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ASAM CEO, Penny S. Mills, to Retire in June 2020

Rockville, MD (September 16, 2019) – The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) today announced that its CEO, Penny S. Mills will retire in June 2020.

“Penny has been an invaluable leader—more like a godsend— for the organization since she assumed the CEO position in 2010,” said ASAM President Dr. Earley. “Her leadership set ASAM on a rapidly expanding growth trajectory through key programs and services for its members. More importantly, her legacy will ensure millions of Americans who suffer from addiction will have a better chance at remission and recovery," he added.

Ms. Mills has presided over a period of significant growth for the organization.

• Membership has more than doubled from less than 3,000 in 2010 to over 6,500 in 2019 – including the addition of Associate Members in 2018.
• The number of staff members increased from 15 to over 50.
• The headquarters moved and expanded to a 12,000 square foot professional office in Rockville, MD.
• The reach of ASAM’s educational activities has grown from 6,334 clinicians through 13 activities in 2010 to 36,892 clinicians and 250 activities in 2018. The attendance at ASAM’s signature event, the ASAM annual conference, has tripled from 838 to close to 2,500.
• ASAM’s voice on Capitol Hill and with state legislators has increased substantially with the growth of its Government Relations team and its leadership of multi-stakeholder coalitions such as the Coalition to Stop Opioid Overdose (CSOO).
• ASAM’s quality improvement activities have grown, including the release of new and updated guidelines, tools and resources.

“It’s been a privilege and an honor for me to serve as ASAM’s CEO during a critical time for the growth and advancement of the field of addiction medicine," said Ms. Mills. “The organization is stronger than ever through its volunteer leadership and a highly professional and committed team of staff. I look forward to new opportunities to contribute as I move into a new phase of my life," added Ms. Mills.
The ASAM Board of Directors (BOD) is working to identify Ms. Mills' replacement to ensure a smooth transition. For the time being, she will continue to focus on the society's business and strategic priorities.

About ASAM
The American Society of Addiction Medicine, founded in 1954, is a professional society representing over 6,500 physicians, clinicians, and associated professionals in the field of addiction medicine. ASAM is dedicated to increasing access and improving the quality of addiction treatment, educating physicians and the public, supporting research and prevention, and promoting the appropriate role of physicians in the care of patients with addiction. For more information, visit www.ASAM.org.