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Advisory Group for Southeast Human Service Center to meet April 16

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Regional Advisory Group for the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Southeast Human Service Center is meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2014, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the public behavioral health and human services agency located at 2624 Ninth Ave. S., in Fargo. The public is welcome to attend.

The meeting agenda includes a review of the February 2014 meeting minutes, updates about Southeast Human Service Center operations, budget, and staffing; a presentation on services for homeless individuals, and advisory members' reports and announcements. The agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Phyllis Brandt at 701-298-4401, toll free (888) 342-4900, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or pbrandt@nd.gov.

Advisory group members include county commissioners, county social service board members, and others interested in developmental disabilities services, social services, mental health and substance abuse treatment services who represent the center's service area that includes Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steel, and Traill counties.

The regional advisory groups provide information to the department about regional needs to help plan, develop, and administer programs and services, review services and programs, and make recommendations to improve them. Members also promote cooperation and working agreements with private human service agencies, and promote collaborative public and private financing to meet regional needs. Each of the state's eight regional human service centers has a Human Service Advisory Group.

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 based on unique regional needs and the availability of other community resources, core services are described online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/docs/hsc-core-services.pdf.

Southeast Human Service Center in Fargo employs over 185 people and served 4,949 individuals during state fiscal year 2012. Residents of the southeast region can find center information on the Web at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/southeast.

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