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State Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Council will meet Dec. 11-12 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Mental Health and Substance Abuse Planning Council, which is responsible for planning and monitoring mental health and substance abuse treatment services and supports in the state, will meet Dec. 11-12, 2014, at the Comfort Inn, 1030 E. Interstate Ave., in Bismarck. The public is welcome to attend.

Planning council members will review the data reports from its Substance Use Disorder Prevention Subcommittee, the Adult Mental Health Subcommittee, and the Children’s Mental Health Subcommittee. The council will receive an update on the Department of Human Services’ budget and will discuss council legislative priorities. There will also be a presentation on its bylaws and charter. The complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

The council consists of about 30 people appointed by the governor. Members include representatives from state agencies, county social services, public and private service providers, advocates, and consumers of mental health and substance abuse treatment services, and their families.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Julie Huwe at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or jhuwe@nd.gov.

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