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North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council to meet June 25

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council, a citizen advisory group that includes people with lived experience and other stakeholders, will meet tomorrow, June 25, to hear updates on behavioral health initiatives approved by lawmakers during the 2019 legislative session and to discuss the North Dakota Behavioral Health Vision 20/20 strategic plan implementation.

The council will also hear information about the Department of Health’s pediatric mental health care access program and will conduct other business when it meets beginning at 10 a.m. at the Job Service North Dakota regional office, 1601 E. Century Ave., in Bismarck. At 12:30 p.m., HSRI consultants will report on recent strategic plan implementation efforts and next steps.

The council has reserved time for public comment on behavioral health services and issues from 3:45 to 4 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

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

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting or who would like more information about the Behavioral Health Planning Council can contact council facilitator Greg Gallagher at 701-224-0588 ext. 102, 711 (TTY) or ggallagher@agree.org.

The governor appoints planning council members who represent people with first-hand knowledge of behavioral health services, their family members, other advocates, agencies, county social services, and public and private behavioral health service providers. Council information is available at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/ndmhpc/.

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