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### **KDADS' PEAK 2.0 Program Recognizes 15 Kansas Adult Care Homes for Excellence In Providing Person-Centered Care**

TOPEKA – Earlier today, the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) recognized 15 adult care homes in Kansas for their achievements in providing and sustaining person-centered care for residents. Plaques were presented to each facility by Long Term Services and Supports Commissioner Michele Heydon.

"The hard work and commitment to the PEAK program these facilities and their staff have demonstrated illustrate the kind of success that can be achieved by all Kansas adult care facilities," **Secretary Howard said**. "They serve as an example of how positive culture change can progressively impact the way facilities care for their residents in an environment that enhances the quality of life for our seniors."

There are currently 308 nursing facilities in Kansas and 139 are enrolled in the PEAK Program.

The facilities recognized for their work as person-centered care homes that have moved away from institutional models of care in fiscal year 2023 are:

- Bethel Home, Inc: 2021-2024
- Crestview Nursing and Residential Living: 2021-2024
- St. Luke's Living Center: 2024
- Stevens County/Pioneer Manor: 2024
- The Nicol Home: 2023- 2024

The facilities recognized for their work in sustaining person-center care in fiscal year 2023 are:

- Brewster Health Center: 2020-2024
- Caritas Center, Inc.: 2020-2024
- Pleasant View Home: 2020-2024
- Prairie Mission Retirement Village: 2021-2024
- Sharon Lane Health Services: 2018-2024
- The Shepherd's Center: 2022-2024

The facilities recognized for their work as Mentor Homes, facilities that have mentored other adult care homes in implementing person-centered care in fiscal year 2023, are:

- Attica Long Term Care 2022-2024
- Evergreen Retirement Community: 2013-2024
- Leonardville Nursing Home: 2020-2024
- Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community: 2013-2024

For 20 years, KDADS has recognized nursing homes for successfully implementing positive culture change through the Promoting Excellent Alternatives in Kansas Nursing Homes (PEAK) program. As a result, accommodating the personal preferences of nursing facility residents has become as important as providing the vital services and supports their residents need.

The PEAK Advisory Group hosted the second annual Person-Centered Care Conference in Manhattan today. All nursing facility staff from across the organization, CNAs, nurses, housekeepers, dietary staff, and leadership were invited to attend. This year's conference title was "One Team One Goal" and training sessions included practical applications that focused on improving life for seniors in our state's nursing facilities. Sessions aimed to be engaging, interactive and include best practices in topics such as an aging simulation, making the kitchen the heart of the home, and an empathy workout.

It has been an exciting year for PEAK initiatives. In the spring full site visits resumed and the KDADS/KSU team was able to complete 16 in-person facility evaluations. In July KDADS released the revised PEAK program that features the same person-centered care criteria but new and improved incentives and fresh new materials and branding. The new structure was developed collaboratively between the PEAK Advisory Group, involved nursing facilities, KSU, and KDADS. August saw the first meeting of the newly appointed SFY24 PEAK Advisory members and discussions to plan the 2023 Conference were swiftly underway.

KDADS continues its contract with the Kansas State University's (KSU) Center on Aging to develop training materials and provide assistance to nursing home providers transitioning to person-centered care and continues to develop PEAK training and educational opportunities for nursing facility management and staff.

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