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Human Service Center's advisory group to meet April 20 in Minot

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Central Human Service Center's (NCHSC) citizen advisory group will meet Monday, April 20, 2015, at 10 a.m., Central Time, at the center located at 1015 S. Broadway, Suite 18, in Minot.

Advisory group members represent Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, and Ward counties and the Three Affiliated Tribes. Members may give local updates and make recommendations on planning, funding, and the provision of behavioral health and other human services in the region.

NCHSC staff will provide routine updates on the center's operations, budget, and staffing, and Regional Director Laurie Gotvaslee may report on other developments. Stephanie Tornatore of the North Dakota Association for the Disabled will give a presentation on that agency and its work.

The meeting is open to the public. A complete 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.

NCHSC provides counseling and other mental health services, substance abuse treatment and services, developmental disabilities program management, 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.

NCHSC 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 online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/northcentral/index.html.

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