

**NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services  
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## **Northeast Human Service Center hosts meetings on services**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Northeast Human Service Center (NEHSC) in Grand Forks is hosting meetings on Monday, Dec. 14, 2015, with its regional advisory group and community partners interested in coordinating behavioral health services. Both meetings are intended to promote community collaboration and communication and are open to the public.

The **Community Coordinating Committee on Mental Health**, which includes treatment and service providers, and representatives from county social services, law enforcement, and other agencies, will meet at 10 a.m., in rooms 5D and 5E in the Grand Forks County Office building at 151 S. Fourth St.

Attendees will discuss serving residents of other states and committal issues, the *Face It Together* model implemented in Sioux Falls, S.D., to address drug and alcohol addiction at the community level, and the social detox center. Other business may be discussed.

**Northeast Human Service Center's Regional Advisory Group** will meet from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the same location. Members represent Grand Forks, Walsh, Pembina, and Nelson counties.

Prairie Harvest will give a presentation. NEHSC staff members will report on the 2015-2017 budget, human resource issues, detox services, and the electronic health record project, and will provide updates on the International Classification of Diseases - Revision 10 (ICD-10) program, the new Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders rollout, and NEHSC licensing visit results.

NEHSC Director Kate Kenna will provide reports on Valley Community Health Clinic's mental health services, the San Marco Apartment Program and housing visit to Duluth, Minn., the *Face It Together* program model, the center's Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment program review, and the November meeting with the department's behavioral health leadership. Staff will also report on the September Alcohol and Drug Recovery Month Rally and community holiday charitable activities.

Advisory group members are encouraged to provide updates, announcements, and information that will help assess needs and can assist with planning and the effective and efficient delivery of high quality, accessible human services. A complete agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in either meeting or who have questions can contact Randy Slavens at 701-795-3010, toll-free 888-256-6742, or Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888 or [rslavens@nd.gov](mailto:rslavens@nd.gov).

NEHSC information is on the Web at [www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/northeast/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/northeast/index.html).

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