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OSHPD DIRECTOR HONORED WITH HEALTH DATA LEADERSHIP AWARD

Sacramento – Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) Director Dr. David Carlisle M.D., Ph.D., today was awarded the National Association of Health Data Organizations (NAHDO) Elliot Stone Award of Excellence in Health Data Leadership at NAHDO’s annual meeting in San Diego, California.

The NAHDO Award of Excellence, established in 1990, recognizes individuals whose creative efforts have made outstanding contributions to improvements in the collection, application, and/or dissemination of health data.

“It is an honor to be recognized by your peers with this prestigious award,” said Dr. Carlisle. “As a physician, medical researcher and Director of OSHPD I’ve dedicated my professional life to improving quality of care through better access to health data and information.”

OSHPD’s Director since 2000, Dr. Carlisle is a graduate of Brown University medical school and also earned his Masters and Doctorate degrees from the UCLA School of Public Health. He is a former Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholar, and is an Associate Professor of Medicine at David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Division of General Internal Medicine and Health Services Research. Dr. Carlisle continues to be clinically active serving as a volunteer physician with the Venice Family Clinic in Southern California.

The National Association of Health Data Organizations is a national, not-for-profit membership organization dedicated to improving healthcare through the collection, analysis, dissemination, public availability, and use of health data.

As one of 12 departments within the California Health and Human Services Agency, OSHPD’s vision is “Equitable Healthcare Accessibility for California.” OSHPD is a leader in analyzing the state’s healthcare infrastructure, promoting a diverse and culturally competent health care workforce, informing the public about healthcare quality, ensuring the safety of buildings used to provide healthcare, insuring loans to develop healthcare facilities and facilitating the development of sustained capacity for communities to address healthcare issues.

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