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### **Scott Dziengelski Joins NAPHS as Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs**

(Washington, DC, May 17, 2017) .... Effective May 17, Scott Dziengelski has joined the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) as director of policy and regulatory affairs. In this role, he will develop and advocate NAPHS' positions before federal agencies to positively effect federal regulations, statutes, and other governmental directives that affect behavioral health systems. He will also work to develop policies and programs that promote quality behavioral health services.

"As the former legislative director for Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA), Scott brings to the job a deep understanding of behavioral health – particularly the needs of people who live with serious mental illnesses," said NAPHS President and CEO Mark Covall. "Scott was instrumental in helping to build broad bipartisan support for Congressman Murphy's *Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act*, which led to important reforms now incorporated into the *21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures* law. Scott's knowledge will inform his work with our member organizations, who provide mental health and addiction treatment programs for people of all ages, as well as with regulators, federal agencies, and accrediting bodies."

Mr. Dziengelski is the recipient of the "Friend of Children's Mental Health Award" from the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry as well as the "Medal of Merit" from the United States Capitol Police. He has a bachelor of science in public policy and American government from American University.

#### **About NAPHS**

The National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) advocates for behavioral health and represents provider systems that are committed to the delivery of responsive, accountable, and clinically effective prevention, treatment, and care for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults with mental and substance use disorders. Its members are behavioral healthcare provider organizations that own or manage more than 800 specialty psychiatric hospitals, general hospital psychiatric and addiction treatment units and behavioral healthcare divisions, residential treatment facilities, youth services organizations, and extensive outpatient networks. The association was founded in 1933.

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