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Secretary of Aging Praises Schuylkill Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance for Earning Award

Orwigsburg – Secretary of Aging Brian Duke today congratulated the Schuylkill Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance, or SEAPA, as it received the Non-Profit of the Year Award from the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce.

SEAPA advocates for older adults who have been abused and helps build local relationships and collaboration among community leaders and law enforcement to ensure that crimes against the elderly are prosecuted to the fullest extent.

“The members of SEAPA work tirelessly to advocate for the rights of older adults,” Duke said at the Chamber’s annual awards breakfast. “They have forged partnerships and promoted understanding as well as cooperation in addressing elder abuse. I congratulate them on their hard work and dedication.”

“It is an honor to receive this award,” said Carolyn Tenaglia, chair of SEAPA. “We are committed to promoting a better understanding of elder abuse, and urge anyone who suspects an older adult is being abused to report it to the elder abuse hotline.”

SEAPA is one of 30 task forces across the state that is part of the Pennsylvania Department of Aging’s protective services program that addresses elder abuse.

Governor Tom Corbett has proclaimed June 15 as Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Pennsylvania.

For more information or to report suspected elder abuse or neglect, visit www.aging.state.pa.us or call the elder abuse hotline at 1-800-490-8505.

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