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Slavens selected to lead Grand Forks and Devils Lake regional human service centers

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services has promoted Randy Slavens to director of its Northeast Human Service Center (NEHSC) in Grand Forks and its Lake Region Human Service Center (LRHSC) in Devils Lake.

He is responsible for the programs, services, operations, and personnel at the two regional centers, which together serve residents of 10 counties and two tribal nations.

Slavens had been the assistant director of NEHSC in Grand Forks since 2007. In 2011, he was also named clinical director of outpatient mental health services and the Partnerships Program for Children’s Mental Health at NEHSC, and also assumed supervisory responsibilities over the foster grandparent program and the Ruth Meiers Adolescent Treatment Center.

He initially joined the department in 1997 as an assistant regional supervisor for child welfare services. He also previously worked in the private sector providing treatment services in an outpatient acute care behavioral health unit.

Slavens is a licensed independent clinical social worker and former member of the North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners. He has expertise in child welfare services and clinical mental health services.

He earned a master’s degree in clinical social work from the University of North Dakota, and a bachelor’s degree in social work from Minot State University.

NEHSC employs about 140 individuals who serve residents of Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina, and Walsh counties. Services are provided from the center’s main office in Grand Forks, satellite offices in Cavalier and Grafton, and outreach visits to communities in the region.

The 60 employees at LRHSC serve residents of the surrounding counties and two tribal nations from the main office in Devils Lake, an outreach office in Rolla, and by individual outreach appointments.

Staffs at both centers provide behavioral health services and developmental disabilities program management services. Other human services may be provided directly or through partnerships with county social service offices and other providers.

Human service center information is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/.

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