National Award For Memphis Psychologist

The American Psychological Association (APA) has honored a Memphis psychologist, Edward A. Wise, Ph.D., as the recipient of the Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions to Clinical Psychology, presented by Society of Clinical Psychology at the Association’s convention in Honolulu, HI.

In presenting the award to Dr. Wise, the Society commented on his long-standing commitment to the integration of clinical and research productivity. He was nominated for this honor by numerous colleagues, including two former APA Presidents, as well as professors and practitioners affiliated with the University of Toronto, Baylor College of Medicine, Emory University, University of Wisconsin, University of Washington School of Medicine and Palo Alto University, literally ranging from coast to coast.

Dr. Wise is the founder and President of Mental Health Resources, PLLC, a multi-disciplinary private practice, operating in Memphis since 1987. MHR pioneered Intensive Outpatient Treatment Programs in this area. MHR currently operates a psychiatric IOP and a substance abuse IOP. Both IOP’s are based on manualized treatment protocols developed by Dr. Wise and have been the subject of six outcome and satisfaction studies.

MHR’s programs are designed as hospital diversion programs that treat acutely distressed clients in the least restrictive setting. Ongoing research studies conducted by Dr. Wise monitor their treatment effectiveness and each individual’s treatment progress. Results of this research are shared internationally with practitioners and professors through frequent peer reviewed publications in professional journals. MHR is the only intensive outpatient program in the region, and one of a few in the country, that has published data on their treatment effectiveness in peer reviewed journals.

During his 30+ years in private practice, Dr. Wise worked on numerous inpatient units treating adults and adolescents with severe mental illness, substance abuse, eating disorders, dual diagnosis disorders, and mood disorders. He has maintained an active forensic practice, serving on the Capital Defense Team, consulting with the Attorney General’s Office and performing hundreds of court ordered psychological evaluations.

Throughout his career Dr. Wise has worked with medical colleagues in med-surg hospitals, provided consultation services to a pain management program, an extended care hospital, a local PPO, and regional as well as national MCO’s. He has published over 30 peer-reviewed publications related to practice, served as consulting editor for the Journal of Personality Assessment and is a reviewer for many prestigious journals. In recognition of his numerous professional and scientific achievements he previously received the APA Award for Distinguished Contributions to Independent Practice.

Dr. Wise received his Bachelor’s degree with Honors from Washington University, St. Louis, in 1975. He completed his Ph.D. in Clinical – Community Psychology at the University of Wyoming and his internship at the University of Tennessee Internship Consortium at UITCHS in Memphis in 1980. Dr. Wise is a Fellow of the APA, SPA, and is a Distinguished Practitioner in the National Academies of Practice.

The American Psychological Association, founded in 1892, is the largest scientific and professional organization of psychologists in the United States and Canada, with a membership of a nearly 140,000.