

## **Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board**

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## **CCCMHB Staff Members Honored by Mental Health Organizations**

Cleveland, Ohio – Bonita W. Caplan, Chair of the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board (CCCMHB), is pleased to announce that five staff members of the CCCMHB were recently honored by the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH), the Ohio Advocates for Mental Health (OAMH) and TLC: A Place Called Home, a consumer operated service.

**Kathryn A. Burns, MD, MPH, Chief Clinical Officer, of Westlake,** received the prestigious **2003 Ohio Forensic Mental Health Leadership Award** from ODMH. Dr. Burns was honored for her outstanding achievements at the local, state and national levels of the forensic mental health system, as well as for her excellent leadership in the areas of planning, program development and policy making.

Judy Jackson Winston, MSSA, LISW, JD, Client Rights Officer, of Cleveland Heights, and Craig Fallon, Consumer Relations Specialist, of Willoughby Hills, received the OAMH/TLC Community Advocates of the Year Awards. Both were recognized for their work in promoting community education, consumer choice, client rights, and encouraging the concept of recovery.

Lois B. Anderson, Employment Specialist, of Cleveland's West Side, was presented with the OAMH/TLC Employment/Consumer Operated Service Advocate of the Year Award. Ms. Anderson was recognized for her long-time efforts of promoting employment for people with mental illness, as well as for her work with the Self Help and Peer Empowerment Council that promotes consumer-operated service alternatives for consumers.

William M. Denihan, Chief Executive Officer, of Cleveland's West Side, was named Administrator of the Year by the OAMH and TLC. Mr. Denihan received this recognition for his exemplary work in leading Cuyahoga County's community mental health system, developing employment initiatives, supporting consumer operated services, as well as his ability to listen and respond to all stakeholders in the mental health system.