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ONDCP Director Kerlikowske to Deliver Remarks at Reception
Celebrating the Affiliation of Vanguard Services Unlimited and Phoenix House

Arlington, VA (January 19, 2011) – A reception on Thursday, January 27, 2011 will celebrate the formation of Phoenix Houses of the Mid-Atlantic—a new leader in substance abuse treatment and support services that was formed when Vanguard Services Unlimited combined with Phoenix House on November 1, 2010. The reception will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m at the Artisphere, located at 1101 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209. Gil Kerlikowske, Director of National Drug Control Policy, will deliver remarks alongside leaders from both organizations.

“At a time when substance abuse is on the rise, coordination among treatment providers is critical as communities look to address this public health threat,” said ONDCP Director Kerlikowske. “We are thankful for the lives that will be restored through the substance abuse treatment and recovery support services at the newly formed Phoenix Houses of the Mid-Atlantic.”

“This is an exciting time for us and a hopeful time for Americans battling addiction,” said Debby Taylor, Senior Vice President and Regional Director of Phoenix Houses of the Mid-Atlantic. “With Phoenix House, we will be able to provide more services to more people and aid them on the road to recovery.”

“In tough economic times, treating addiction and removing barriers to treatment is more important than ever,” said Howard Meitiner, Phoenix House President and CEO. “The skill and talent at Vanguard will allow Phoenix House to amplify our organizations’ shared commitment to clinical innovation, quality of care and the inclusion of new, evidence-based practices.”

Meitiner adds that the passage of healthcare reform will be instrumental, allowing medical providers to “open a door that has been closed to millions of Americans—and we plan to be on the other side of that threshold to provide best-in-class treatment and recovery programs. Our partnership with Vanguard allows us to expand our services in a critical area, promote greater understanding about the nature of addiction, and begin to remove the stigma that keeps people struggling with addiction from seeking the treatment they need.”

Vanguard has provided substance abuse treatment services for the Mid-Atlantic region since 1962, and as Phoenix Houses of the Mid-Atlantic they will be able to broaden the reach and scope of their services.

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