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Osawatomie State Hospital to Honor Employees for Outstanding Service

TOPEKA – Osawatomie State Hospital (OSH) will honor four employees for dedicated service and accomplishments Wednesday as part of the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services' (KDADS) employee awards and recognition program.

“I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the outstanding employees being honored for their hard work and commitment to not only the hospital and its residents, but to the Osawatomie community as whole. I'm proud to recognize each of them for their dedication day in and day out. The importance of the work they do is appreciated and respected and they deserve this acknowledgment,” said KDADS Secretary Shawn Sullivan.

KDADS oversees Osawatomie State Hospital as well Larned State Hospital, the Kansas Neurological Institute and the Parsons State Hospital and Training Center.

The OSH award recipients are:

- Abby Hess – Distinguished Accomplishment Award
- Sean Weatherbie – Innovation Award
- Dian Lester – Meritorious Service Award
- Natasha Klutts – Employee of the Quarter for Osawatomie State Hospital/Rainbow Mental Health Facility

“Each of these employees has impacted the success we have here at Osawatomie,” said Assistant Superintendent John Worley, Ph.D. “They have either provided efficient medical interventions, resolved information technology issues or are a strong presence for our patients and have a thorough knowledge of the mental health system and supports. All of these are attributes that keep this hospital running smoothly.”

The hospital will host a reception in their honor on Wednesday, February 26, from 3-4 p.m. in the Kansas Room at Osawatomie State Hospital, 500 State Hospital Drive. The event will be open to the media.

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