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News Release

USU Graduate Appointed as NCMHD Acting Director for Scientific Programs

BETHESDA, Md. — Nathaniel Stinson, M.D., Ph.D., former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health has been appointed acting director, Office of Scientific Programs, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH). With the position comes the direct oversight of the NCMHD's Community Based Participatory Research Initiative and Loan Repayment Programs.

Dr. Stinson, a Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU) Masters of Public Health program graduate, has a diverse education which includes a doctorate in environmental biology and a doctor of medicine degree both from the University of Colorado.

As a board-certified family practice specialist, Dr. Stinson's recognitions include the Louis B. Stokes Leadership Award from the National Medical Association, and his U.S. Public Health Service awards include the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal, Outstanding Service Medal, Crises Response Service Award and National Emergency Preparedness Service Ribbon.

The NCMHD (<http://www.ncmhd.nih.gov>) is a component of the NIH. The NCMHD promotes minority health and leads, coordinates, supports and assesses the NIH effort to eliminate health disparities. The NCMHD programs focus on expanding the nation's ability to conduct research and to build a diverse, culturally-competent research workforce to eliminate health disparities.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) – *The Nation's Medical Research Agency* – includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It is the primary federal agency for conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research, and it investigates the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit www.nih.gov.

Located on the grounds of Bethesda's National Naval Medical Center ([NNMC](#)) and across from the National Institutes of Health ([NIH](#)) in Bethesda, Md, USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. Students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Public Health Service, who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, national disasters, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies.

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The university's nationally ranked military and civilian faculty conduct cutting edge research in the biomedical sciences and in areas specific to the DoD health care mission such as combat casualty, infectious diseases, and radiation biology. The university is committed to technology transfer to ensure that the results of research are made widely available.

For more information about USU visit www.usuhs.mil or call (301) 295-1219. Information obtained from the NIH news release.

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