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**Rescheduled:  
MHA-NYC's Michael B. Friedman Policy Lecture is March 6, 2013**

February 1, 2013: NEW YORK, NY –The Mental Health Association of New York City (MHA-NYC) has rescheduled our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Michael B. Friedman Policy Lecture to **March 6, 2013**. Previously scheduled for October 2012, the lecture was postponed due to the effects of Hurricane Sandy.

Run by MHA-NYC's Center for Policy, Advocacy, and Education, this prestigious event honors a distinguished leader whose work has been instrumental in shaping mental health policy through effective advocacy and is an important gathering for members of the behavioral health community to learn more about recent policy developments and their impact on the field of mental health.

This year, **David Mechanic**, PhD, Director and René Dubos University Professor at the Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research at Rutgers University will deliver a presentation on "The Changing Behavioral Health Landscape: Policy and Practice Transformations in an Historical Context."

Respondents include **Adam Karpati**, MD, Executive Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, **William Lamoreaux**, Senior Vice President, Government Programs at EmblemHealth, and **Jody Silver** Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The Michael B. Friedman Policy Lecture will be held at EmblemHealth's conference center at 55 Water Street in New York City, New York. The cost is \$35.00 and includes breakfast.

The event is named for Michael B. Friedman, distinguished founder of the Center for Policy, Advocacy, and Education who served the mental health community for 40 years.

Learn more and register at: [www.mha-nyc.org/PolicyLecture2013](http://www.mha-nyc.org/PolicyLecture2013)

*MHA-NYC is a non-profit organization that addresses mental health needs in New York City and across the nation. It is a local organization with national impact and has a three-part mission of services, advocacy and education. For over 40 years, MHA-NYC has identified unmet needs and worked to develop culturally sensitive services and programs to improve lives while promoting the importance of mental wellness. [www.mha-nyc.org](http://www.mha-nyc.org)*

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