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## **Behavioral Health Administrator Resigns**

**LINCOLN, Neb.** – Today, Director Scott R. Frakes announced the resignation of the NDCS behavioral health administrator, Dr. Lisa Jones. The resignation, tendered Friday, August 12, 2016, came amidst an investigation into alleged over-familiarity with a parolee. The extent of the relationship in this case will be determined through the investigation, which has been turned over to the Nebraska State Patrol.

"There is zero tolerance for unprofessional relationships with inmates and this is no exception. The department has been working diligently to streamline and increase the availability of treatment services over the last year," Director Frakes said. "While upsetting, I am confident this will not alter our course or diminish our commitment to transforming behavioral health services within NDCS."

Dr. Alice Mitwaruciu, assistant behavioral health administrator, will step into the role of behavioral health administrator, effective immediately. A search will begin for a new behavioral health administrator.