



Executive of the Year and Relentless Advocate of the Year Awards 2025 Announced

Coralville, Iowa – April 29, 2025 – The Iowa Association of Community Providers (IACP) is proud to announce the recipients of its annual awards, honoring individuals who have made significant contributions to the well-being of Iowans, particularly those in need of behavioral health and disability services. This year, IACP recognized Steve Hodapp as the IACP Executive of the Year and Jack Mescher as the IACP Relentless Advocate of the Year.

Each year, IACP presents these awards to individuals who go above and beyond their professional roles to make a lasting impact in their communities. These two remarkable leaders were celebrated for their unwavering commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable Iowans.

Steve Hodapp: IACP Executive of the Year

Steve Hodapp, CEO of Vodec, was honored with the IACP Executive of the Year award. With nearly 30 years of leadership at Vodec, Steve has guided his organization through countless changes and challenges. Known for his humble approach and dedication, Steve has played a pivotal role in providing excellent services to Iowans with disabilities.

IACP CEO, Ben Shuberg, commended Steve for his longstanding commitment to the field: “Steve has been a pillar of leadership in our industry. His reliable engagement and humble approach are admirable and reach beyond his own organization. Steve provides valuable feedback and leadership, and is committed to helping the industry navigate challenges.”

Jack Mescher: IACP Relentless Advocate of the Year

The Relentless Advocate of the Year award was presented to Jack Mescher, CEO of Hills & Dales, in Dubuque, Iowa. Jack's dedication to advocacy is remarkable, particularly his use of data to tell an effective story of where funding can be best invested with the biggest impact. His commitment to providing high-quality supports for Iowans has made him a driving force in the fight for improved funding for community-based services.

“Jack's strategic use of data and his presence at the state capitol to advocate for our collective industry make him a true relentless advocate,” said Shuberg. “He not only champions his organization but the entire field, demonstrating leadership and a passion for making a difference every day.”

About IACP

The Iowa Association of Community Providers (IACP) is a membership organization with over 130 community-based provider members. IACP members serve people with disabilities and behavioral health needs in all 99 Iowa counties. IACP advocates for the advancement and sustainability of community-based support while ensuring the voices of providers and the people they serve are heard.

For more information about IACP and its mission, visit www.iowaproviders.org.