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Agency Names Human Service Center Director in Minot and Williston

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services announced today the appointment of Laurie Gotvaslee as regional director of North Central Human Service Center in Minot and Northwest Human Service Center in Williston. Gotvaslee has served as the associate director of the Minot human service center since 2009. Her appointment follows the retirement of Marilyn Rudolph.

“Laurie has a thorough understanding about consumer and community needs and works hard to foster strong working relationships with service providers and other partners,” said Alex Schweitzer, director of Field Services for the department, which includes the human service centers in North Dakota.

Gotvaslee has over 23 years of experience in the human services field. Since 1999, she has held various positions with the department including regional representative and assistant regional representative to county social services, caregiver coordinator for the Family Caregiver Support Program, and care coordinator for the Partnerships Program, which focuses on children’s mental health. Prior to joining the department, she was a social worker at McHenry County Social Services.

Gotvaslee has a master’s degree in family support from Nova Southeastern University, and a bachelor’s degree in social work and an associate’s degree in criminal justice both from Minot State University. She is also a 2011 graduate of the department’s leadership program.

The N.D. Department of Human Services operates eight regional human service centers that provide counseling and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, disability services, and other human services. The centers are a safety net providing services directly or through partnerships with county social services and other providers.

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