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Human service centers' advisory groups meet; agenda includes update on behavioral health crisis services helping North Dakotans in need

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' eight regional human service centers in Bismarck, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot and Williston are holding their regularly scheduled advisory group meetings in November and December at their respective locations.

Center directors will share updates on the department's statewide behavioral health crisis services that includes a three-digit crisis line (211), mobile response and walk-in stabilization services. They will also provide updates on accreditation and licensure reviews; a strategic plan and in-home and community-based behavioral health services offered through the Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment. Other business will be discussed. All meetings will follow the same agenda.

The meetings are open to the public, and are scheduled on these dates and times:

- Northwest Human Service Center – Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 10 a.m. CT in **Williston**,
- Northeast Human Service Center – Monday, Nov. 8, at 10 a.m. CT in **Grand Forks**,
- Lake Region Human Service Center – Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m. CT in **Devils Lake**,
- West Central Human Service Center – Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m. CT in **Bismarck**,
- Badlands Human Service Center – Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 1 p.m., MT in **Dickinson**,
- North Central Human Service Center – Monday, Nov. 15, at 10 a.m. CT in **Minot**,
- Southeast Human Service Center – Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m. CT in **Fargo**,
- and South Central Human Service Center – Wednesday, Dec. 1, at 10 a.m. CT in **Jamestown**.

Individuals interested in attending one of the meetings can find both in-person and virtual meeting information and other details at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html. Face masks and physical distancing are required for in-person meeting attendees.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate can contact LuWanna Lawrence at 701-328-1892, 711 (TTY) or lklawrence@nd.gov.

The centers, as public behavioral health providers of clinic, community and residential care, serve the needs of individuals with persistent and severe behavioral health disorders and individuals with limited resources. Screenings are available during regular business hours for individuals seeking walk-in behavioral health services. Crisis behavioral health services and support are also available 24-hours a day by calling 211.

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