

## Steps to Recovery Named "Top Performer" in 2017 Survey

Premiere Addictions Provider Named in 2017 LGBTQ Healthcare Index Equality Initiatives

**LEVITTOWN, PA – March 29, 2017:** Steps to Recovery, a premiere addictions treatment provider, announced it has been named "Top Performer" in the 2017 LGBTQ Healthcare Equality Index survey. Today, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation (HRC), the educational arm of the nation's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) civil rights organization released its 10th edition of the Healthcare Equality Index (HEI), reflecting a decade of progress in LGBTQ-inclusive healthcare. A record 590 healthcare facilities actively participated in the 2017 HEI survey, committing to LGBTQ-inclusive policies and practices. In addition, the HRC Foundation proactively researched the key policies at more than 900 additional non-participating hospitals. Of facilities surveyed for the HEI, Steps to Recovery was one of the 303 facilities that earned HRC's coveted "Leader in LGBTQ Healthcare Equality" designation.

For the past decade, the HEI has been the roadmap to closing the gap in ensuring equal care to LGBTQ patients and their families, and Steps to Recovery has joined the continuing effort to providing quality care. "We are incredibly proud of our designation as a Top Performer in the 2017 Healthcare Equality Index survey," said Ryan McCarthy, CEO and Co-Founder of Steps to Recovery. "We continue to be focused on providing inclusive healthcare to our clients and delivering authentic care through connection and intimacy will continue to be at the heart of what we do." Steps to Recovery ranked 14 out of 29 Pennsylvania healthcare organizations named in the survey, achieving a score of 90. The premiere addictions provider was evaluated in 7 categories, including Non-Discrimination, Equal Visitation, Employment Non-Discrimination, Training in LGBTQ Patient Centered Care, Patient Services and Support, Employee Benefits and Policies and Patient & Community Engagement.

## About Steps to Recovery

Steps to Recovery is an extended care program providing community integrated treatment through Intensive Outpatient, Partial Hospitalization, and Housing Support. Steps to Recovery's philosophy is that recovery is sustained through community and connection. The approach and company culture is to engage clients in ways that offer intimacy, authenticity, and transparency. The staff takes the philosophy into everything that they do and believes these elements allow clients to grow in ways that will sustain their individual recovery.



