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***Design Guide for the Built Environment of Behavioral Healthcare Facilities* Authors Receive Quality Award on 10th Anniversary of the Publication**

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**National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) Honors James Hunt and David Sine**

(Washington, DC, March 12, 2013).....The National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS) today presented a special **2013 NAPHS Quality Leadership Award** to both **James M. Hunt, AIA, NCARB,** and **David Sine, ARM, CSP, CPHRM.** As co-authors of the *Design Guide for the Built Environment of Behavioral Healthcare Facilities*, they were recognized for a decade of contributions to improved safety in hospitals and other treatment facilities that serve individuals with mental and addictive disorders. The award was presented at the NAPHS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first publication of this continuously-updated resource that is available at [www.naphs.org](http://www.naphs.org). The latest is Edition 6.0, published this month.

James Hunt and David Sine were recognized for finding a creative way to share their years' of experience and knowledge in building design and safety with the leaders of treatment facilities throughout the United States. They were also recognized for their commitment to maintaining and continuously updating this unique resource that identifies specific items and manufacturers (with model numbers and photographs) to explain why hundreds of resources (from door levers to security glass) are appropriate for use in the behavioral healthcare setting.

In announcing the award, NAPHS President/CEO **Mark Covall** noted that – within behavioral health treatment settings – “safety is everyone’s job.” He said that James Hunt and David Sine “have made it possible over the past decade for thousands of facility leaders to think through the many ways in which the built environment can affect safety. Their comprehensive research vastly improves access hard-to-find resources that can make a difference in the well-being of patients, staff, and visitors to behavioral health facilities.” The publication helps both those who are involved in caring for patients within an existing behavioral healthcare program as well as those designing a new building or renovating space. “We applaud their contributions, and we look forward to working with them to continue to deliver new editions throughout the coming years.”

**James M. Hunt, AIA, NCARB,** is a practicing architect and facility management professional with more than 30 years of experience. He is a registered Architect, holds a certificate from the National Council of Architectural Registration, and began his career practicing architecture for several major healthcare projects. He then served as director of facilities management for the Menninger Clinic for 20 years. In addition to managing their main campus, he also consulted on behavioral healthcare unit remodeling projects for their Clinical Network program, which involved work in eight states including both coasts and the Midwest. During this time he was a founding member of the Health Care Council of the International Facility Management Association. He held several offices in the council, including chair. He was featured in a cover story of *Facility Design and Management* magazine and continues to publish articles and speak at major conferences. He is now the president of Behavioral Health Facility Consulting, LLC, an organization that works with psychiatric

hospitals and behavioral health facilities with improving patient and staff safety in 22 states and Canada. He also works with hospitals and architects on the design of new construction and remodeling projects. He can be reached at 2342 SE Alamar Rd., Topeka, KS 66605 or [jim@bhfcllc.com](mailto:jim@bhfcllc.com).

**David M. Sine, ARM, CSP, CPHRM**, has had over a 25-year career in safety, risk management, human factors, and organizational consulting. He has been the state Safety Director of two eastern states, the Senior Staff Engineer for The Joint Commission, and a Senior Consultant for the American Hospital Association. Founding partner and one time contributing editor for *Briefings on Hospital Safety*, co-author of *Quality Improvement Techniques for Hospital Safety*, one time Vice Chair of the board of Brackenridge Hospital in Austin, Texas, Mr. Sine is certified by the Joint Board of the American Board of Industrial Hygiene and Certified Safety Professionals and as a Certified Professional Healthcare Risk Manager by ASHRM. He has been a healthcare risk management consultant since 1980 and has conducted more than 1,300 Joint Commission compliance assessment surveys. He serves as a member of the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code Subcommittee on Health Care Occupancies, The Joint Commission Committee on Healthcare Safety, and acts as a risk management advisor to the National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems. Mr. Sine served in the corporate offices of the Tenet HealthSystem in Dallas as Director of Risk Assessment and Loss Prevention and Vice President of Occupational Health and Safety. Mr. Sine continues to write and lecture extensively on healthcare policy, governance, quality improvement, and risk management as President of SafetyLogic Systems in Austin, TX, or email [info@safetylogicsystems.com](mailto:info@safetylogicsystems.com).

**The National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems (NAPHS)** advocates for behavioral health and represents provider systems that are committed to the delivery of responsive, accountable, and clinically effective prevention, treatment, and care for children, adolescents, adults, and older adults with mental and substance use disorders. Its members are behavioral healthcare provider organizations that own or manage more than 700 specialty psychiatric hospitals, general hospital psychiatric and addiction treatment units and behavioral healthcare divisions, residential treatment facilities, youth services organizations, and extensive outpatient networks. Founded in 1933, the association is headquartered in Washington, DC.

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