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**Are you ready for veterans and their families when they walk through your door? *No Wrong Door* Networking & Training comes to communities across Nebraska**

Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors (NALHD) VetSET Nebraska project, in partnership with The Brain Injury Association of Nebraska, is coordinating 3 more *No Wrong Door* trainings and networking events across the state (see attached flyer). Multiple dates and locations are available as follows:

- Sept. 9 - Norfolk (Register by **Sept. 3**)
- Sept. 10 - Fremont (Register by **Sept. 3**)
- November 4 - Beatrice (Register by **Oct. 29**)

*No Wrong Door* trainings have been developed by the multi-disciplinary Veteran's Brain Injury Task Force over the past several years to give community members from a range of professions and organizations information to better serve the veterans and their families in their communities. In this one-day training, participants will hear from veterans and their families, as well as experts in the field, to learn about military culture, how military experiences, PTSD and Brain Injury, influence the emotions and behaviors of military members and their families, and available resources and support through the VA and other organizations. Additionally, they will connect with others in their communities who have the same goal.

Invited to attend are professionals and community members who have contact with or work with returning service members or veterans. NALHD's Executive Director, Susan Bockrath, encourages those in the community who have not traditionally worked with veterans to attend. "We especially want to make sure that folks who might not think their work relates to Veterans know that these trainings are coming up and that there really is value for everyone... teachers,

principals, health professionals, county clerks, clergy, employers, law enforcement... etc. It's a great way to network with a cross-section of our communities toward a common goal."

"There are over 6,000 veterans in our North Central Nebraska counties. Many people in our local communities may not know they are coming in contact or working with our veterans and their families on a daily basis. It's important to understand that the military culture is unique. This training will help people in the communities become more aware of those things", says Jenna Landgren, VetSET Coordinator for North Central District Health Department in O'Neill and Loup Basin Public Health Department in Burwell.

The training makes service members more visible to community providers, says Teri Clark, Air Force Veteran and VetSET Project Director. "At our last training, we asked participants if they served military members. Just over a third of them didn't think they did. When we followed up with them after the training, they reported more frequent interactions with Veterans and their families in their day-to-day business."

To date, over 1400 individuals across Nebraska have attended the trainings and the feedback we get from those attending the trainings continues to indicate that participants value the information and opportunity to network," says Peggy Reisher, Executive Director of the Brain Injury Association of Nebraska.

For more information and to register, visit <http://nalhd.org/nwd.html> or call 402-336-2406.

VetSET Nebraska is Rural Veteran Coordination Pilot project funded through a grant from the VA Office of Rural Health to the Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors (NALHD). The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) created this pilot program to support Veterans and their families who reside in rural or underserved areas and make sure they have the support and resources to successfully reintegrate into their families and communities.

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