

Craig Larsen, CPRC, CPSS
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Dear Craig,

Each of Idaho's seven Regional Behavioral Health Boards held a vote to select an individual in their respective communities who exemplifies community advocacy, resiliency, and passion for mental health. Empower Idaho is pleased to inform you that you have been selected by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Region 4 Behavioral Health Board to receive the 2021 Mental Health Advocate Award in celebration of Idaho Mental Health Month!

To illustrate why you were selected, I have included a statement from the Region 4 Behavioral Health Board: "Craig will tell you that the sole reason he came to work today was to help people. This core belief encompasses not only his approach to providing peer-based recovery support services at PEER Wellness Center but also influences his availability and willingness to help individuals in his personal life, as well. At PEER he is a Certified Peer Recovery Coach and Certified Peer Support Specialist. On his "off" time, he is very involved in his own recovery and provides sponsorship to individuals. Being supportive to anyone asking for help is not just Craig's job, it is who he is. He feels fortunate to have found his own recovery, realizes that it is a gift and is always willing to pay that gift forward. The clients that he works with describe him as patient, smart, funny and caring. His co-workers agree. Craig's tireless efforts to advocate for and support his clients makes him an excellent choice."

Congratulations on receiving this meaningful recognition. The Empower Idaho team is grateful for the opportunity to honor you in this way. We are in the process of creating a physical award to commemorate what you mean to the Idaho Mental Health Community, which will be mailed to the Behavioral Health Board, or directly to you. In the meantime, please accept this certificate in recognition of all of your hard work and commitment to helping others!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Guida".

Anna Guida, MPA
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