

San Diego County Recognized By NACo for Innovative County Government Efforts

WASHINGTON, D.C. – San Diego County was recently recognized by the National Association of Counties (NACo) for implementing innovative county government programs to better serve area residents. The 2012 NACo Achievement Awards winners were honored during the NACo’s 78th Annual Conference and Exposition in Allegheny County/Pittsburgh, Pa., last summer.

San Diego County won a NACo Achievement Award for its Veterans Treatment Review Calendar pilot program.

The Veterans Treatment Review Calendar (VTRC) is a collaborative court approach to the adjudication of veterans with military-related mental health problems. The VTRC promotes accountability through a combined program of judicial supervision, justice partner collaborative efforts and appropriate treatment and support. This collaborative model establishes a comprehensive program for the defendant that responds to his/her needs and promotes public safety. The VTRC launched in February 2011 and has aided 20 program participants who are currently enjoying their personalized rehabilitation program.

The NACo Achievement Award program is a non-competitive program that recognizes counties for improving the management of and services provided by county government. Since the program’s inception in 1970, the NACo Achievement Award program has honored thousands of county government initiatives that have improved service delivery, achieved greater cost efficiency, provided finer customer service, and helped to develop a better-trained work force.

This year’s winners represent 30 states and 99 counties.

“On behalf of the nation’s counties, I commend San Diego County and all counties who received NACo Achievement Awards this year,” said NACo President Lenny Eliason.

“This year’s applications show that counties are settling into the new fiscal realities with innovative programs that address the continuing demands for public services and programs,” said Jacqueline Byers, NACo Director of Research.

For more information on the NACo Achievement Awards, visit www.naco.org.

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The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo provides essential services to the nation’s 3,068 counties. NACo advances issues with a unified voice before the federal government, improves the public's understanding of county government, assists counties in finding and sharing innovative solutions through education and research, and provides value-added services to save counties and taxpayers money. For more information about NACo, visit www.naco.org.