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N.D. Mental Health Planning Council to Meet Jan. 22-23 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Mental Health Planning Council, which plans and monitors mental health services and supports for children and adults, will meet in Bismarck on Wed., Jan. 22, 2014, from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thurs., Jan. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Comfort Inn, 1030 E. Interstate Ave. The meeting is open to the public.

Agenda items include reports from the Consumer and Family Network of North Dakota and the Recovery Centers in the state. There will also be a review of the Community Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grants and discussion on the Affordable Care Act's impact on behavioral health services. Other items include a review of the council's priorities and goals, and updates from the council's work groups. Other items may be discussed. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Lauren Sauer at 701-328-8920, toll-free 1-800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888, or lsauer@nd.gov.

The council consists of 30 members appointed by the governor who are representatives from state agencies, county social services, public and private providers, and consumers of mental health services, and their families. Meetings are held quarterly and are facilitated by representatives from the N.D. Department of Human Services.

Committee information is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/ndmhpc/, or by contacting Lauren Sauer in the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, N.D. Department of Human Services, at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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