

## Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



**Colleen Lewy, Ph.D.**  
**Psychiatry**

**Bentson McFarland, M.D., Psychiatry, submitted the following nomination...**

Colleen Lewy directs a new research program that will provide behavioral health assistance for military families. Recruitment posters have been distributed advertising the beginning stages of the project. Recently, Dr. Lewy was contacted by the distraught wife of an armed and suicidal veteran. The caller had found Dr. Lewy's name on a recruitment poster and stated she had "nowhere else to turn". Dealing calmly with this emergency, Dr. Lewy was able to arrange resources for the family. Dr. Lewy hereby ensured safety for these community members. In taking these actions, Dr. Lewy demonstrated competence, inspiration and vision. She managed a difficult situation with respect (both for the family and for the veteran), with courtesy, and with diplomacy. Her prompt actions improved access to services and facilities for this military family. In doing so, Dr. Lewy promoted a pervasive culture of safety and also improved community health status. By making contact with resources, Dr. Lewy's quick thinking and decisive action will also lead to community partnerships and affiliations.



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