

# **NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services**

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## **Agency Seeking Input on Combined Behavioral Health Assessment and Plan**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division is seeking public comment on its draft 2012 Combined Behavioral Health Assessment and Plan. This plan guides the delivery of public mental health and substance abuse systems for adults and children, as well as prevention strategies and other related services in North Dakota for the next two years.

“This is an opportunity for individuals, advocates, stakeholders and others to comment on the current service delivery system and on how to better serve individuals with mental health and addiction issues,” said JoAnne Hoesel the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division director.

The draft application is online at <https://bgas.samhsa.gov/Default.aspx> (*login: citizennd; password: citizen*). Copies of the document can also be obtained by contacting the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services at 701-328-8920, or ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888.

Written comments will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Sept. 30, 2011. They can be sent to Lauren Sauer, Mental Health Substance Abuse Program Administrator, Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, 1237 West Divide Avenue, Suite 1C, Bismarck, ND 58501-1208 or [lsauer@nd.gov](mailto:lsauer@nd.gov)