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## Dr. Dave Receives Distinguished Paul E. Huston Award

(Des Moines, Iowa) – Dr. Bhasker J. Dave, superintendent of the Independence Mental Health Institute (MHI), has been given top honors from the Iowa Psychiatric Society as the 2015 recipient of the Paul E. Huston Award.

This award recognizes a psychiatrist whose outstanding contributions to service, administration, teaching, or research have contributed substantially to the welfare of the mentally ill in Iowa.

The Paul E. Huston Award was established in 1988 in honor of Dr. Huston who was the Chair of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Iowa College of Medicine from 1955 to 1971. Dr. Huston was the founder and first President of the Iowa Psychiatric Society.

“I got to know Dr. Huston during my rotation during my residency in Iowa City. He impressed me as a very bright, learned individual, who was readily available to the residents and took a keen interest in their well-being,” said Dr. Dave, who has served as superintendent of the Independence MHI since 1984. He has worked for DHS since 1968.

“There are many other individuals who are equally deserving of this honor, so, I am much delighted to have been selected. I am also pleased to be the first DHS employee to be the recipient of this award.” said Dr. Dave.

Rick Shults, administrator of Mental Health and Disability Services for the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) which oversees the Independence MHI, praised Dr. Dave’s service.

“The Iowa Department of Human Services is fortunate to have such a talented individual as Dr. Dave serving Iowa’s most vulnerable citizens,” said Shults.

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