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Maier named Aging Services Division Director

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services has selected Nancy Nikolas Maier as director of its Aging Services Division. The division administers programs and services that help older adults and people with physical disabilities remain living in their homes and communities. Division programs also promote the health, safety, welfare, and rights of residents of long-term care settings and vulnerable adults living in the community.

Maier has over 22 years of experience in the aging services field. During the past nine years, she worked as the home and community-based services program administrator in the department's Medical Services Division.

Prior to joining that division, she worked in the department's Aging Services Division and focused on the Family Caregiver Support Program, adult foster care, information and assistance, the Aging and Disability Resource LINK, and dementia care services.

In addition to home and community-based services, Maier has expertise in planning and responding to the needs of older adults and other vulnerable adults living in communities during disasters. She worked as a program coordinator for the East Grand Forks Senior Citizen Center during the 1997 Red River Flood.

She earned a master's degree in public and human services administration from the University of Minnesota – Moorhead and has a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in gerontology from Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D.

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