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**SEABROOK EXECUTIVES HONORED BY NJAMHAA**

**SEABROOK, NJ-** Seabrook House's Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Alberta Montano-DiFabio, SCD, LCADC, CCJS, and Director of Clinical Operations, Michele Smith, ICADC, WTS, will be honored at the New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies (NJAMHAA) Courage and Compassion Awards and Networking Reception on April 13. Montano-DiFabio is awarded with the Outstanding Leadership in Substance Use Disorder Services Award and Smith with the Outstanding Peer Leadership Award.

The NJAMHAA Awards are presented to employees of member organizations of NJAMHAA who have shown courage, compassion and leadership in their roles. The honorees impact and improve lives of individuals through their work, which Montano-DiFabio and Smith both do at Seabrook House.

Dr. Montano-DiFabio has spent the last thirty years leaving her mark on the addiction recovery field. Through her research, she found that those with a substance use disorder often had experienced trauma. She began the conversation on addiction, abuse and sexual assault, and years later she is still educating others on the topic. According to her colleagues, Dr. Montano-DiFabio makes everyone feel respected and special. Her compassion and concern for each patient shines through her work as Chief Clinical Officer.

Smith has changed countless lives since she began her work at Seabrook House in 1999. One of her accomplishments at Seabrook House has been the development of our young adult program. This program allows young adult opiate addicts to receive individualized care. Smith also fights for rights of patients through her work as a member of the National Council of Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD). She does everything in her power to make sure that patient rights are not infringed upon and that insurers are held accountable. Along with other members of NCADD, Smith is currently laying the groundwork for the New Jersey Parity Coalition.

Seabrook House congratulates Dr. Montano-DiFabio and Smith on their awards. For more information on the Courage and Compassion Awards Ceremony, please visit [www.NJAMHAA.org/events](http://www.NJAMHAA.org/events).

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Seabrook is a nonprofit, internationally recognized, private CARF-accredited behavioral healthcare organization, with treatment locations in Bridgeton, NJ, Cherry Hill, NJ, Northfield, NJ, Morristown, NJ

and Shrewsbury, NJ. Founded by Jerry and Peg Diehl in 1974, Seabrook has been helping families find the courage to recover from alcoholism and drug addiction for over 44 years. For more information on Seabrook, visit the company website at [www.Seabrook.org](http://www.Seabrook.org).