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Bismarck and Dickinson regional human service centers to hold advisory group meetings

BISMARCK, N.D. – The citizen advisory groups for the North Dakota Department of Human Services' regional human service centers in Bismarck and Dickinson are meeting next week.

Members of West Central Human Service Center's (WCHSC) citizen advisory group will meet Tuesday, April 11, 1-3 p.m., in the center's Morton Room at 1237 W. Divide Ave., in Bismarck. Attendees should enter through Door 4 from Schafer Street.

WCHSC staff will provide updates on the center's operations, budget and staffing. Other topics may be discussed.

The Badlands Human Service Center (BLHSC) Advisory Group meeting will be held Thursday, April 13, 1-3 p.m., MDT, in the Northwest Conference Room at the center located at 300 13th Ave. W., Suite 1 in Dickinson.

BLHSC homeless case manager Tana Johnson will provide an update on Angel 37 Kitchen. Attendees may discuss legislative highlights, center staffing and general operations, and advisory group membership.

Advisory group members represent the counties and tribal areas in each center's service region. During meetings, members have an opportunity to provide regional updates and comment about services and needs in their respective areas.

The agendas for these public meetings are available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in an advisory group meeting can contact Peggy Krein for the Bismarck meeting at 701-328-8742, toll-free 888-328-2662, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888, or pjkrein@nd.gov. Joanna Smith can assist Dickinson meeting participants and can be reached at 701-227-7542, toll-free 888-227-7525, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888, or joasmith@nd.gov.

The North Dakota Department of Human Services' eight regional human service centers provide behavioral health services, disability-related services, and other human services directly or through partnerships with county social services and other providers.

Information about the regional human service centers is online at <https://www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/>.

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