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**ND Mental Health Planning Council to Meet January 26 & 27
in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Mental Health Planning Council, which plans and monitors mental health services and supports for children and adults, will meet in Bismarck on Thursday, January 26, 2012, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Friday, January 27, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Comfort Inn. The meeting is open to the public.

Agenda items include a review of division reports, budget, and membership applications. Members will discuss six priority areas outlined by the council for 2012 including military families, trauma and justice, prevention, recovery support, public awareness and support, and data, outcomes, and quality. Other business may be discussed.

The North Dakota Mental Health Planning 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. Meetings are held quarterly and are facilitated by representatives from the N.D. Department of Human Services.

Committee information is online at 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, toll-free 1-800-755-2719, or ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888.

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