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Dept. of Human Services’ Vocational Rehabilitation Program Honors Employees

BISMARCK, ND – The N.D. Department of Human Services’ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) recently honored several employees for their work assisting North Dakotans with disabilities to obtain employment.

- Jennifer Moldenhauer and Debra Carlson, Jamestown, were recipients of the Director’s Award for Counselor Achievement. This award highlights the top 10 percent of counselors with the highest number of individuals placed into employment.

- Katharine Millner and Candace Hanson, Bismarck, were the recipients of the Director’s Award for Counselor Achievement – Honorable Mention. This award honors counselors who have the second highest number of individuals placed into employment.

- Robyn Throlson, Bismarck and Derek Kimmes, Jamestown, were co-recipients of the Exemplary Service Award. This award recognizes outstanding case service to VR clients by showing creative thinking, direct work with multiple agencies, and consistent client follow-up.

- Jamie Hetrick of Dickinson was honored as the Rookie of the Year. This award honors a VR employee with less than two years of service who exceeds performance goals and displays a high level of community service and involvement.

- Erik Anthony of Grand Forks was honored with the Director’s Award for Excellence. Anthony was nominated for this prestigious award by his peers for demonstrating dedication, productivity, and dependability to the VR program.

The Career Achievement Awards are based on the number of people with disabilities placed into employment over the course of a vocational rehabilitation counselor’s career. The awards start at the 100 Club award level and increase in increments of 100.

- Debra Carlson of Jamestown received the Career Achievement – 500 Club award.

- Brenda Satrom of Grand Forks received the Career Achievement – 200 Club award.

- Jennifer Moldenhauer of Jamestown and Misty Leuthardt-Riskey of Fargo received the Career Achievement – 100 Club award.

The N.D. Vocational Rehabilitation program’s mission is to assist individuals with disabilities to maximize their employment opportunities and to assist business owners and employers in finding solutions to disability-related issues.

Information on VR services is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html and is also available by calling 701-328-8950, toll-free 800-755-2745, TTY 701-328-8968 or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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