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CBHC ANNOUNCES 2020 COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS AWARD

Denver, Colorado – October 23, 2020 – Colorado’s General Assembly has a long history of supporting our state’s community-based behavioral health system. Each year, a handful of state legislators rise above to become Community Behavioral Health Champions. This year, the Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council (CBHC) and Aurora Mental Health Center celebrate State Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet as one of 2020’s CBHC Community Behavioral Health Champions.

What makes a Community Behavioral Health Champion?

It’s not just about carrying behavioral health bills - CBHC’s Community Behavioral Health Champions consistently demonstrate a passion for advancing public policy related to behavioral health by:

- Responding to constituents regarding behavioral health policy needs;
- Engaging colleagues and leading discussions around behavioral health issues;
- Reaching across party lines to solve problems related to behavioral health; and
- Working to strengthen Colorado’s well-established, community-based behavioral health system.

2020 COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CHAMPION AWARD RECIPIENT

State Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet (State House District 30)

Representative Michaelson Jenet has been a relentless advocate when it comes to addressing mental health and substance use disorder services and trainings in the state of Colorado. During the 2020 legislative session, she demonstrated leadership in this critical area of health care.



In 2020 alone, her accomplishments included:

- Relentless advocate for mental health substance use disorder (SUD) services, suicide prevention services for youth, Mental Health First Aid champion, and parity.
- Vice-Chair for the House Committee on Health & Human Services
- House co-prime sponsor for [HB20-1411](#): **Concerning the Allocation of Money the State Received from the Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund for Behavioral Health Services**
- House co-prime sponsor for [HB20-1206](#): **Sunset Mental Health Professionals**
- House prime sponsor for [HB20-1086](#): **Insurance Coverage Mental Health Wellness Exam**
- House prime sponsor for [HB20-1312](#): **Behavioral Health Training Requirements Educator License**
- Chair of the Interim Committee on School Safety focused on mental health and emotional wellness supports
 - House co-sponsor of [SB20-001](#): **Expand Behavioral Health Training For K-12 Educators**
 - House sponsor of [SB20-014](#): **Excused Absences In Public Schools For Behavioral Health**

Past Notable Efforts/Achievements:

- 2019 House prime sponsor of [HB19-1129](#): **Prohibit Conversion Therapy for a Minor**
- 2019 House prime sponsor of [HB19-1120](#): **Youth Mental Health Education and Suicide Prevention**
- 2018 House prime sponsor of [HB18-1357](#): **Behavioral Health Care Ombudsperson Parity Reports**

Please join CBHC and Aurora Mental Health Center in congratulating State Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet as a 2020 Community Behavioral Health Champion!

Sunday, October 25, 2020

DAFNA MICHAELSON JENET TOWN HALL

3:00PM

REGISTER TO WATCH AT:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wh2-XWBAQEG0-NOpvWxFrA

ABOUT CBHC

The [Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council \(CBHC\)](#) envisions a state where all people have the opportunity to lead healthy, purposeful lives. Our 23 member organizations represent a statewide network of integrated care providers and care management organizations, including all of Colorado's 17 Community Mental Health Centers, 4 Managed Services Organizations, and 2 specialty health clinics. Together, we strengthen Colorado communities by ensuring innovative care and supporting the health, wellbeing, and safety of all Coloradans.

About Aurora Mental Health Center

Aurora Mental Health Center is a private non-profit serving people with a wide range of mental health needs since 1975. With a full array of mental programs and services, our goal is to help everyone, regardless of circumstances, overcome mental illness of all severities and types, and to live their lives to the fullest.

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