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Dr. Kuchler Receives International Psychology Award

BISMARCK, N.D. – Dr. Christine Kuchler was awarded the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards' (ASPPB) *State and Provincial Service Award* in recognition of her significant contributions to the field of psychology. Kuchler is the director of psychology at the N.D. Department of Human Services' Badlands Human Service Center in Dickinson and West Central Human Service Center in Bismarck.

The international honor recognizes Kuchler for her work in supporting licensing and regulation of psychologists in the state, writing administrative code to correspond with changes in state law, and protecting the public by ensuring qualified practitioners adhere to professional standards. Kuchler was nominated for this award by the State Board of Psychologist Examiners and is the second North Dakotan to be honored with this distinction.

"Dr. Kuchler's knowledge, professionalism, and high clinical standards have positively impacted the quality and effectiveness of the services we provide to people in the Dickinson and Bismarck regions," said Tim Sauter, regional director of both the Badlands Human Service Center and West Central Human Service Center.

Kuchler joined the department in 1984. She is a licensed psychologist who earned her doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of North Dakota. She also has a master's degree in educational psychology from Marquette University in Milwaukee, and a bachelor's degree in general studies in humanities from the University of Chicago.

For the past 23 years, Kuchler has served in various capacities for the State Board of Psychologist Examiners including over five years as president.

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