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## **Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital Names New Chief Clinical Officer**

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has announced the appointment of Dr. Robert Karp as Chief Clinical Officer of the Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital (NOPH). As CCO, Dr. Karp will be responsible for leading and recruiting a diverse medical staff and oversee collaborative efforts between the hospital and community partners.

“Dr. Karp is passionate about patient care and the success of the hospital. He is an asset to our staff, and I look forward to working with him for many years to come,” said NOPH Chief Executive Officer Tamara Junge.

Dr. Karp joined the NOBH clinical team in 2007. He previously served as medical director for the Maumee Valley Guidance Center, serving Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams counties. In addition to his assigned duties at the Center, Dr. Karp sponsored a local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness through the Four-County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, participated in the Clozapine Guidelines Ad Hoc Group and served as a member of the Central Pharmacy committee.

Dr. Karp completed his residency in Psychiatry at Northwestern University Hospital in Chicago and is a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and member of the Royal College of Psychiatry. Paralleling his civilian career, Dr. Karp retired from service in the United State Air Force (U.S.A.F.) where he was trained as a Flight Surgeon and served as the Medical Commander of an F-16 fighter wing, and later, as State Air Surgeon for Indiana. During his U.S.A.F. career, he attended Air War College, the nation’s highest school for military leaders and was a consultant to the Surgeon General of the Air National Guard. During his military service, he was assigned as part of an Embassy team to aid the Slovak Republic in completing their application for NATO and the European Union. Dr. Karp retired from the military with the rank of Colonel.

NOPH is one of six Regional Psychiatric Hospitals maintained by OhioMHAS. For more information, visit <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=96>

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