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Senator Christopher Murphy (D-CT) Receives “Mental Health Champion Award” from National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems

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#### **Award Recognizes Commitment to America’s Mental Health**

(Washington, DC, March 22, 2017)...**Sen. Christopher Murphy (D-CT)** was honored today by the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) for his “outstanding legislative efforts to advance the quality and availability of mental health services in the United States.” The award was announced at the NAPHS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

Sen. Murphy, a member of the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee, was recognized for his success in advancing major mental health reforms into law. In the years since the tragedy that occurred at Sandy Hook Elementary, Sen. Murphy has been a vocal advocate for improving the nation’s mental health system. Last year many of the key provisions advanced by Sen. Murphy became law as part of the *21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures* law.

“We applaud and want to recognize the extraordinary contributions of this Congressional champion who has committed to improving mental health care for all Americans,” said NAPHS President and CEO Mark Covall.

#### **ABOUT NAPHS**

The National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems 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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