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Cusack hired as Director of ND Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Department of Human Services has hired Russell Cusack as director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division, which provides training and employment-related services to individuals with disabilities and assists employers to find solutions to disability-related issues.

He will be responsible for the overall planning, budgeting, and coordination of policies and services associated with the administration of the state's vocational rehabilitation program.

In addition, Cusack will also oversee the department's Disability Determination Services, which provides disability determination services under a contract with the federal government for Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance.

Cusack has over 28 years of experience in administration and rehabilitation counseling. Prior to joining the department, Cusack served as the chief of field services for the Alaska Division of Vocational Rehabilitation where he managed client service budgets and the recruitment and training of over 80 staff members. He also served as the Alaska State Liaison to 11 tribal programs, which provided rehabilitation counseling services to tribal members.

Cusack has a master's degree in social work from the University of Washington and is a certified rehabilitation counselor.

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