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Group working to address problem gambling to meet Oct. 21

BISMARCK, N.D. – According to estimates, between 14,000 and 21,000 North Dakotans may struggle with problem gambling. An advisory council focused on addressing the challenge of problem gambling is meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 21, in Bismarck to review progress toward prevention and treatment goals, as well as data needs.

The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Problem Gambling Advisory Council will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Central Time, at the department's Prairie Hills Plaza location, at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1C.

Members will hear quarterly updates on treatment services, public awareness and prevention efforts, and will review data and discuss plans for conducting a future needs assessment. A full agenda is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

The public is welcome to attend. Attendees should enter the building through Door 2 on the east side.

Council members include representatives from the department's Behavioral Health Division, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota's Gamblers Choice treatment program and other gambling addiction treatment providers, the Attorney General's Gaming Division and North Dakota Lottery Division, the North Dakota Indian Gaming Association, and FirstLink.

Individuals who need accommodations including auxiliary aids to participate in the meeting can contact program administrator Lacresha Graham in the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division at 701-328-8922, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or lgraham@nd.gov.

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