

To: NAADAC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legend Award Committee

From: Reese Daniel, CACII- NAADAC # 2368

Date: 6/22/2022

Re: Pierluigi Mancini, PhD

Please accept this letter of recommendation of Dr. Mancini for the Legend Award. What an honor. I have been a Certified Addictions Counselor since 1986 and have known Dr. Mancini for the majority of those years. We were both young in the field and would share with each other how we could do the best job possible. While lots of things have changed over the years, the one thing that is constant is his desire to be helpful to the addict who is still suffering as well as folks who continue in recovery. He is a tremendous asset to the recovery professional's community as well.

Pierre founded and ran Georgia's first Latino behavioral health organization providing prevention, *intervention, clinical and recovery support services to children, adolescents and adults in English, Spanish and Portuguese.* He grew this into an extremely successful business of helping.

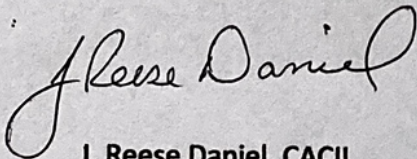
Pierre is an extremely active and productive member of the community. He is Chair of the Georgia Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council and serves as the Chair-Elect for the Mental Health America National Board of Directors. He also serves on the Board of Directors for WellStar Atlanta Medical Center, the Georgia Council on Substance Abuse and R.I. International.

While we might not see each other as much as we use to, we still speak on occasion, or I will see him at conferences where he is a presenter.

Having known Pierre for as long as I have it has been truly incredible to see where he was and where he is today. *While always spreading the same message, he has moved from small circles to a bigger stage that has allowed him to reach so many more people.*

I highly recommend Dr. Mancini for the coveted Legend Award.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Reese Daniel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

J. Reese Daniel, CACII