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**SUSAN SUEMNICK-BRUEGGEMEIER NAMED
DOC AGENT OF THE YEAR**

Susan Suemnick-Brueggemeier has been selected as the Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC) *2010 Agent of the Year*. She currently supervises an adult felony caseload in McLeod County.

Nominations for Suemnick-Brueggemeier uniformly cited her character and compassion for those with whom she works as well as her unique ability to effectively collaborate with community members and correctional professionals.

“Susan routinely goes above and beyond what is expected to ensure an offender has the necessary services and resources to succeed,” said Corrections Commissioner Joan Fabian. “She is a valuable mentor to many new agents and interns.”

Among her many accomplishments, Suemnick-Brueggemeier has actively participated in Methamphetamine Education and Drug Awareness since 2005, helping to educate McLeod County residents of the dangers of alcohol and drug use. She was also part of a steering committee to launch the Zero Adult Provider (ZAP) coalition. ZAP has garnered support from key justice system stakeholders, leading to an evaluation of the county’s response to underage drinking.

Suemnick-Brueggemeier has been an agent in McLeod County since 2000. She began her corrections career working for Scott County Court Services then Isanti County Probation. Prior to joining the DOC, Suemnick-Brueggemeier served as a truancy intervention specialist in McLeod County. In 2006, she earned her Master’s Degree from Concordia College in St. Paul while working full-time.

The DOC selects an *Agent of the Year* as part of its annual recognition of Probation, Parole & Community Supervision Week, recognized this year July 18-24. This national recognition celebrates the work of agents across the United States who enhance public safety by monitoring offenders under some form of community correctional supervision. Approximately 140,000 adult and juvenile offenders are supervised in Minnesota communities.

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