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Devils Lake Human Service Center Advisory Group to meet July 10

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Lake Region Human Service Center Advisory Group will meet Thursday, July 10, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., at the center located at 200 Highway 2 S.W., in Devils Lake. The public is welcome to attend.

The public behavioral health and human service center's advisory group includes representatives from Benson, Cavalier, Eddy, Ramsey, Rolette, and Towner counties, and the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and Spirit Lake Nation.

The meeting agenda includes an update on child welfare issues and an overview of human service center programs and trends. Lake Region Human Service Center Director Kate Kenna will report on the budget, staffing, the opioid treatment pilot project, trauma training for staff, changes in quality assurance, peer review services, agency policy on texting and emailing clients, the implementation of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders - Fifth Edition, and an update on transitional living services in the region.

Members will also discuss the advisory group's responsibilities. The complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/2014/6-17-lrhsc-advisory-body-meeting.pdf.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Kathy Jensen at 701-665-2250, toll free 888-607-8610, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or kjensen@nd.gov.

Lake Region Human Service Center serves about 2,400 people per year in the six-county region and employs about 60 individuals. Staff members provide counseling and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, disability services, and other human services directly or in partnerships with county social services and other agencies.

While services provided at North Dakota's eight regional human service centers may vary based on unique regional needs and available community resources, core services provided are listed at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/docs/hsc-core-services.pdf.

For more information about Lake Region Human Service Center and its branch office in Rolla go online to www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/lakeregion/index.html or contact the center at 701-665-2200, toll free 888-607-8610, TTY 701-665-2211, or dhslrhsc@nd.gov.

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