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TEMPORARY CLOSURE:

West Central Human Service Center and adjacent Department of Human Services offices close temporarily due to power outage

BISMARCK, ND - The North Dakota Department of Human Services announced that its West Central Human Service Center, regional vocational rehabilitation office, Disability Determination Services Unit, and department divisions located at its Prairie Hills Plaza location at 1237 W. Divide Ave., in Bismarck, closed today at about 2 p.m., due to a power outage.

Staff members are working to notify people who had scheduled appointments at the regional human service center or meetings at the complex. Treatment groups will not meet tonight at the center.

Department officials have no details about when power will be restored, but expect to reopen Friday morning for normal business hours.

The center's 24-hour client crisis line remains available at 888-328-2112.

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 behavioral health services, program management for people with developmental disabilities, aging services, and other services.

Central office divisions affected by the temporary closure include Aging Services, Developmental Disability Services, Behavioral Health, the Prevention Resource Center, and Vocational Rehabilitation.

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