

NAPHS HOSTS *THE* POLICY MEETING FOR LEADERS OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS

PART 2: QUALITY AWARD

Quality Award Presented to James Hunt and David Sine on 10th Anniversary of *Design Guide*.

NAPHS presented a special 2013 Quality Leadership Award to both **James M. Hunt, AIA, NCARB**, (second from right) and **David Sine, ARM, CSP, CPHRM** (second from left) at the recent NAPHS Annual Meeting. 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 by NAPHS President/CEO **Mark Covall** (right) and NAPHS Board Chair **Michele Gougeon** (left) of McLean Hospital at the NAPHS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, on the 10th anniversary of the first publication of this continually updated resource that is available at www.naphs.org. 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 constantly 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, Mark Covall noted that – within behavioral health treatment settings – “safety is everyone’s job.” He said that both men “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 to 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.” (601) (1258)



In a “meet the authors” event at the Board Chair’s reception, Jim Hunt (left) and David Sine (right) shared their philosophy that “keeping patients safe is everyone’s job.”