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Fargo human service center hosts advisory group meeting on Oct. 21

BISMARCK, N.D. – Southeast Human Service Center will host an advisory group meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the behavioral health and human service center, at 2624 Ninth Ave. S., in Fargo.

The center holds quarterly meetings to share information about center operations and services with community representatives from Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, and Traill counties. Advisory group members are invited to share updates and announcements from their respective counties and to make recommendations on programs, services, funding, facilities, and region-wide planning.

At the meeting, human service center staff will provide updates on organizational changes in the North Dakota Department of Human Services, center staffing, and the center's license review. Staff member Lynda Vistad will give a presentation about the Partnership Program for children's mental health and the Transition to Independence Program.

The agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html. The public is welcome to attend.

Individuals who need auxiliary aids to participate in the meeting can contact Phyllis Brandt at 701-298-4401, toll-free 888-342-4900, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or pbrandt@nd.gov.

Regional human service centers provide mental health and substance abuse services, disability services, and other human services directly or through partnerships with county social services and other providers. While services vary based on unique regional needs and available community resources, a list of core services is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/docs/hsc-core-services.pdf.

More information about Southeast Human Service Center is available on the Web at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/southeast/index.html.

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