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Fargo and Jamestown human service centers hold advisory group meetings on Jan. 20

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services’ regional human service centers in Fargo and Jamestown are holding their quarterly regional advisory group meetings on Wednesday, Jan. 20. Members will receive updates about operations, staffing, and services, and will discuss membership, regional needs, and the planning and provision of human services in their respective multi-county regions.

The Southeast Human Service Center (SEHSC) advisory group will also hear an update from the Dacotah Foundation about that organization’s transitional living facility that serves SEHSC clients.

Advisory group meetings will begin at 10 a.m., at South Central Human Service Center (SCHSC), 520 Third St. N.W., in Jamestown, and at 1:30 p.m. at SEHSC, 2624 Ninth Ave. S, in Fargo.

The public is welcome to attend. Meeting agendas vary by center. Meeting agenda details are available on the Web at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Each of the department’s eight regional human service centers has its own advisory group representing counties in the service region. Members provide updates on service needs and gaps in their counties and regions, and make recommendations on the planning, funding, and delivery of human services in their area.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the Jamestown center’s meeting can contact SCHSC at 701-253-6300, toll-free 800-260-1310, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888, or at dhsschsc@nd.gov. The contact at SEHSC in Fargo is Phyllis Brandt at 701-298-4401, toll-free 888-342-4900, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888, or pbrandt@nd.gov.

The state’s regional human service centers employ about 850 full-time employees who provide behavioral health services for people with mental health or substance addiction needs, disability-related services, and other human services directly or through partnerships with county social services and other providers. While services may vary some based on local needs and available community resources, core services are listed online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/docs/hsc-core-services.pdf.

A map showing service regions and center locations is on the Web at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/.

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