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EDITORS: The following information is for immediate release. If you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Walker, Chester County Executive Administrator, at (610) 344-6024.

Director of Chester County Drug and Alcohol Services honored with State Advocacy Award

WEST CHESTER _ Kim Bowman, executive director of the Chester County Department of Drug and Alcohol Services, has been named “Advocate of the Year” by the Pennsylvania Recovery Organization Alliance (PRO-A). She received her award at the PRO-A Annual Conference held in Harrisburg, during National Drug and Alcohol Addiction Recovery Month.

The Advocate of the Year award recognizes a professional who publicly demonstrates a strong commitment in assisting and speaking out on behalf of the Recovery Community. Bowman was honored because of her working knowledge in aiding addicts in their search for a clean and sober lifestyle, and for her determination to reinforce the joys of recovery.

Bowman has been director of the County’s Drug and Alcohol Department for 10 years, and has more than 25 years’ experience in the drug and alcohol field, including director of a residential addictions treatment program for women, and specialized work with the criminal justice population. She is also a member of the policy team for the County’s Medicaid Behavioral Managed Care Plan.

Established in 1998, PRO-A is a volunteer-driven advocacy program dedicated to giving a voice to the recovery community throughout Pennsylvania. Through PRO-A, members can join together to support quality services, combat stigma and discrimination associated with addiction, and represent the unique perspective of the recovery community in Pennsylvania.