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Human Service Center Advisory Group to meet Jan. 13 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' West Central Human Service Center Advisory Group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015, from 1 to 3 p.m., in the Morton Room at the center located at 1237 W. Divide Ave., in Bismarck, N.D. The public is welcome to attend, and participants should enter through Door 4 from Schafer Street.

Advisory group members, who include representatives from Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux counties, will receive an update on the center's operations, budget, and staffing. They will also receive an update on department programs and services including the Medicaid expansion. Advisory group members will have an opportunity to provide regional updates. A full agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Peggy Krein at 701-328-8742, toll-free 888-328-2112, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or pjkrein@nd.gov.

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 vary based on regional needs and available community resources, core services provided by the regional centers are listed on the Web at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/docs/hsc-core-services.pdf.

For information about West Central Human Service Center, call the center at 701-328-8888, toll-free 888-328-2662, or go online to www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/westcentral/index.html.

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