



Michigan Association of

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Boards

THE JIM NEUBACHER MEDIA AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Jim Neubacher, award-winning reporter, became an outspoken advocate for the rights of people with disabilities after he developed multiple sclerosis. He helped advance the understanding of people with disabilities by writing a column for the Detroit Free Press called, "Disabled in Detroit," which focused on disabilities and how they affect individuals, families and society. Jim was a tireless advocate of many causes and related legislation that benefited thousands of Michigan people and their families who cope daily with mental or physical disabilities. Jim died on March 22, 1990, but the results of his efforts and his commitment live on.

- I. The "Jim Neubacher" Media Award is presented to the individual or organization from the media (print or broadcast) that has:
1. portrayed mental health services accurately and positively in an effort to reduce stigma of mental illness or developmental disabilities in the community,
 2. contributed to improving community awareness and perception about community –based public mental health services in Michigan, and
 3. has representative copy (audio, videotape or article) of relevant work.

II. Nominations may be submitted by any of the following:

- A CMHSP or a MACMHB Affiliate Member
- An Association Standing Committee
- An Association Region
- The MACMHB Executive Board

III. NAME OF NOMINEE _____

Nominated by _____

Nominee's Address _____

Phone Number (home) _____ (business) _____

Nominee's Occupation and Place of Employment _____

IV. ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM, PLEASE PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINEE'S CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVING COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND PERCEPTION ABOUT COMMUNITY-BASED PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN MICHIGAN.

V. Please provide a representative copy of the nominee's work (audio, videotape or article).

VI. **To be considered, all nominations must be submitted on this form, or a copy of same, to: Michigan Association of CMH Boards, 426 South Walnut, Lansing, MI 48933 or Fax: 517-374-1053. THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS MARCH 1, AT 5:00pm.** All nominations will be submitted to the Member Services Committee in care of the Association office. Award recommendations will be based on the quality of this description, its support information and attachments, not the number of nominations an individual receives. The award will be presented during the Association's Spring Conference.

VII. For more information, please contact Georjean Knapp at 517-374-6848 or e-mail gknapp@macmhb.org.