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## **Nationally Recognized Behavioral Health Expert Joins CSH Board of Directors**

**NEW YORK, NY.** - CSH, a national nonprofit helping communities create the housing that transforms the lives of vulnerable individuals and families, has welcomed a prominent leader in the field of behavioral health and cross-systems management to its Board of Directors.

“We are pleased to add the considerable experience and expertise of Deputy Commissioner Roland Lamb to our CSH family,” said Deborah De Santis, President and CEO of CSH. “Roland has for 41 years been a leading, innovative, national voice in alcohol and substance abuse treatment, respected for his ability to forge enduring partnerships that ensure those in need of life-changing services receive them in the most effective and efficient ways.”

De Santis said Lamb’s background will greatly aid efforts to strengthen relationships between housing and behavioral health services providers, a critical element to ensuring tenants in supportive housing receive the help they need to move forward. Supportive housing is affordable rental housing that offers people struggling to overcome complex and multiple obstacles, such as substance dependency, access to key services designed to help keep them housed, healthy and economically stable.

“Key to breaking the cycles that find too many people living on the street, struggling through substance abuse crises, and forever in poverty from one generation to the next, is injecting the stability that comes with a home and access to services and treatments addressing the root causes of their despair,” said De Santis. “Through his impactful work, Roland Lamb has seen all of this first-hand and knows collaboration that builds coordinated, responsive systems, coupled with supportive housing, can change the trajectory of lives.”

## **About Roland Lamb**

Roland Lamb, Deputy Commissioner of Strategic Planning and Innovation, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services, has been working in the field of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Dependence Treatment for over 41 years as counselor, therapist, supervisor, coordinator of addictive services, program director, trainer, lecturer, consultant, and administrator. Because of the extent and nature of the various positions held within the behavioral health system, i.e., managed care, services to the uninsured and coordinating the Single County Authority he currently provides cross system management across several different work cultures.

Lamb has for the last 15 years been very involved in the development and implementation of Integrated Behavioral Health models and for the last ten years has played a significant role under the leadership of Dr. Arthur C. Evans in Philadelphia's Transformation to a Recovery Oriented System of Care. Lamb was honored in 2010 by the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD) receiving the Nyswander/Dole award. In 2011 he was honored by Faces And Voices Of Recovery (FAVOR) with the Vernon Johnson Award. In 2012, Lamb received the Lucien Blackwell Award, he was the Keynote speaker for the Alcohol Recovery Conference in Sheffield England. In 2013 Lamb served as conference chair for the American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD) Conference held in Philadelphia. In 2014 awarded the Caron Foundation's Brian Early award for community leadership.

Besides being adjunct faculty at the University of the Sciences, Lamb is also on the faculty of Villanova's Continuing Education D&A Certification program. He also served as a field reviewer for the current edition of the American Society of Addiction Medicine's (ASAM) Treatment Criteria for Addictive, Substance-Related, and Co-Occurring Conditions.

## **About CSH**

CSH has been the leader in supportive housing for 25 years, demonstrating its potential to improve the lives of very vulnerable individuals and families. A nonprofit Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI), CSH has earned a reputation as a highly effective, financially stable organization, with strong partnerships across government, community organizations, foundations, and financial institutions. CSH is advancing innovative solutions that use housing as a platform for services to improve lives, maximize public resources, and build healthy communities. Visit us at [www.csh.org](http://www.csh.org)