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West Central Human Service Center advisory group to meet Tuesday

BISMARCK, N.D. – The advisory group for the North Dakota Department of Human Services' West Central Human Service Center (WCHSC) in Bismarck will meet Tuesday, Jan. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. CST in the Morton Room at the center located at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 5, in Bismarck. The public entrance is through Door No. 4 off of Schafer Street.

The meeting agenda includes an overview of regional human service centers and advisory group duties. Members will discuss and recommend a chairperson to the department's executive director and will plan for their next meeting. Other business may be discussed.

During the 2017 North Dakota legislative session, lawmakers approved Senate Bill 2039, which dealt with various human service issues including human service center advisory group membership. Lawmakers approved expanding membership to include additional county social service board members and county commissioners from each center's multi-county region, as well as public health officials and at-large members.

Advisory group members represent the center's service region, which includes Burleigh, Emmons, Grant, Kidder, McLean, Mercer, Morton, Oliver, Sheridan and Sioux counties, the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and part of the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation. Members provide information and recommendations to help the department and the human service center identify needs and plan and develop health and social resources.

The agenda for this public meeting is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

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The North Dakota Department of Human Services' eight regional human service centers provide behavioral health services, disability-related services, and other human services directly or through partnerships with county social services and other providers. Information about the regional centers is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/.

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