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ND Behavioral Health Planning Council to meet Dec. 4 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council, a citizen advisory group that includes people with lived experience and other stakeholders, will meet tomorrow, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Job Service North Dakota office, 1601 E. Century Ave., in Bismarck. The public is welcome to attend.

A consultant with Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) will report on Behavioral Health Strategic Plan implementation efforts. Council members will also hear updates on the Play Project, children’s behavioral health developments, and the Children’s Cabinet and the Children’s Behavioral Health Task Force.

A North Dakota Department of Health representative will report on the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program. Members will discuss the development of a council vision statement and the council’s role with respect to human trafficking victim services and will identify council meeting dates in 2020. Other topics will be discussed.

The council has reserved time for public comment on behavioral health services and issues from 3:45 to 4 p.m. The complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting or who would like more information about the Behavioral Health Planning Council can contact council facilitator Greg Gallagher at 701-224-0588 ext. 102, 711 (TTY) or ggallagher@agree.org.

The governor appoints planning council members who 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 at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/ndmhpc/.

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