces Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center's Residential Recovery Program as Exemplary Service Provider of the Year

HAGATNA, GU—*The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Guam Chapter announced Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center's (GBHWC) Residential Recovery Program (RRP) as the 2018 Exemplary Service Provider of the Year* at the NASW Awards Banquet held on March 17, 2018 at Westin Resort Guam. RRP is a 24-hour community-based residential program provided by GBHWC for adults with severe and chronic mental illness who are willing to develop the skills for independent living; have behavioral issues that interfere with their ability to acquire meaningful life skills and have successful interpersonal relationships; are aging and in need of medical supervision and are homeless and in need of a permanent supportive housing program.

RRP's Mission Statement is "RRP is dedicated to providing services that promote recovery and independence through care, community, family and peer supports, and skill development leading to a successful transition into a safe, appropriate and supportive living environment in the community". RRP focuses on improving individuals' functionality and quality of life through both symptom management and development of new skills and perspectives. Services include assistance with activities of daily living, counseling, behavior modification, psychological services, and supportive services for income, public benefits, housing and legal services.

The "Exemplary Service Provider Award" honors an agency, organization or program in the social service realm that exemplifies the best of the NASW Guam Chapter's mission through specific professional accomplishments. In honoring the Exemplary Service Provider of the year, the NASW Guam Chapter highlights superb accomplishments in the practice of the service provider's pursuit.

For more information about the NASW Social Worker of the Year Award, visit <https://www.naswguam.org/>

About NASW, Guam Chapter

NASW promotes quality, integrity, unification and effectiveness of the Social Work profession while supporting social workers in their mission to serve diverse populations and to ensure justice, equality, and opportunity for all citizens of the state



From L-R: Guadencia Palomo-Burns, NASW President; Ovita Perez, Chapter Manager; Senator Dennis Rodriguez; Julienne Martinez, RRP Social Worker II; Shermalin Pineda, Residential Program Manager; Senator Frank Agoun and Dr. Lisa Natividad, Vice President and 2018 Conference Chairperson