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**SOUND MENTAL HEALTH TO PRESENT EMERGING MODEL AT
INTERNATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE**

Expert to present new findings from nationally-renowned forensic mental health program

SEATTLE – April 13, 2010 –Sound Mental Health, the most comprehensive mental health and substance abuse services provider in King County, announced that Declan Wynne, LMHC, director of Integrated Services, will present promising practices from their innovative Forensic Behavioral Health program at the International Initiative for Mental Health Leadership Conference (IIMHL), gathering May 16-21. An international clearinghouse for emerging best practices in mental health, the 2010 conference takes place in Killarney, Ireland and will host mental health leadership from all over the world.

Forensic Behavioral Health is an emerging practice in mental health that addresses the unique behavioral health and other prevalent issues among populations in state and local corrections systems. Research supports the concept that specialized re-entry services greatly reduce recidivism rates among the offender population (learn more at the CMHS National GAINS Web site at <http://www.gainscenter.samhsa.gov/html/>).

Wynne’s presentation, “Bridging the Gap: Sustainable Forensic Re-entry and Recovery” will address best practices from Sound Mental Health’s nationally recognized programs and provide mental health leadership with the effective protocols and tools necessary to replicate the programs and their successful outcomes.

“I believe Sound Mental Health’s methodology is at the forefront of forensic mental health practices,” said Wynne. “Very few places today are assimilating employment, mental health, chemical dependency, housing and well-being services to improve client outcomes. We are eager to share our findings with the international community.”

A sought-after speaker, Wynne presents nationally on forensic mental health issues, providing annual training and education to such entities as the National Correctional Association, the National Mental Health Providers Association, the California Forensic Association and the National Correctional Mental Health Symposium. He also sits on several state committees on mental health and in 2008 assisted the state of Alaska with its offender re-entry program as part

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of the implementation of their 10-year plan to end homelessness.

To learn more about the conference and its speakers, visit <http://www.iimhl.com>.

About Sound Mental Health

Sound Mental Health is a private, non-profit organization that has provided a comprehensive array of mental health and related services to the King County community since 1966. Our goal is to help individuals and families achieve the highest level of independence and (mental) health possible. Services are tailored to meet the unique needs of different age, disability and cultural/ethnic groups. To learn more, visit www.smh.org.

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