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**West Central Human Service Center hosts community
coordination meeting in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' West Central Human Service Center is hosting a community coordination meeting on Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., at Ruth Meiers Hospitality House, 1100 E. Boulevard Ave., in Bismarck.

Community and regional partners who provide health and human services to area residents or who work with people receiving counseling, treatment, support, or case management services through the regional human service center are encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to the public, and the agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/2014/9-25-wc-cc-meeting.pdf.

“Providing human services involves partnerships, and we invite organizations and professionals from the ten counties in our service region and the Standing Rock Indian Reservation to participate. It is important to talk regularly about what is working, as well as any barriers or gaps in services that affect people so that we can work together to address them,” said the center’s assistant director Lynden Ring.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Peggy Krein at 701-328-8742, toll free 888-328-2112, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or pjkrein@nd.gov.

During state fiscal year 2014, West Central Human Service Center served about 4,282 people from the 10-county region. The center employs about 136 individuals who 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.

For more information about West Central Human Service Center, contact the center at 701-328-8888, toll free 888-328-2662, ND Relay 800-366-6888, or dhswhcsc@nd.gov, or go online to www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/westcentral/index.html.

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