



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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### **COUNTY DOCTOR APPOINTED TO PRESTIGIOUS AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION COUNCIL**

The president of the American Psychiatric Association (APA) has appointed Dr. Marshall Lewis, Clinical Director for the County Health and Human Services Agency's Behavioral Health Services division, to its Council on Advocacy and Government Relations.

"I am happy to be able to make a contribution to my national professional organization, in support of efforts to address the often unmet medical needs of those with behavioral illness," said Lewis, M.D., D.F.A.P.A. "I intend to lobby for programs that address the needs of San Diego County residents, and also share some of our own innovative approaches with colleagues nationally."

Prior to coming to San Diego County 18 months ago, Dr. Lewis served as the Medical Director of Stanislaus Behavioral Health Center for 11 years. His research interests include chemical addictions, integrated health care, chronic disease management and the role of peer and family recovery specialists in clinical settings.

Dr. Lewis has been practicing in the field of psychiatry for more than 30 years. A graduate of Yale University and Vanderbilt School of Medicine, Dr. Lewis trained at Harvard medical school, where he remained on faculty for a number of years. His broad professional experience includes private practice, work in the for-profit arena, and service in the public sector.

Founded in 1844, the American Psychiatric Association is the world's largest psychiatric organization. It is a medical specialty society representing psychiatric physicians from the United States and around the globe. Its members share a common interest in the continuing study of psychiatry and the search for more effective ways to combat mental illnesses.

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