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Williston human service center advisory group to meet May 4

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Northwest Human Service Center (NWHSC) advisory group will meet May 4, from 12 to 1 p.m., Central Time, at the center at 316 Second Ave. W. in Williston. The meeting is open to the public.

Staff will provide updates on the center's operations and staffing. Center director Laurie Gotvaslee will provide an update on the implementation of Open Access behavioral health assessments.

Advisory group members from Divide, McKenzie, and Williams counties will have an opportunity to report on local needs and to make recommendations about the provision of services in the region. The full agenda is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Kristy Green at 701-774-4600, toll-free 800-231-7724, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888, or kgreen@nd.gov.

NWHSC employs about 40 people. Information about the center is on the web at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/northwest/index.html.

North Dakota's eight regional human service centers provide behavioral health 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, core services are described online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/docs/hsc-core-services.pdf.

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