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Department and ShareHouse extend contract for Robinson Recovery treatment center

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services today announced that it has extended a contract with ShareHouse Inc., to continue to operate the Robinson Recovery Center through the end of the year. The contract extension sustains important long-term residential treatment services, but changes the program’s capacity from 45 beds to 34.

“We appreciate our ongoing partnership with ShareHouse and are working together to assure services continue to be available to those who need long-term residential treatment,” said Behavioral Health Division Director Pamela Sagness.

Sagness said the contract extension will provide continuity of care for the 34 individuals currently receiving services at Robinson Recovery Center and continued access for those needing services.

Sagness said the division is collaborating with ShareHouse, Inc., and the department’s eight regional human service centers to address unmet long-term treatment needs and to identify a solution that sustains services through June 2017.

The 2005 North Dakota legislature first allocated funds to develop and implement a long-term 20-bed residential treatment program for adults addicted to methamphetamine or other controlled substances. The program is named in honor of state Sen. Larry Robinson, a proponent of longer term, evidence-based residential treatment options for people recovering from substance addiction including methamphetamine addiction.

For information about the Robinson Recovery Center, contact ShareHouse, Inc. at 701-282-6561 or 877-294-6561.

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