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Hank Debnam, Area Director
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Dear Hank:

Congratulations, Cumberland County Mental Health Center has won THREE 2008 Excellence Awards in the categories of Partnership to Improve Services (Mental Health Collaborative), Community Collaboration to Benefit Non-Target Population Consumers (Teens Making a Change) and Public Awareness and Advocacy (Access to Information). There were many good nominations submitted this year and you should be very proud of this accomplishment.

The 2008 Programs of Excellence Awards banquet will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the 2008 NC Council Conference and Exhibition at the Pinehurst Resort and Country Club in Pinehurst, NC. We hope you, your staff and their guests will be able to attend this dinner honoring their efforts. As much as we would like to make this event complimentary, due to the cost we cannot.. **If you have staff and guests that will ONLY attend the banquet**, please go to our website www.nc-council.org and register on line to sign them up. If your staff are already registered to attend the conference as full registrants, you do not need to do this.

Information on the format of the awards ceremony and the information we need from your staff (with deadlines) will be forwarded shortly. Please call (919 327-1510) or email Jean Overstreet (jean@nc-council.org) with any questions.

In case space at the hotel becomes unavailable, the NC Council is holding a limited number of rooms for the award winners. If rooms are available, you can make arrangements on your own and you do not need to contact us. If you find space is unavailable, **email jean@nc-council.org no later than October 24, 2008 with the names of the individual(s) that will need a hotel room.** The Council is holding these rooms on our master to ensure your staff are able to get in the hotel, but your LME should plan to pay for the hotel accommodations for your staff and guests. Call Jean Overstreet at (919) 327-1510 with any questions.

Again, congratulations and we are looking forward to honoring your program this December.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Copeland

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Executive Director