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Devils Lake Human Service Center Advisory Group to meet Jan. 8

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Lake Region Human Service Center (LRHSC) Advisory Group will meet Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., at the center located at 200 Highway 2 S.W., in Devils Lake. The public is welcome to attend.

The center's advisory group, which includes representatives from Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey, Rolette, and Towner counties, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, and the Spirit Lake Nation, will receive information about the Trauma, Addictions, Mental Health, and Recovery (TAMAR) project. This is an evidenced-based group treatment program that factors in the impact of traumatic experiences.

Regional human service center staff will provide updates on the budget, as well as human resources and personnel matters, and Regional Director Kate Kenna will provide a report. Advisory group members will have an opportunity to provide community reports. A complete agenda is online at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html>.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Kathy Jossen at 701-665-2250, toll-free 888-607-8610, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or kjossen@nd.gov.

LRHSC serves about 2,400 people per year in the six-county region and employs about 60 individuals. Staff members provide counseling and other mental health services, substance abuse treatment, disability services, and other human services directly or in partnerships with county social services and other agencies.

While services provided at North Dakota's eight regional human service centers may vary based on unique regional needs and available community resources, core statewide services are listed at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/docs/hsc-core-services.pdf.

For more information about the human service center and its branch office in Rolla, N.D., go to www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/lakeregion/index.html or contact the center at 701-665-2200, toll-free 888-607-8610, TTY 701-665-2211, or dhslrhsc@nd.gov.

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