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Badlands Human Service Center advisory group meeting is Jan. 14

BISMARCK, N.D. – The regional advisory group for the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Badlands Human Service Center (BLHSC) will meet Thursday, Jan. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m., Mountain Time. The public is welcome to attend the meeting at the Haman Conference Room in Pulver Hall on the Dickinson State University campus, at 300 13th Ave. W.

Center Director Sandy Thompson will provide updates on staffing, operations, and programming and services. Advisory group members, which include representatives from Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark counties, may provide local updates.

A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need accommodations, including auxiliary aids, to participate in the meeting can contact Joanna Smith at 701-227-7542, toll-free 888-227-7525, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888, or joasmith@nd.gov.

The department's eight regional human service centers provide behavioral health services for people with mental health or substance addiction needs, disability-related services, and other human services directly or through partnerships with county social services and other providers. While services provided by the regional centers vary based on local needs and available community resources, core services are listed online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/docs/hsc-core-services.pdf.

For information about Badlands Human Service Center or services, contact the center at 701-227-7500 or toll-free 888-227-7525, email dhsblhsc@nd.gov, or go online to www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/badlands/index.html.

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