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Governor's Committee on Aging to meet April 1 in Jamestown

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor's Committee on Aging will meet Friday, April 1, 2011, in Jamestown to discuss issues impacting older adults and the services and programs that help them. The meeting is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the James River Senior Center, 502 10th Ave. SE, Jamestown, and is open to the public. This meeting was originally scheduled for Friday, March 11, 2011, but was cancelled due to weather.

Agenda items include a legislative report, discussion on the committee's budget, an overview of the N.D. Department of Human Services' Aging Services Division budget, and an update on the Volunteer Ombudsman Program, which informs residents of long-term care facilities about their rights and helps resolve concerns.

Committee members will also discuss upcoming regional educational forums, and involvement in the Silver Hair Assembly. Committee chairman Larry Wagner of Bismarck will also provide an update on the elder abuse and guardianship study. Other business may be discussed.

The Governor's Committee on Aging acts as an advisory body for the N.D. Department of Human Services' Aging Services Division, sponsors community forums, and works to achieve goals related to the needs of older individuals. Members also participate in Regional Councils on Aging.

Committee information is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/adultsaging/gcoa.html, or by contacting Jan Engan, Aging Services Division Director, N.D. Department of Human Services, at 701-328-4601.

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