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Human Service Centers host regional advisory group meetings in May

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' eight regional human service centers are holding their regularly scheduled advisory group meeting this month at their respective centers in Bismarck, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot and Williston.

Center directors will share operational updates, including information on the electronic health record implementation, the center accreditation project, and changes underway in team-based care to individuals with multiple needs. They will also report briefly on which behavioral health and human services priorities were funded by lawmakers during the 2019 legislative session. Other business may be discussed.

The meetings are open to the public, and are scheduled at these locations on these dates and times:

- Northeast Human Service Center – Monday, May 13 at 10 a.m. CT in **Grand Forks**,
- Lake Region Human Service Center – Tuesday, May 14, at 10 a.m. CT in **Devils Lake**,
- West Central Human Service Center – Tuesday, May 14 at 1 p.m. CT in **Bismarck**,
- Southeast Human Service Center – Wednesday, May 15 at 1 p.m. CT in **Fargo**,
- North Central Human Service Center – Monday, May 20 at 10 a.m. CT in **Minot**,
- Northwest Human Service Center – Wednesday, May 22 at noon CT in **Williston**,
- Badlands Human Service Center – Thursday, May 23 at 1 p.m., Mountain Time, in **Dickinson**,
- and South Central Human Service Center – Wednesday, May 29 at 10 a.m. CT in **Jamestown**.

Information about regional human service center locations and other meeting details can be found online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html. The centers primarily serve individuals who have limited resources and severe and chronic behavioral health needs.

The department employs about 850 people at its regional human service center locations. During the 2017 State Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2018, the regional centers provided behavioral health services to an estimated 17,868 registered clients. The centers served additional individuals who did not become regular clients and did not receive ongoing services and support.

Staff members provide community-based behavioral health services focusing on chronic disease management and emergency services and provide walk-in behavioral health assessments on designated dates and times, which vary by region. Behavioral health staff also provide community outreach and short-term crisis residential services.

Other team members provide case management services for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, vulnerable adult protective services and other services for older adults, vocational rehabilitation services to help people with disabilities achieve their employment goals, and oversight of children and family services provided by the counties.

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Services may be provided directly by staff or through partnerships with county social services and contracts with other providers based on regional needs and available community resources. Details about centers and services are listed online at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/>.

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