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To: All ACBH Employees

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Subject: **Recognition of Social Work Month – March, 2019**

March, 2019, marks the 35<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of National Professional Social Work Month. This year's theme is "Elevate Social Work."

National Professional Social Work Month is an opportunity for social workers across the country and their allies to turn the spotlight on the profession and highlight the important contributions they make to society.

Social workers are trained to look at situations in a holistic way, helping bring together people and communities to find ways to address pressing individual, group and societal issues such as hunger, affordable housing, equal rights for all and making organizations and government accountable. Social workers also follow the NASW Code of Ethics, which calls on members of the profession to enhance human-well-being and meet the basic needs of all people, with particular attention on the needs and empowerment of those who are vulnerable, oppressed or living in poverty.

The services of social workers are needed now more than ever before as the nation grapples with issues such as income equality, the opioid addiction crisis, the environment and continued struggle for equal rights for all. During Social Work Month we hope you will take time to learn more about the profession and support the work of social workers in improving the lives of individuals and families and our society.

Please take a look at the links below for more information about National Social Work month, social work as a profession and calling, the different disciplines which utilize social workers, and for news on key policy issues in the field.

**More about Social Work:**

<https://www.socialworkers.org/News/Social-Work-Month>

**More about Behavioral Health Social Work:**

<https://www.socialworkers.org/Practice/Behavioral-Health>

National Professional Social Work Month acknowledges and celebrates the more than 680,000 social workers who have confronted some of the most challenging issues facing individuals, families, communities and society, and forge solutions that help people reach their full potential.

On behalf of the ACBH Executive Team, I would like to congratulate and express my sincere appreciation for the many social workers, clinicians, and other staff members in our department who work tirelessly each day to better the lives of individuals who face mental health challenges.

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