

## **Pathways CEO, Mary Swift, Receives the David LaLumia Outstanding Professional Service Award.**

Pathways CEO, Mary Swift, was recently honored at the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan's (CMHAM) 2020 Annual Fall Conference as the David LaLumia Outstanding Professional Service Award Recipient.

The David LaLumia Outstanding Professional Service award is to honor individuals who have made, over time, an outstanding contribution to the Michigan's publicly funded mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance use disorder systems.

Nominees are individuals employed in, or through, the publicly funded system (at a state, regional, county, or local level) and whose conduct, efforts, dedication and commitment on behalf of the system and its consumers have been of such a high caliber as to improve the public's perception and understanding of mental health services and the lives of those we exist to serve. In addition, the personal and professional activities of the nominee must demonstrate the highest level of respect for the consumers of services and dedication to improving the quality of services provided through community-based services. The contributions made by nominees for this award are visible at the state level as well as within their communities' service area and manifest their dedication as advocates for collaboration and ambassadors for community mental health services and constituents.

Mary Swift's dedication and commitment to the Mental Health System has clearly been shown through her 28 years of services with Pathways. During her career, Ms. Swift has held a variety of positions which have included the responsibility of providing direct services, overseeing the services being provided, protecting the rights of those receiving services, and the management of the overall community mental health system for the Pathways' catchment area of Alger, Delta, Luce and Marquette counties. These responsibilities were performed in the positions of Case Manager for the Family Support Services, Program Supervisor for the Family Support Services, Supervisor of the Recipient Rights Office, Chief Operating Officer, and for the past 6 years, Pathways Chief Executive Officer.

Throughout Mary's career, her priority has always been focused on the individuals receiving services through the public mental health system. Her commitment to the health and wellness of those we serve can be seen through programs she has supported and assured were implemented within Pathways catchment area. The Pathways organization, Board, and our employees would like to congratulate Mary on receiving this honor and thank her for a job well done.