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Engan Named Director of Aging Services Division

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services has hired Jan Engan as director of the Aging Services Division, which administers programs and services that help older individuals and adults with physical disabilities remain living independently in their homes and communities.

Programs and services funded by the division include home-delivered meals, senior meals, health screenings and outreach services, the Family Caregiver Support Program, vulnerable adult protective services, and the Aging and Disability Resource LINK – an online (www.carechoice.nd.gov) and telephone resource to help seniors and people with physical disabilities find needed services. The division is also responsible for the long-term care ombudsman program, guardianship services for vulnerable adults, the Senior Community Services Employment Program, distribution of telecommunications equipment and assistive equipment, and licensing of adult family foster care.

“Jan has a clear understanding of issues facing older North Dakotans including those in rural areas,” said Department of Human Services Executive Director Carol K. Olson. “She has a keen interest in supporting independent living through services and supports including nutrition, which is a key component of maintaining good health.”

Engan has over 30 years of experience in administration and providing direct services to older adults, their families and people with disabilities.

Prior to joining the department, Engan worked for the Area Agency on Aging in Arizona as the director of independent living services and was involved in the Senior Community Services Employment Program. She has also served as executive director of the Older Alaskans Program in Anchorage, Alaska, and managed the Senior Companion Program for Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota.

Engan is a Minnesota native. She is a licensed social worker and a certified dietary manager.

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