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Community Coordinating Council to meet Feb. 4 in Dickinson

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Badlands Human Service Center (BLHSC) is hosting a Community Coordinating Council meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2015, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Mountain Time, at the center located in Pulver Hall on the Dickinson State University campus at 300 13th Ave. W., Suite 1.

Mental health and chemical dependency treatment providers and partner agencies, law enforcement representatives, and other stakeholders who work to address behavioral health and human services issues in Stark County and the surrounding counties are invited to attend.

The meeting agenda includes introductions, discussion of the council's purpose, legislative updates, and agency updates. It is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/2015/2-4-blhsc-community-coord-meeting.pdf

The human service center hosts community coordinating council meetings to promote communication and positive relationships with community partners who share the goal of providing effective, coordinated services to people. The meeting is open to the public.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate can contact Joanna Smith at 701-227-7542, toll-free 888-227-7525, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or joasmith@nd.gov.

BLHSC employs about 72 people, and provides community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services, program management for people with developmental disabilities, and other human services directly or in partnership with county social services and contracted private providers. Center information is on the Web at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/badlands/index.html.

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