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Northeast Human Service Center Advisory Group set to meet Dec. 15 in Grand Forks

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Northeast Human Service Center Advisory Group is meeting Monday, Dec. 15, 2014, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. CST, at the center at 151 S. Fourth St., in Grand Forks. The public is welcome to attend.

Department staff will give presentations about the center's walk-in alcohol assessment clinic and the department's 2015-2017 budget proposal. Advisory group members will also receive updates on human resources, the World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule instrument, the Good Health TV project, the online policy manual for human service centers, the implementation of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders-Fifth Edition, and the Electronic Health Record new billing system. In addition, staff will report on guardian and conservatorship services, changes in Aging Services, quality assurance plans, and the United Way campaign. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Northeast Human Service Center is a public behavioral health and human services agency located in Grand Forks with an outreach office in Grafton. More information about the center is on the Web at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/northeast/index.html.

The center's regional advisory group meets quarterly and includes representatives from Grand Forks, Walsh, Pembina, and Nelson counties.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Michelle Huus at 701-795-3154, toll-free 888-256-6742, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or mhuus@nd.gov.

Each of the department's eight regional human service centers has an advisory group whose members provide information about regional needs to help plan, develop, and administer programs and services. Members also review services and programs, make recommendations for improvements, and promote collaboration with private human service agencies.

North Dakota's eight regional human service centers provide counseling and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, disability services, and other human services directly or through partnerships with county social services and other providers. While services may vary due to unique regional needs and available community resources, core services are listed online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/docs/hsc-core-services.pdf.

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