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## **North Dakota Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Council will meet July 16-17 in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – A citizen advisory council that monitors, plans, and advises the state on behavioral health services will meet July 16-17 at the Comfort Inn, 1030 E. Interstate Ave., in Bismarck.

North Dakota's Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Council members will meet on July 16, from 1 to 5 p.m., and on July 17, from 8 a.m. to noon. The public is welcome to attend.

The council's agenda includes a public comment period, review and approval of membership applications, the remaining work on the 2016-2017 federal block grant application, and subcommittees. Members will hear a consumer and family network report, recovery center update, the Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division's Report, and legislation results. The council may discuss other business, as well as the agenda for its October meeting. The agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Julie Huwe at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or [jhuwe@nd.gov](mailto:jhuwe@nd.gov).

About 30 people are appointed by the governor to serve on the council. They include people who have first-hand knowledge of behavioral health services, their family members, other advocates, and representatives from state agencies, county social services, and public and private service providers.

For council information, go to [www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/ndmhpc/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/ndmhpc/index.html), or contact Lauren Sauer in the DHS Behavioral Health Division at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or [lsauer@nd.gov](mailto:lsauer@nd.gov).

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