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ND Children's Cabinet to meet tomorrow in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Children's Cabinet will meet on Tuesday, July 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. CT, at APT Solutions, 2900 E. Broadway Ave., in Bismarck. Due to COVID-19, cloth face masks are required for meeting attendees. Social distancing and other health and safety practices will also be followed. The public can also join the meeting by calling 701-328-0950, conference ID: 172 426 694#.

The agenda includes an update from Lisa Bjergaard, director of the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's Division of Juvenile Services on the recently formed Juvenile Justice Commission, which is gathering information on various child welfare issues. Representatives from North Dakota Courts will give a presentation on the Dual Status Youth Initiative.

Meeting attendees will also hear an update from the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division on children behavioral health initiatives.

The cabinet has reserved time for public comment at about 2:45 p.m. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Julie Huwe at 701-328-8920, 711 (TTY) or jhuwe@nd.gov.

The 12-member Children's Cabinet was created by 2019 Senate Bill No. 2313 to assess, guide and coordinate care for children across North Dakota branches of government and tribal nations. Cabinet members include legislators and representatives from various state agencies, the Governor's Office, the North Dakota Supreme Court and tribal nations. Other members appointed by the governor include parents, private service providers and other community partners.

Children's cabinet information is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/childrens-cabinet/index.html

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