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Bismarck Human Service Center's Advisory Group to meet July 8

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' West Central Human Service Center Advisory Group will meet Tuesday, July 8, 2014, from 1 to 3 p.m., in Conference Room 2, 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.

The public behavioral health and human services agency in Bismarck serves over 5,000 people per year from its 10-county region and employs about 136 individuals. The center's advisory group meets quarterly and includes representatives from Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux Counties.

The meeting agenda includes a discussion of the advisory group's role, a telepharmacy services presentation by the center's Regional Intervention Services staff, and a report from the center's regional administrator Sandy Thompson about critical incident stress management training, the Behavioral Health Study, play therapy training, and budget and staffing. In addition, the N.D. Housing and Finance Agency will give a presentation, and advisory group members will share regional announcements and updates. The complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/2014/6-17-wchsc-advisory-body-meeting.pdf.

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 may vary based on unique regional needs and available community resources, core services provided are described online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/docs/hsc-core-services.pdf.

More information about West Central Human Service Center is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/westcentral/index.html.

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