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Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health honors Wayne County Director

Ann Arbor, Michigan – The Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health is presenting its Betty Tableman leadership award to Veda A. Sharp, LMSW, the acting executive director of the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

The award is named in honor of a trailblazer for infant mental health and will be presented Sunday, April 26th during the Association's Bi-ennial Conference. The Tableman Award recognizes those who provide exemplary service in the development or sustenance of systems of care for infants, toddlers and their families, according to the association, which is an affiliate of the World Association for Infant Mental Health.

The Association praised Sharp for developing effective partnerships and collaborations within the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health service system and with other county systems. She is highly regarded for her diplomacy, professionalism, and drive to expand the knowledge and expertise of the public system. She is a gifted administrator who has never forgotten the importance of providing effective service, never losing sight of striving for the best quality of life for all persons and their families.

Sharp has worked for Wayne County for more than 14 years in various executive positions. After serving as Deputy Director of the D-WCCMHA, the Board of Directors named her Acting Executive Director in 2007. A licensed social worker, Sharp holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from The University of Michigan.

The Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency serves more than 60,000 residents with mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, developmental disabilities and substance use disorders. The Agency, a division of the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services, operates a toll-free 24-Hour Help Line for crisis intervention, suicide prevention, and mental health information and referral, 800-241-4949 or TTY 866-870-2599.

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