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ND Mental Health Planning Council to Meet April 28 & 29 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Mental Health Planning Council will meet in Bismarck on Thursday, April 28, 2011, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Friday, April 29, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Comfort Inn. The meeting is open to the public.

Agenda items include a legislative report, presentations from FirstLink on the 2-1-1 phone assistance program, and the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Program.

Representatives from the N.D. Department of Human Services will also provide an overview of the telemedicine project at the State Hospital and regional human service centers. Other business may be discussed.

The North Dakota Mental Health Planning Council meets quarterly to discuss and plan mental health services and supports for children and adults living in the state. The council consists of 27 members appointed by the governor who are representatives from state agencies, social services, public and private providers, and consumers of mental health services and their families.

Committee information is online at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/ndmhpc/>, or by contacting Lauren Sauer in the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, N.D. Department of Human Services, at 701-328-8920.

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