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Northwest Human Service Center advisory group to meet Feb. 1 in Williston

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Northwest Human Service Center (NWHSC) will hold its quarterly regional advisory group meeting on Feb. 1 at noon Central Time at the center at 316 Second Ave. W. in Williston. The meeting is open to the public.

Staff will provide updates on the center's operations, staffing, and budget, and advisory group members from Divide, McKenzie and Williams counties will have an opportunity to report on local needs and to make recommendations about services. The complete agenda is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Kristy Green at 701-774-4600, toll-free 800-231-7724, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or kgreen@nd.gov.

NWHSC employs about 40 people. Staff members provide community-based behavioral health services focusing on chronic disease management and emergency services including open access walk-in behavioral health assessments, community outreach, and crisis residential services. The center also provides case management services for individuals with intellectual disabilities, aging services, vocational rehabilitation services, and oversight of child welfare services provided by the counties.

The center also serves residents from outreach offices located in Crosby, Tioga and Watford City. During the 2016 State Fiscal Year (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016), NWHSC served 1,493 individuals.

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

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