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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 75 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** – Linda Boatman; **35 Years of Service Award** – Karla Bachmeier, Theresa Dunn and Bernice Monson; **30 Years of Service Award** - Rosemary Freeh, Viona Gienger, Tammy Gumke, Diane Lee, Rita Lulai, Ruleen McMillan and John Samson; **25 Years of Service Award** - Marion Goodmanson, Gene Haugen, Brenda Munson, Sharon Odegard, Leah Schulz, David Sommerdorf and Connie Suko; **20 Years of Service Award** - Zenaida Bjornson, Susan Dodds, Susan Hoffart, Stella Meidinger, Edward Pergotski and William Pryatel; **15 Years of Service Award** - Bonnie Allickson, Tana DeVary, Henry Kates, Jason Larson, Paulette Mittleider and Corrinne Weber; **10 Years of Service Award** – Heather Kramlich, Dana Krumwiede and Joann Simenson; **5 Years of Service Award** – Tina Carter, Sheena Dewald, Teya Dunwoody, Kristin Kurtz, James Ludwig, Jay Matteson, Diana Mittleider, Barbara Nuanes, Jodi Ronnigen, Dawn Salinas, Crystal Scheuffele, Karen Soma, Paul Marzolf, Irene Medeiros and Lori Riley; **3 Years of Service Award** - Joey Anton, Erin Arlien, Renee Brown, Ryan Bruner, Travis Bullock, Derek Carlson, Ashley Cole, Cliff Erickson, Megan Dardis-Kunz, Traci Kittelson, Caroline Limesand, Gail Miska, Scott Moore, Shawna Pfaff, Shane Pettys, Adam Redmann, Patty Rowell, Anna Sannes, Damond Schemmel, Chad Schultz, Nicole Stevahn, Elizabeth Tarno, Shannon Thompson, Harlan Vining, Jeannie Walker, Brianna Willey and Dennis Williams.

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The N.D. State Hospital also recognized these recent retirees: Terrence Albrecht, Sue Bjerke, Doris Giedt, Lorraine Ginsbach, Betty Gross, Lucille Gould, Cliff Hoyt, Laurie Jablonski, Jerry Johnson, Linda Kapp, Marcia Koushkouski, Phyllis Kramlich, Ginger McDaniel, Richard Podoll, Joan Smith, Loren Soleim, Victoria Soma, Barbara Srozinski, Bruce Thingelstad and Sylvia Williams.

The N.D. State Hospital employs about 450 people, and provides short-term and intermediate inpatient mental health and addiction treatment services for adults 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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