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Governor's drug, alcohol council holds annual Thomas R. Dargan awards of excellence during January meeting

What: Public meeting of the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs

When: January 27, 2009, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Where: The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST), 4190 Aumsville Highway, Salem Oregon

Agenda:

Council members will participate with a panel of guests discussing opiate and prescription medication abuse. Annual awards will be given by the council to the list of recipients below. Claudia Black representing the Governor's Office will assist with the award presentations. Madeline Olson, AMH deputy assistant director, will provide a briefing on the current budget process. Following, members will hear updates from council liaisons.

The public is welcome to attend and address the council. A sign-in sheet is provided at the meeting.

A roster of Governor's Council members is available at www.oregon.gov/DHS/addition/gov_council/main.shtml

Reasonable accommodations will be provided as needed for individuals requesting assistive hearing devices, sign language interpreters or large-print materials. Please call DHS at 503-945-5678 at least 48 hours before the meeting so accommodations can be made.

Thomas R. Dargan Award -- Pauline Martel, CPS

Pauline has more than 15 years of experience in alcohol and drug abuse prevention, treatment and recovery services. She is often sought out by her prevention colleagues for her wise counsel.

Pauline is a certified prevention specialist, a trainer of trainers of the Substance Abuse Prevention Training, a recognized trainer in Communities That Care, Strengthening Families Program 10-14 and the Ethics training. She also sits on key committees such as the Evidence-Based Program Fidelity workgroup and the Stakeholders Committee. She is a member of the newly formed AMH Prevention Advisory Leaders.

Outstanding Community Service Achievement Award, Organization -- Josephine County Drug Court Theatre Troupe

A traveling troupe of drug court participants develop scenes and stories from personal experiences related to drug abuse and its effects. They travel to schools and other organizations to inform, educate and foster drug abuse prevention. In January 2007, DCT received a grant from the Cultural Coalition. To date the theater troupe has completed more than two dozen performances in Josephine and Jackson counties and more than 17 individuals have participated. DCT has partnered with local agencies such as SOASTC and Gladiola Alternative School developing shared presentations.

Outstanding Community Service Achievement Award, Individual -- Carol Mooney

Carol Mooney has been a significant partner in developing the dual diagnosis program at Options' Crisis Resolution Center and is the Dual Diagnosis Coordinator for the CRC. Carol has worked as a compassionate, dedicated and effective advocate for the mentally ill population with chronic addiction problems since 2000. She has demonstrated the ability to reach a population that has been overlooked for decades, noted by the decrease in emergency room admissions.

She is well respected by the multidisciplinary team.

Outstanding Innovations in Government Achievement Award -- Rob Bovett, J.D.

Rob Bovett has served as assistant legal counsel for Lincoln County since 1992, and in January 2009 took office as Lincoln County's District Attorney. Since 2000, he has served as legal counsel for the Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association. He chairs the Oregon Meth Task Force. He is co-founder and president of the Oregon Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. Rob has worked tirelessly at the local, state, federal and international levels to bring the scourge of methamphetamine under control. He is the principal author of the laws that have virtually eliminated home meth labs in Oregon. He has provided more than 350 presentations regarding meth epidemic solutions and has appeared on numerous special reports and programs about meth, including National Public Radio, Good Morning America, FRONTLINE and the PBS NewsHour.

Rob's leadership and achievements have already been honored with the 2006 Governor's Gold Award and the National Methamphetamine and Chemicals Initiative's National Impact Award earlier this year.