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Region VII Community Coordinating Council to meet April 30 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' West Central Human Service Center (WCHSC) and the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) are co-hosting a Region VII Community Coordinating Council meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2015, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at DOCR's administration building, 3100 Railroad Ave., in Bismarck.

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 the 10-county service region are invited to attend.

Meeting agenda items include introductions, legislative updates, group issues, and member updates. In addition, DOCR Clinical Director Lisa Peterson will give a presentation on the level of care for addiction treatment available through DOCR and the various treatment groups offered to individuals who are incarcerated.

WCHSC facilitates Community Coordinating Council meetings to promote communication and positive relationships with community partners in the region 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 Peggy Krein at 701-328-8742, toll-free 888-328-2662, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or pjkrein@nd.gov.

WCHSC employs about 136 people and serves residents of Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan, and Sioux counties. Services include community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services, program management for people with developmental disabilities, and other human services.

Center information is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/westcentral/index.html.

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