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**New Behavioral Health “Network of Care” Web Site
Launched by Department of Health and Human Services**

Sound bites on this topic will be available at: <http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/audio/>

Lincoln – A new easy-to-use Web site is a comprehensive, Internet-based community resource for people with mental illness, their caregivers and service providers. The Network of Care Web for Behavioral Health Web site can be accessed at www.dhhs.ne.gov/networkofcare/

“The Network of Care site is a big step forward in helping people find services and connect and share their stories,” said Scot Adams, director of the Division of Behavioral Health. “This one-stop information tool lets you access vital information about treatment resources and diagnoses, insurance, and advocacy and find other pertinent behavioral health Web sites. Consumers can also choose to communicate directly with others and to organize and store personal health records.”

Benefits of this Network of Care Web site include:

- Helping people find the right services at the right time. Click anywhere on the Nebraska map on the home page to get a comprehensive Service Directory of providers, organized by Behavioral Health Region.
- Giving consumers the option to use the secure Personal Health Record section to organize and store medical and healthcare-related information.
- Having communication tools like message boards and community calendars to help people connect with each other or share information.

- Facilitating providers who want to share challenges and ideas or use the private message boards. Providers can even build their own free Web sites.
- Accessing the easy-to-search libraries; information about specific behavioral health disorders, pending legislation and advocacy; and daily news articles and the latest research about mental health and substance abuse issues from around the world.
- Having a site that is fully ADA-compliant and that offers a text-only version.

Adams thanked Diana Waggoner, executive director of the Kim Foundation, for bringing this resource to his attention. He said that the Kim Foundation is a supportive resource and compassionate voice for those touched by mental illness.

Trilogy Integrated Resources LLC of San Rafael, Calif., created, developed and maintains the Network of Care for Behavioral Health for the Division of Behavioral Health in the Department of Health and Human Services.