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**North Central Human Service Center Advisory Group to meet Oct. 20
in Minot**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Regional Advisory Group for the North Dakota Department of Human Services' North Central Human Service Center in Minot is meeting Monday, Oct. 20, 2014. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 10 a.m. at the public behavioral health and human services agency located at 1015 S. Broadway, Suite 18.

The meeting agenda includes a review of the July 2014 meeting minutes and updates about North Central Human Service Center's operations, budget, and staffing. Jennifer Bartsch will give a presentation on Harmony House.

Advisory group members who represent Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, and Ward counties and the Three Affiliated Tribes are invited to give updates on their respective region/area, and to make recommendations regarding planning, funding, and the provision of human services in the region. The agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Ronasa Kabanuck at 701-857-8641, toll free 888-470-6968, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or rkabanuck@nd.gov.

Each of the department's eight regional human service centers has an Advisory Group.

North Central Human Service Center provides counseling and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, disability services, and other human services directly or through partnerships with county social services and other providers. While services may vary based on unique regional needs and available community resources, core services provided by North Dakota's eight regional human service centers are described online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/docs/hsc-core-services.pdf.

North Central Human Service Center employs about 120 people and serves North Dakotans from its main location in Minot and outreach offices in Bottineau, Rugby, Stanley, and New Town. Center information is on the Web at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/northcentral/index.html.

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