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Testimony

**Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, Aging and Youth, and
Intergovernmental Operations**

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My name is Richard P. Conaboy, Jr., I am the Vice President at Clearbrook Treatment Center in Wilkes Barre, Pa. I am also 32 (Thirty-Two) years in recovery myself.

I am coming to you to oppose consolidation of the Drug and Alcohol Programs with any of the other programs. I have been working in the industry for many years and have seen the devastating effect that drugs and alcohol have had on many, many people. Combining drug and alcohol programs with any other would only cause our mission to be lost in the bureaucratic shuffle and politics as usual in Harrisburg.

Funding for all programs needs to be kept separate in order to maintain the good that all these programs do. Mental Health must remain Mental Health and not swallow up Drug and Alcohol. Experts in the field of Drugs and Alcohol must remain recognized as such in order to continue helping all those they currently serve.

Clearbrook is nationally recognized as one of the leading providers of care for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse in the country today. We have been right in the midst of the explosive growth of Heroin/Opioid/Opiate addiction and recovery. We have been at the forefront of opioid addiction treatment since 1972. Since that time we have evolved with the latest innovations and best practices introduced into the chemical dependency field, to become one of the most respected providers of detoxification and inpatient addiction services in the nation.

