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Beatrice State Developmental Center Medical Director Receives National Award

Lincoln – Dr. Todd Stull, medical director for the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the Dept. of Health and Human Services, was presented the prestigious Frank J. Menolascino Award for Excellence from the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) at its 31st annual conference in San Antonio. The division includes the Beatrice State Developmental Center and community-based services.

Dr. Stull received his medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1992 and is a board certified psychiatrist. He has been with the DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities since 2010 and became its medical director in 2013.

"This award is the highest honor that can be bestowed by the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed," said Dr. Jack Stark, an Omaha psychologist who nominated Dr. Stull. "Dr. Stull is an outstanding individual and psychiatrist who has dedicated his life to serving people with intellectual and mental health needs. His work in the state, particularly recently in Beatrice, is stellar and has made a major difference in the lives of individuals and their families. He is one of the leading advocates in the nation and well deserves this incredible award."

The NADD award recognizes an individual for significant contributions to the field of psychiatry, particularly enhancing the quality of life for people with dual diagnoses.

"The nomination process is a rigorous one," explained Dr. Robert Fletcher, Chief Executive Officer of NADD. "Reviewing the list of recipients of this award is truly a look at 'Who's Who' in the field."

"Dr. Stull was a protégé of Frank Menolascino," added Dr. Fletcher. "He exemplifies in his practice and his character the best of what Dr. Menolascino brought to the field of psychiatry, particularly for persons who have dual diagnoses."

Jodi Fenner, director of the DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities, said Dr. Stull's compassionate work makes a difference for Nebraskans with developmental disabilities and their families, communities, service providers and professionals.

"He combines visionary leadership, research, experience and commitment," Fenner said. "The result is a standard of care that goes beyond the routine and enhances the quality of life for people across the state."

NADD provides educational services and training materials and has been influential in the development of appropriate community-based policies, programs and opportunities to address the mental health needs of people with developmental disabilities. Learn more at <http://thenadd.org/>

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