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### **Arvy Smith Receives Swearingen Award**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Arvy Smith, North Dakota’s deputy state health officer, has received a national award for excellence in public health administration.

“Arvy Smith’s leadership has advanced public health and safety in North Dakota and nationally,” Gov. Jack Dalrymple said. “We are committed to providing the people of North Dakota with the best quality of public health service possible and Arvy plays a critical role in that commitment.”

Smith was presented the Noble J. Swearingen Award from the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) at its recent meeting in Portland.

Since 1979, The Noble J. Swearingen Award, named for a former Executive Director of ASTHO, has been bestowed for excellence in public health administration to one individual who has ten or more years of experience in a state health agency and five or more years in service to the ASTHO Senior Deputy Committee or in some other capacity.

“I can’t think of anyone more deserving of this award. We are extremely proud to have her in this department,” said State Health Officer Terry Dwelle, M.D., M.P.H.T.M. “Arvy has extensive experience in state government and has been a leader in public health not only here in North Dakota, but as this award proves, on the national level as well.”

Smith has 30 years of experience in state government and has served on the ASTHO Senior Deputies Committee since 2003. She was appointed the deputy state health officer for the North Dakota Department of Health in 2001. Prior to that, she served as a management and fiscal analyst for the North Dakota Office of Management and Budget. Smith is a certified public accountant and a certified manager, and has a master’s degree in public administration.

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