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Badlands Human Service Center advisory group to meet April 14

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Badlands Human Service Center (BLHSC) regional advisory group will meet Thursday, April 14, from 1 to 3 p.m., Mountain Time. The public is welcome to attend the meeting at the center's Haman Conference Room located in Pulver Hall on the Dickinson State University campus, at 300 13th Ave. W., in Dickinson.

The human service center will report on staffing, and center remodeling and facilities. Guest speaker and clinical psychologist Dr. Richard DeMolen will share information about Dialectical Behavior Therapy, which is an evidence-based, cognitive behavioral treatment approach that is used to effectively treat some psychological problems.

Advisory group members from Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark counties, may provide local updates. The advisory group will also discuss group membership and leadership, including the chair and vice chair positions.

A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need accommodations, including auxiliary aids, to participate in the meeting can contact Joanna Smith at 701-227-7542, toll-free 888-227-7525, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888, or joasmith@nd.gov.

The department's eight regional human service centers 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 provided by the regional centers vary 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.

For information about Badlands Human Service Center or services, contact the center at 701-227-7500 or toll-free 888-227-7525, email dhsblhsc@nd.gov, or go online to www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/badlands/index.html.

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