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## **Business executive Eide joins Human Services' leadership team**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Chris Jones, Executive Director of the North Dakota Department of Human Services, announced today that Fargo-area business executive Thomas Eide has been hired as director of field services.

Eide will lead operational, financial, and administrative areas of the North Dakota State Hospital in Jamestown, N.D., the Life Skills and Transition Center in Grafton, N.D., and the eight regional human service centers located in Bismarck, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot and Williston.

The department's field services area provides behavioral health and developmental disabilities services and other human services to thousands of North Dakotans annually. It has a budget of \$332 million and 1,627 authorized full-time equivalents for the 2017-2019 biennium.

"Tom brings over 20 years of executive leadership and business and financial management experience to the department, which he honed in the health care, software, and manufacturing sectors. We are pleased to have Tom's expertise as we focus on providing important core behavioral health and developmental disabilities services more effectively and efficiently," Jones said.

Prior to joining the department, Eide served as chief financial officer of Prairie St. John's, a 110-inpatient bed psychiatric hospital in Fargo. He formerly served in executive leadership roles at IMAR Group and Amity Technology, and served as general manager and product manager at Microsoft (Great Plains).

Jones said Eide's new role in the department will help assure that both clinical and operational issues receive sufficient resources and expertise.

Eide will work with the department's clinical leaders, Jones said, to achieve the state's behavioral health goals and objectives. These leaders include Dr. Rosalie Etherington, superintendent of the State Hospital and chief clinics officer of the regional human service centers; Jeff Stenseth, regional director of Southeast Human Service Center in Fargo and statewide clinic director leading accreditation efforts and clinical projects; and Susan Foerster, superintendent of the Life Skills and Transition Center.

"Joining Human Services allows me to continue working with dedicated clinicians to support the behavioral health needs of North Dakotans – work I find very rewarding and meaningful. I appreciate this opportunity to assist the governor and Chris in their shared goal of strengthening our operations to support and enhance the state's public behavioral health system," Eide said.

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Eide has a master's degree in business administration from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. and earned a bachelor's degree in business and computer science from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn.

He is a native of Hitterdal, Minn., and has resided in Fargo the past 21 years.

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