

## NHTC pilots national documentation software

SPEARFISH — Since 2004, Northern Hills Training Center (NHTC) has used Therap's online documentation and communication software, designed for providers supporting people with developmental disabilities.

It all started with a dinner in Washington, D.C., with Richard Robbins, chairman of Therap; Jim Kelly, vice chairman of Therap; Warren Gifford, president of Therap; Renee Pietrangelo, C.E.O. of American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR); and Fred Romkema, C.E.O. of Northern Hills Training Center. The topic of conversation that night was a new documentation concept being promoted by a young company known as Therap. The rest they say ... is history.

Initially, NHTC piloted only Therap's incident reports, but use has expanded to include: Individual Service Plans (ISPs), General Event Reports (GERs), Health Tracking and Individual Plans of Protective Oversight and Safeguards. All of these

modules focus on supports provided to individuals served. The connection between NHTC and Therap came through Fred Romkema, NHTC's C.E.O., who is also a past president of ANCOR. Robbins states, "It is impressive how NHTC has led the effort to incorporate Therap into its provision of services".

During the last six years, Therap has expanded to satisfied users in over forty states and a few provinces in Canada. In Delaware, New York and Montana, all provider agencies are required to use Therap for incident reporting, with more capabilities in trial. Therap offers an easy and efficient alternative to the immense amount of paper work usually generated by care providers.

NHTC is proud to have Cheryl Rohlf, residential program manager and Certified Therap trainer, on its staff. As a trainer, Cheryl coordinates Therap training, attends and presents at annual and regional conferences, participates in webinars and hosts a blog.