



IACP Relentless Advocate of the Year 2023 Announced

Coralville, Iowa – May 11, 2023: IACP is proud to boast the term "relentless" when it comes to our mission and vision for Iowans: Relentlessly advocating for Iowa's community providers to build healthy communities, so one day, all Iowans will live, learn, and work in their community of choice. Each year, IACP recognizes a professional who has boldly impacted the landscape of policy and practices across Iowa with the Relentless Advocate of the Year Award.

IACP's Relentless Advocate of the Year 2023 was awarded to Elizabeth Matney, Director of Iowa Medicaid. In diverse and sometimes bleak scenarios, Director Matney always maintained her focus on what is best for the citizens, community providers, and the state of Iowa as a whole. With her unprecedented access, Director Matney effectively communicates and relentlessly advocates with diverse audiences, including the Governor, legislators, other state leaders, managed care organizations, providers, members, families, and even the fire marshal. With her leadership, community providers have a voice in real systemic change.

Director Matney oversees Iowa's \$6 billion Medicaid program, which serves more than 700,000 Iowans each year. Prior to her current position, she served as a health policy advisor for Governor Kim Reynolds, where she worked closely with DHS and the Iowa Department of Public Health on a broad range of critical issues. She holds a master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from Drake University and a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Philosophy from Texas State University. Her previous experience includes serving as Medicaid managed care director, Medicaid quality assurance director, and her early experience includes direct care as a Medicaid provider and work at a women's shelter.

We are grateful for the incredible work and influence of Director Matney and most importantly, proud to call her a trusted partner. From all of us, we thank you for being our Relentless Advocate.

About IACP

IACP has been relentlessly advocating on behalf of mental health and disability service providers for more than 35 years. They partner with over 125 community-based organizations to provide a wide range of resources to ensure provider needs are being met. IACP's services impact organizations located in all 99 counties that annually contribute \$1.3 billion to Iowa's economy.