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**Lake Region Human Service Center hosts community
coordination meeting**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Lake Region Human Service Center is hosting a community coordination meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2014, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the Ramsey County Courthouse's Basement Conference Room, 524 Fourth Ave. N.E., in Devils Lake. Community partners who provide health and human services to area residents or who work with people receiving counseling, treatment, support, or case management services through the regional human service center are encouraged to attend. The meeting is open to the public.

"We have a history in the lake region of working closely together as community partners to help meet health and human service needs," said Lake Region Human Service Center Director Kate Kenna. "We are hosting a meeting with partners from Benson, Eddy, and Ramsey counties, and the Spirit Lake Nation because it is important to talk regularly about what partners think is working and what barriers or gaps in services we can work together to address."

Kenna said Alex Schweitzer, Director of Field Services for the N.D. Department of Human Services, will attend, and Northeast Judicial District Judge Donovan Foughty will lead a discussion about proposed regional adolescent assessment center services.

She said the human service center plans to hold a similar community coordination meeting with partners in the northern part of its service region: Rolette, Towner, and Cavalier counties, and the Turtle Mountain reservation. A date has not been determined.

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 kjenssen@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 other mental health services, substance abuse treatment, disability services, and other human services directly or in partnerships with county social services and other agencies.

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, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or dhslrhsc@nd.gov.

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