American Psychiatric Association Honors McLean

BISMARCK, N.D. – Andrew McLean, M.D., medical director of Southeast Human Service Center in Fargo, was awarded the American Psychiatric Association’s 2011 Bruno Lima Award in recognition of his disaster mental health work. McLean is one of two recipients of this national award.

The APA established the award in 1995 in memory of Bruno Lima, M.D., one of the original members of the APA Task Force on Psychiatric Dimensions of Disaster. The award recognizes outstanding contributions of members to the care and understanding of the victims of disasters. Award recipients are nominated by APA district branches and selected by the Committee on Psychiatric Dimensions of Disasters.

“Dr. McLean has devoted years of service to the public mental health system,” said Carol K. Olson, executive director of the Department of Human Services. “We appreciate his commitment to addressing the mental health needs of North Dakotans affected by disasters and his ongoing work coordinating clinical and medical services for the department’s eight regional human services centers.”

McLean is from Hillsboro, N.D. He earned his medical degree from the University of North Dakota (UND) and completed his psychiatry residency at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In addition to his disaster mental health work, his interests include working with and advocating for individuals with serious and persistent mental illness.