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Behavioral Health Conference May 13-15
Facing Challenges, Creating Solutions, Celebrating Recovery

Lincoln—Nebraska’s third statewide behavioral health conference will be held May 13-15 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. This year’s theme is “Success, Hopes and Dreams: Facing Challenges, Creating Solutions, Celebrating Recovery.”

“This conference is an opportunity for people with behavioral health issues, family members, and providers to learn more about recovery, peer support, wellness and trauma-informed care,” said Scot L. Adams, director of the Division of Behavioral Health in the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. “There will also be information about emerging trends in behavioral health and about services for children and families.”

Behavioral health includes mental health, substance abuse and problem gambling issues.

A keynote speaker will be Charles G. Curie. He served as the administrator of the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) from 2001 to 2006. He has more than 30 years of experience in the mental health and substance abuse fields.

Another keynote speaker will be Gina Calhoun, who is National Director for Wellness and Recovery Education at the Copeland Center in Brattleboro, Vermont. She is a certified peer support specialist.

Also speaking will be LaVerne Miller, who is co-director of the Statewide Family and Consumer Networks Technical Assistance Center in New York.

“I think this conference can help behavioral health consumers in their recoveries and support the many ways that they can achieve wellness,” Adams said.

CEUs have been approved. For a complete agenda and to register, go to
<http://www.nebraskastateconference.org/>.

There is still time to submit nominations for the Director's Award to recognize an individual or team for extraordinary achievement in recovery. The nomination form can be found online at <http://www.nebraskastateconference.org>.

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