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**North Dakota Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Council to
meet Jan. 12 in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Council, which advises the Department of Human Services (DHS) on behavioral health needs and services, is meeting from 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursday at the Comfort Inn, 1030 E. Interstate Ave. in Bismarck.

Members will elect officers, and the Consumer and Family Network and legislative subcommittee will each provide reports. The council may add other items to the agenda.

The public is welcome to attend; the agenda also includes a public comment period. The full agenda is available online at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html>.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate can contact Julie Huwe at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888, or jhuwe@nd.gov.

Council members are appointed and represent people with first-hand knowledge of behavioral health services, their family members, other advocates, agencies, county social services, and public and private behavioral health service providers.

Council information is available by contacting Lauren Sauer in the DHS Behavioral Health Division at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888, or lsauer@nd.gov.

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