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**Patrick J. Kennedy to Deliver Keynote Address at New Jersey Hospital Association Annual Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Summit May 3**

**Princeton, N.J. / May 3, 2018** – The New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA) will host its Annual Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Summit Thursday, May 3, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the NJHA Conference & Event Center in Princeton, N.J. The event theme will focus on “Translational Neuroscience and the Intersection of Neurological and Psychiatric Disorders.” Patrick J. Kennedy, former Rhode Island Congressman and international advocate for parity in mental health and substance use disorder treatment, will deliver the keynote address.

The event will bring together national and state experts to discuss the growing field of translational neuroscience and the ways in which technologies and research can support and improve treatments for mental health and substance use disorder. Other featured speakers include Patrick J. Murphy, United States Undersecretary of the Army; Husseini Manji, M.D., Chief of Neuroscience Therapeutic Area, Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies; Jay Lombard, D.O., Co-founder and Chief Scientific Officer and Medical Director, Genomind; and Joseph Rempson, M.D., Chief of the Department of Rehabilitation at Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J.

For more information or to register, please visit <http://www.njha.com/education/brochure/?id=1891>

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**About Patrick J. Kennedy:**

Former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy (D-R.I.) is a lifelong mental health advocate and former member of the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis. He is the founder of The Kennedy Forum, a convening think tank tackling mental health and addiction issues and co-founder of One Mind, a global leader in open science collaboration for brain research. In 2015, he co-authored *A Common Struggle*, a New York Times best seller, which details his personal journey and provides a roadmap for the future of mental health policy. Mr. Kennedy is pushing for full enforcement of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. He was the lead sponsor of this groundbreaking legislation, which requires health plans cover mental health, eating disorder, and addiction care health benefits the same way they cover physical health benefits. To learn about Mr. Kennedy's efforts, please visit [www.patrickjkennedy.net](http://www.patrickjkennedy.net).