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Agency Names Human Service Center Director in Bismarck and Dickinson

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services has selected Sandy Thompson as regional director of West Central Human Service Center in Bismarck and Badlands Human Service Center in Dickinson. Thompson has previously served as the director of the Specialized Child and Family Services unit at the Bismarck human service center for nearly 15 years. Her appointment follows the retirement of Tim Sauter.

“Sandy brings a wealth of experience, empathy, and dedication to the service of others to her new position,” said Alex Schweitzer, director of Field Services for the department. “She is a leader who will continue to work closely with staff to provide quality services to vulnerable individuals in the Bismarck and Dickinson regions.”

Thompson is a licensed addiction counselor with over 20 years of experience in the addiction treatment field. In 1992, she joined the department’s North Central Human Service Center in Minot as an adolescent addiction counselor and also became a registered clinical supervisor with the N.D. Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners. She returned to her home community of Bismarck-Mandan to work in addiction treatment at Heartview Foundation. She joined the Bismarck human service center in 1996 as an addiction counselor for two years.

Thompson has a master’s degree in management from the University of Mary in Bismarck, and a bachelor’s degree in addiction studies from Minot State University. She completed her clinical training at the Confluence Addiction Counseling Training Consortium in Williston.

The N.D. Department of Human Services operates eight regional human service centers that provide counseling and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, disability services, and other human services. The centers are a safety net providing services directly or through partnerships with county social services and other providers.

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