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Gee named director of Economic Assistance Division

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services has selected Michele Gee as director of its Economic Assistance Division. The division administers programs that help qualifying low-income individuals, families with children, older adults and people with disabilities meet their basic food and household needs.

The division is responsible for supervising the administration of economic assistance programs including Basic Care Assistance, Child Care Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and health care policy in North Dakota's 53 counties. The division also oversees economic assistance programs case file reviews to monitor payment accuracy and program integrity in accordance with federal regulations and state policy.

In addition to leading the division, Gee will also continue to serve as a team member in the development and testing of the department's eligibility systems.

Gee has over 22 years of experience in the administration of economic assistance programs for the department. For the past two years, Gee has served as the public assistance director participating in strategic planning, supervising staff in the administration of economic assistance programs and working to ensure compliance with state and federal regulations.

In her tenure with the department, she has served as the assistant director and program administrator for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). She also spearheaded the implementation of the SNAP statewide electronic benefit transfer (EBT) system and created EBT system policy, training for county staff and recipients, and monitoring practices.

She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and an associate's degree in management information systems both from the University of Mary.

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