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ND Department of Human Services' Vocational Rehabilitation Program Honors Employees

MANDAN, ND – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program recently honored six Bismarck employees for their outstanding work in assisting North Dakotans with disabilities to obtain employment. The awards were presented at the department's annual Vocational Rehabilitation awards banquet and training conference.

- **Eunice Meidinger** was the recipient of the *Director's Award for Counselor Achievement*. Meidinger placed in the top 10% of counselors with the highest number of individuals placed into employment.
- **Candace Hanson** and **Barbara Burghart** received the *Director's Award for Counselor Achievement – Honorable Mention*. This award highlighted the next 10 percent of counselors with the second highest number of individuals placed into employment.
- **Tammy King** received the *Career Achievement Award - 100 Club*. **Eunice Meidinger** was honored with the *Career Achievement Award - 500 Club*. These awards were based on the number of individuals placed into employment over the life of a counselor's career.
- **Helen Baumgartner** was honored with the *Director's Award for Excellence*. Baumgartner was nominated for this prestigious award by her peers for demonstrating dedication, productivity and dependability to the VR program.
- **Cheryl Hess** was also honored as an outgoing member of the *Success in Leadership* program. The purpose of the *Success in Leadership* program is to challenge individuals by expanding their knowledge, skills and abilities to become a positive force of change in the field of Vocational Rehabilitation in North Dakota.

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North Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation is a division of the North Department of Human Services. Its mission is to assist individuals with disabilities to maximize their employment opportunities and to assist businesses owners and employers in finding solutions to disability-related issues.

Information about Vocational Rehabilitation services is on the Web at www.nd.gov/dhs/rcs/index.html and is also available by calling 701-328-8950, toll free 800-755-2745, or TTY 701-328-8968.

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