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### **DDS Commissioner Appointed to National Association Committee**

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Commissioner Terrence W. Macy, Ph.D. was appointed to the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Services (NASDDDS) Research Committee. NASDDDS is the leading non-profit professional organization in the country, which works with state agencies in developing effective and efficient services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

As a member of the Research Committee, Dr. Macy will be advising the NASDDDS's Board of Directors and staff on the development of a Research Agenda, on sponsored research, projects and studies and the direction and oversight of the National Core Indicators Program, a highly respected measure of a state's services.

"I'm very excited to be asked to be part of this very prestigious national committee. The NASDDDS organization plays a vital leadership role not only for our efforts in Connecticut but for the states across the nation," said Dr. Macy.

Since being appointed as the Commissioner of DDS, Dr. Macy has focused on transforming the way services are provided to individuals with intellectual disability in Connecticut. During the NASDDDS's annual meeting held in Washington, D.C. last month, Dr. Macy was asked to present Connecticut's initiatives on the transformation of systems.

Dr. Macy continued, "It was an honor to be asked to present on the NASDDDS Plenary Panel and share the podium with other state leaders who are working hard to reform systems to better serve the people we support and their families. It's gratifying to see the work Connecticut is doing be recognized on the national level."

Dr. Macy's appointment is for a two year term beginning in January 2014. In addition to the being part of the committee's general activities, he will also be a part of the Technical Users Group for two NIDRR funded projects that are performed in conjunction with the University of Minnesota which also provides input on key Association projects such as the State Employment Leadership Network (SELN) and the recently established Positive Support Committee.

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