

June 17, 2022

Dear NAADAC Awards Committee Chair:

It is with great pleasure to give my support to the nomination of Dr. H. Westley Clark for the NAADAC 50th Anniversary Legend Award. Dr Clark has been a positive force in advancing Addictions Treatment at the national and federal government levels for a majority of his more than five decades career.

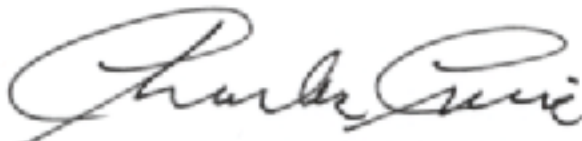
I had the great privilege of working with Dr. Clark for more five years during my tenure as Administrator of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Westley served on the Executive Leadership Team as the Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). He is the longest serving Director of CSAT in the history of SAMHSA and made a profound impact on Federal Policies and Programs during that period. His advice and counsel on matters relating to Substance Use Treatment was consistently sound, thoughtful, undergirded with data and always based on the current science. He was an effective leader and trusted advisor.

He is well respected by his colleagues for his deep knowledge of the Addictions Arena and through always exhibiting the highest levels of integrity in the conduct of his professional and personal life. Under his leadership at CSAT, Medication Assisted Treatment advanced, use of digital technologies were evaluated and carefully vetted for the service delivery system. He understands the need for integrated care for people with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders and supported developing the evidence for effective treatment approaches.

He is truly a pioneer in the field of Addictions Treatment. He provided effective leadership in establishing the concept of Recovery to guide the development of services and programs. He has demonstrated a consistent commitment to science, data driven approaches to treatment and increasing access to evidence-based care to all people in need of addiction treatment and recovery support services.

I can think of no other professional that has had the wide ranging impact over so many decades in advancing Addiction Treatment Services delivery than Dr. H. Westley Clark. It is without hesitation that I support the nomination of Dr. Clark for the NAADAC 50th Anniversary Legend Award.

Sincerely,



Charles Curie (SAMHSA Administrator 2001-2006)

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