

**NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services  
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**Southeast Human Service Center temporarily closed until 1 p.m.  
today, Aug. 19**

BISMARCK, N.D. - Southeast Human Service Center (SEHSC) in Fargo will be closed to clients temporarily until 1 p.m. today, August 19. Client appointments will be rescheduled.

The regional human service center, which is located at 2624 Ninth Ave. S., was the site of a standoff between an armed individual and law enforcement last night that resulted in a death.

“Our thoughts are with the individual’s family, and our focus today and in the coming days is on providing services and supports to the employees and clients affected by this tragic event,” said Rosalie Etherington, Chief Clinics Officer for the North Dakota Department of Human Services regional human service centers.

Etherington confirmed that the individual was not a SEHSC employee.

SEHSC serves residents of Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, and Traill counties and employs about 185 individuals.

SEHSC, which is one of eight regional human service centers operated by the department, provides behavioral health services, developmental disability case management services, and other human services at the center and through outreach to individuals and communities in the region.

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