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## **Grand Forks and Devils Lake regional human service centers to hold advisory group meetings**

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

Members of Northeast Human Service Center's (NEHSC) advisory group will meet Monday, Jan. 8, 10 a.m.-noon, in rooms 5D and 5E at 151 S. Fourth St., in Grand Forks. The Lake Region Human Service Center (LRHSC) Advisory Group meeting will be held Jan. 9 at 10 a.m., at 200 Highway 2 W., in Devils Lake.

The agenda for each meeting includes an overview of the regional human service centers and advisory group duties. Members will discuss and recommend a chairperson to the department's executive director and will plan for their next meeting. Other business may be discussed.

During the 2017 North Dakota legislative session, lawmakers approved Senate Bill 2039, which dealt with a number of human service issues including human service center advisory group membership. Lawmakers approved expanding membership to include additional county social service board members and county commissioners from each center's multi-county region, as well as public health officials and at-large members.

Advisory group members represent the counties and tribal areas in each center's service region. They provide information and recommendations to help the department identify needs and plan and develop health and social resources.

The agendas for these public meetings are available online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meetings can contact Michelle Huus for the Grand Forks meeting at 701-795-3154, toll-free 888-256-6742, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or [mhuus@nd.gov](mailto:mhuus@nd.gov). Kathy Jenssen can assist LRHSC meeting participants and can be reached at 701-665-2200, toll-free 888-607-8610, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or [kjenssen@nd.gov](mailto:kjenssen@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 centers is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/).

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