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Human Service Center Advisory Group to meet April 14 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' West Central Human Service Center (WCHSC) will host an advisory group meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, from 1 to 3 p.m., Central Time, at 1237 W. Divide Ave., in Bismarck, N.D. The public is welcome to attend, and participants should enter through Door 4 from Schafer Street.

Center director Sandy Thompson will provide an update on WCHSC's operations, budget, and staffing. The department's Money Follows Person Program administrator will give an informational presentation about the program and how it helps older adults and people with developmental disabilities who are enrolled in Medicaid to transition from nursing homes or institutions to community living that meets their needs.

Advisory group members will also be invited to share announcements and updates from the areas they represent, which include Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux counties. A full agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting should contact Peggy Krein at 701-328-8742, toll-free 888-328-2662, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or pjkrein@nd.gov prior to the meeting.

North Dakota's eight regional human service centers provide behavioral health services, disability services, and other human services directly or through partnerships with county social services and other service providers. While services vary some based on regional needs and available community resources, core services are listed on the Web at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/docs/hsc-core-services.pdf.

For information about WCHSC, call the center at 701-328-8888, toll-free 888-328-2662, or go online to www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/westcentral/index.html.

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