

**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**PROMINENT HEALTH PROFESSIONALS NAMED TO EDITORIAL BOARD  
OF *ADVANCING SUICIDE PREVENTION* MAGAZINE**

*Drs. Aaron T. Beck, David Lester, Frank Campbell, David Jobes,  
John Kalafat, Cynthia Pfeffer to serve*

*Michael Hogan, former chair of President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health,  
Lindsay Hayes, expert in suicide in incarceration, also to guide editorial direction*

**FEBRUARY 7, 2005 – Sheboygan, Wis.** – *Advancing Suicide Prevention™* ([www.advancingsp.com](http://www.advancingsp.com)), a strategic mental health policy magazine launching in 2005, is pleased to announce the first round of appointments to the magazine's Editorial Advisory Board. They are prominent professionals, many known internationally in their respective fields, and include the "father of cognitive therapy" Aaron T. Beck, M.D, and world-renowned expert David Lester, Ph.D., author of more than 75 books and over 2,000 research papers on suicide and related topics.

"Our editorial board is critical to ensuring this publication fulfills its mission to advance suicide prevention by fostering exchange of views from diverse perspectives and for diverse audiences," says Denise Pazur, Senior Editor. "We are delighted with the prominent people who have stepped up to help us carry that mission forward. They bring incredible energy and knowledge to the publication and its role in advancing suicide prevention on a national scale."

To date, Editorial Advisory Board members of *Advancing Suicide Prevention* are:

**AARON T. BECK, M.D.**, distinguished president of The Beck Institute for Cognitive Therapy, whose Beck Hopelessness Scale® and Beck Depression Inventory® are fundamental and broadly utilized tools for evaluating mental disorders. Dr. Beck is a senior member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of The National Academies, whose members serve as advisors to the nation for science-based advice on matters of biomedical science, medicine and health. A graduate of Yale Medical School, Dr. Beck is currently university professor of psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania, and is the only psychiatrist to receive research awards from the American Psychological Association and American Psychiatric Association.

**DAVID LESTER, Ph.D.**, who has achieved worldwide recognition as a leading authority on suicide. He is a prolific author, researcher and past president of the International Association for Suicide Prevention whose newest books include *Katie's Diary* and *Is There Life After Death*. Dr. Lester is recipient of the Dublin Award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement from the American Association of Suicidology, and is currently Executive Director of the Center for the Study of Suicide and Professor of Psychology at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

**MICHAEL F. HOGAN, Ph.D.**, former chair of President George W. Bush's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health (2002-2003) who is a public health leader and Director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health. Dr. Hogan is a member of the MacArthur Foundation Network on Mental Health Policy Research, and has served on the National Advisory Mental Health Council and as President of the Research Institute for NASMHPD, the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors.

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**LINDSAY M. HAYES, M.S.**, a nationally recognized expert on suicide prevention in correctional settings. Mr. Hayes conducted the only national studies of suicide in jails, prisons and juvenile institutions for the U.S. Department of Justice. He is the 2001 recipient of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care Award of Excellence for outstanding contributions to the field, and currently serves as a project director of the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives.

**CYNTHIA R. PFEFFER, M.D.**, Professor of Psychiatry at Weill Medical College of Cornell University, and Director of the Cornell Childhood Bereavement Program. Dr. Pfeffer's work focuses on children and adolescents at risk for suicide. She is one of the main co-authors of the AACAP (American Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry) practice parameter for assessment and treatment of children and adolescents with suicidal behavior. She was also a member of the American Psychiatric Association task force that developed practice guidelines for assessment and treatment of patients who have attempted suicide.

**DAVID JOBES, Ph.D.**, is a Board Certified Clinical Psychologist and Professor of Psychology at The Catholic University of America. His empirical research is primarily on the assessment and treatment of suicidal patients and he routinely provides professional training in clinical suicidology. Dr. Jobes is an Associate Editor for the journal *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior* and is a past president of the American Association of Suicidology. He is a consultant to the U.S. Air Force Suicide Prevention Program and the VA Medical Center in Washington, DC. Dr. Jobes maintains a part-time private clinical and forensic practice at the Washington Psychological Center, P.C. with a focus on teenagers and young adults.

**JOHN KALAFAT, Ph.D.**, a prominent researcher and licensed psychologist who has more than 30 years of experience with telephone crisis services. A faculty member of the Rutgers Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology, Dr. Kalafat develops and evaluates school-based family and youth service programs, and is a consultant on several federally funded prevention programs. He has evaluated suicide prevention and crisis response services, most recently as principal investigator of the SAMHSA HELP I grant which assessed the crisis and suicide outcomes associated with calls to a national sample of telephone crisis services.

**FRANK R. CAMPBELL, Ph.D., LCSW, CT**, an award-winning crisis interventionist, social worker and expert in issues for survivors of suicide and other traumatic loss. Dr. Campbell's innovative Active Postvention Model, or APM, was profiled on the Discovery Channel in 2004. Executive director of the Baton Rouge Crisis Intervention Center, Dr. Campbell is also collaborating with the American Psychiatric Association on content for its upcoming textbook of suicide assessment and management, and is authoring a book on coping after experiencing a sudden and traumatic death.

The Editorial Advisory Board of *Advancing Suicide Prevention*, when finalized, will consist of up to 20 key and prominent professionals representing all major constituencies comprising the magazine's readership. Board members will serve for a limited term.

**About *Advancing Suicide Prevention*<sup>™</sup>**

*A unique strategic health policy magazine, Advancing Suicide Prevention presents the state of the science and policy on suicide prevention from diverse perspectives and for diverse audiences. These include over 20,000 leaders and key decision makers in health care, social and human services, policy development, advocacy, education and training, research, legal and judicial arenas, law enforcement, corrections, crisis intervention, risk management and pastoral counseling. This bimonthly, full-color 36-page magazine is published by PDV Communications, Inc., a Wisconsin-based magazine publisher serving the mental health and social services arenas. For more information about Advancing Suicide Prevention including how to advertise or subscribe, visit [www.advancingsp.com](http://www.advancingsp.com), email [info@advancingsp.com](mailto:info@advancingsp.com) or call 920-457-4033.*

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