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Seil named Administrator of N.D. Disability Determination Services
Sue Bickel to retire after 31 years of service

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services announced today that Sheri Seil has been named Administrator of Disability Determination Services (DDS), effective July 12, 2010. Seil will take over the position from Sue Bickel who is retiring from the Department.

Seil is currently the lead child support investigator with the Bismarck regional office of North Dakota Child Support Enforcement. She has been with Child Support Enforcement since 1997.

“We are pleased to have Sheri assume this leadership role. Her supervisory experience and enthusiasm will have a positive impact on an already exceptional program,” said Russ Cusack, North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Director, who oversees DDS.

“While we are sad to see Sue retire after leading DDS for 11 outstanding years, we are confident that Sheri will help maintain North Dakota’s reputation of having one of the best DDS units in the country.”

Bickel will retire August 31, 2010. She has been with DDS for 31 years and has been the lead program administrator of DDS since 1999.

The Social Security Administration contracts with Disability Determination Services to review applications and make disability and blindness determinations for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

In 2009, DDS received a federal Commissioner’s Citation for assisting other federally contracted Disability Determination Services offices in other states with their claims caseloads.

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