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Hinckley selected to lead Aging & Disability Resource Center in West Central region of N.D.

BISMARCK, N.D. – Lynette Hinckley has been hired as the program administrator for the Aging and Disability Resource Center pilot project. The pilot, which is funded by a federal grant the N.D. Department of Human Services received, will be implemented over the next three years in the 10-county region that includes Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux counties.

“We are pleased to announce this latest development. When dealing with age-related or disability-related changes in their lives, people are often confused about who to call and what help is available,” said Department of Human Services Executive Director Carol K. Olson. “The Aging and Disability Resource Center pilot project will help inform older adults, adults with disabilities, and their families about available long-term care services and supports and will provide personal assistance connecting people to services and resources.”

Olson said the Department is partnering with Burleigh County Social Services to serve as the fiscal agent and Hinckley’s employer, as well as other major partners including the other nine counties in the region, the center for independent living, senior service providers, and other organizations.

Hinckley’s office will be located in the Aging Services Unit of the Department’s West Central Human Service Center at 1237 W. Divide Avenue, Suite 5, Bismarck, N.D.

Following training, Hinckley will focus on building coordination and referrals between existing service providers, educating the public about the array of long-term care services they may qualify for and how the resource center and partnering organizations can assist them, while also managing and marketing the new program.

Hinckley has a bachelor’s degree from North Dakota State University in family economics and home economics education and a minor in business administration. Previously she worked for Procter and Gamble as a quality assurance team leader and for GlaxoSmithKline as a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Burleigh County residents will be able to access Aging and Disability Resource Center services beginning this summer. Services will expand across the 10-county region as additional federal funding becomes available during the three-year grant.

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