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Human services center advisory groups to meet this week in Bismarck and Dickinson

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' regional human service centers in Bismarck and Dickinson are hosting advisory group meetings this week to review developments at the two centers and to seek input about services and needs.

West Central Human Service Center's advisory group will meet Tuesday, 1-3 p.m., at the center at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 5, Morton Room, in Bismarck. Regional Director Brad Brown will provide updates on operations, the budget, and staffing.

The center's Clinical Director Tim Gienger will give an update on open access admissions. Members will have an opportunity to share updates about human services-related developments and needs in the areas they represent.

Members of the **Badlands Human Service Center Advisory Group** will meet Thursday, July 13, from 1 to 3 p.m., Mountain Time, in the center's Northwest Conference Room located on the fifth floor at 300 13th Ave. W., Suite 1, in Dickinson, N.D.

Staff from the Dickinson center will give a presentation on child welfare services and will provide updates on staffing and general operations. Members will have an opportunity to provide updates from their regions and will discuss North Dakota Senate Bill 2039, which lawmakers passed in the 2017 legislative session that changes the membership of advisory group boards.

The meetings are open to the public. The agendas for these and other public meetings are on the department's website at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the West Central Human Service Center advisory group meeting can contact Peggy at 701-328-8742, toll-free 888-328-2662, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or pjkrein@nd.gov.

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