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KDADS Honors Larned State Hospital Employee for Outstanding Service

TOPEKA – Linda Haines of Larned State Hospital (LSH) was one of five employees from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) and the four state hospitals who were honored for exemplary service to the agency at a ceremony in the state Capitol Wednesday.

Haines received the award for Innovation and was named Employee of the Quarter at LSH. Other LSH employees cited this quarter are Sandy Cullisen, who received the award for Meritorious Service and Cathy Cooper, who was given an award for Distinguished Accomplishment.

This was the 4th such ceremony, part of the State employee Award and Recognition Program created by the state Legislature, to recognize the good work being done by state employees. Winners are nominated by their co-workers and supervisors at state agencies, the hospitals and other state institutions.

“I am extremely proud of the high-quality work performed by our central office and hospital employees for the people of Kansas,” Secretary Sullivan said. “This is one of the ways we let them know they are valued and appreciated.”

“The caliber of service delivered by our employees to those the agency assists—the elderly and the vulnerable—is something Kansans should recognize and acknowledge,” Secretary Sullivan.

Employees honored at the quarterly ceremony receive a \$350 bonus, and Employees of the Quarter receive an additional \$400.

Other KDADS employees who were honored this quarter are:

KDADS – Central Office

Kathy Keck – Distinguished Accomplishment – Employee of the Quarter

Jeff Burkhart – Innovation

Deby Zimmerman – Meritorious Service

Osawatomie State Hospital

Ashley Byram – Innovation – Employee of the Quarter

Kathy Gayetsky – Distinguished Accomplishment

Scott Cook – Meritorious Service

Parsons State Hospital

Joe Kinder – Meritorious Service – Employee of the Quarter

Kansas Neurological Institute

Chari Miller – Distinguished Accomplishment – Employee of the Quarter

Anita White – Meritorious Service

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