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The American Society of Addiction Medicine Awards the Designation of Fellow to Hanley Center CEO, Dr. Barbara Krantz, FASAM

Fellows Program Salutes Dr. Krantz's Significant Contributions to the Field of Addiction Medicine

West Palm Beach, Fla. (July 29, 2010) - The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) today announced Hanley Center's CEO, Dr. Barbara Krantz, has been elected as a Fellow for her substantial and lasting contributions to the field of Addiction Medicine. Hanley Center offers a wide range of programs to treat alcoholism, chemical dependency, and other addictions. This year, ASAM appointed 46 members to its Fellows program, recognizing their notable advances in the field, which contribute to the quality of patient treatment.

At ASAM's annual medical scientific conference in San Francisco, California, special recognition as a Fellow was given to Dr. Barbara Krantz, FASAM. She exhibited dedication to improving the treatment of alcoholism and other addictions, educating physicians and medical students, promoting research and prevention, and enlightening and informing the medical community and the public about these issues.

"The members of ASAM's Fellows program are true pioneers in the field of addiction," said Dr. Barbara Krantz, CEO of Hanley Center. "I am honored to be part of this distinguished program, and look forward to providing my years of experience in preventing the disease of addiction to advance the program."

ASAM Fellows have made major contributions to the quality of American medicine, as well as the promise of improving and advancing many aspects of the nation's health. Through their service, commitment, and enhancement of the field, they have made it possible for patients and their families to find physicians who are qualified to deliver evidenced-based, compassionate care for alcoholism and other diseases of addiction.

Addiction is a chronic, yet treatable disease. It remains, however, one of our nation's greatest public health problems. To address this problem, ASAM Fellows continue to make meaningful contributions to the addictions field so physicians will be properly trained to diagnose and treat chemical addictions, patients will receive the care they need and deserve, and health insurance companies will offer coverage for addiction. The recent establishment of the American Board of Addiction Medicine suggests that the contributions of ASAM Fellows have brought the field to a tipping point, and the path to improved treatment is clearly before us.

Fellows were presented certificates denoting their achievement during the Annual Awards Luncheon. Additional information about the newly elected ASAM Fellows, the awards event, as well as previous ASAM Fellows and award winners is available at www.asam.org.

About ASAM

The American Society of Addiction Medicine is a national Medical specialty society of more than 3,000 physicians. Its mission is to increase access to and improve the quality of addiction treatment, to educate physicians, and other health care providers and the public, to support research and prevention, to promote the appropriate role of the physician in the care of patients with addictive disorders, and to establish Addiction Medicine as a specialty recognized by professional organizations, governments, physicians, purchasers, and consumers of health care services, and the general public. ASAM was founded in 1954, and has a seat in the American Medical Association House of Delegates since 1988.

About the ASAM Fellows Program

Initiated in 1996, the Fellows program celebrates the exceptional contributions of the leading members in the field of Addiction Medicine. The new ASAM Fellows join a distinguished list of colleagues to whom ASAM and its members look for guidance and leadership in Addiction Medicine.

About Hanley Center

Headquartered in West Palm Beach, Fla., Hanley Center is a non-profit organization that offers a broad spectrum of programs that are based on the most advanced research in the disease of addiction. From detoxification and medical stabilization to individualized treatment and continuing-care planning, Hanley Center prides itself on offering the most innovative and effective treatment programs designed by professional experts in their respective fields. Unique to the Center is the "Hanley Model of Care," which includes age and gender-specific treatment programs. These tailored programs ensure patients leave equipped with the necessary tools to move forward on their journey of recovery. For more information, please visit: www.hanleycenter.org.

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