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Department of Human Services Honors N.D. State Hospital Employees with Years of Service Awards

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services presented 98 employees of the N.D. State Hospital with years of service awards to recognize their dedicated work and continued commitment to serving the people of North Dakota. Awards are presented annually to staff who reach certain milestones of service.

Employees honored included: **40 Years of Service Award** - Tim Randall, Eva Tesky, and Ann Wilson; **35 Years of Service Award** - Sue Bjerke, JoAnn Deede, Perry Finck, Joanne Lorenz, Wallace Schock, and Kenneth Schulz; **30 Years of Service Award** - Melody Kemmet, Debra Peterson, and Tami Rumer; **25 Years of Service Award** - Duane Duff, Janine Huebner, Karin Klose, Colleen McCoy, Bruce Ochsner, Jane Price, Dean Rowell, Linda Rutherford, Daryl Sommerdorf, Randy Switters, Steven Wenzel, and Barb (Emo) Widmer; **20 Years of Service Award** - Gayle Chapin, Linda Guthmiller, Todd McDowell, Emmy Opskar, Joan Smith, and Allan Weisenburger; **15 Years of Service Award** - James Cofield, Alyce Ebele, Donna Enzlinger, Tyra Heinert, Jolene Kleven, Anita Monek, Marilyn Slaughter, Dale Soleim, and Dawn Trelstad; **10 Years of Service Award** - Roger Block, Rodney Brandt, Lincoln Coombs, Kathleen Heller, Marlene Kemmet, Martin Monek, Amy Walker, and Dr. Ed Yabut; **5 Years of Service Award** - Shirley Aanderurd, Jolene Biloff, Carrie Christianson, Edwina Contreras, LouAnn Cox, Tami DeBuck, Brock Fietzek, Jenyfer Fischer, Tally Guthmiller, Connie Haase, Angela Henne, Lynnette Himmerick, Heather Johnson, Kim Kapp, Shawn Lee, Pam Marsolek, Karen Marzolf, Marcos Meza, Robin Moser, Tonya Mueller, Susan Olson, Betty Rohde, Brian Rudolph, Nora Schlecht, Joyce Schulz, Joan Stahlhut, Teri Udem, and JoMarie Wiest; **3 Years of Service Award** - Laurel Anderson, Robin Christ, Elise Crider, Katherine Davis, Gina Guthmiller, Carie Hanson, Kevin Hochhalter, Candida Hoggarth-Baldwin, Kimberly Korstjens, Candace Lee, Deborah McClean, Paula Morse, Valerie Olafson, Crystal Otterson, Jacob Reinarts, Leslie Reissour, Wanda Reissour, Michelle Richardson, Lance Savage, Collette Schlecht, Jan Schultz, Wayne Schutt, and Kayla Slusser.

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The N.D. State Hospital also recognized these recent retirees: Linda Bjone, Marilyn Cason, Frank Clemens, Paula Damien, Katherine Fallgatter, Jerry Harrington, Diane Hastings, Rodney Johnson, Sally Peterson, Joan Wagner, and Robert Walker.

The N.D. State Hospital employs about 450 people, and provides short-term and long-term inpatient mental health and addiction treatment services for adults, children, and adolescents whose needs exceed community resources. The hospital serves as the inpatient mental health provider for the Devils Lake, Dickinson, Jamestown, and Williston regions of the state because those regions do not have private hospitals that provide inpatient psychiatric services.

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