

## **Status of eight-bed transitional living facility in the Southeast region**

The Southeast Human Service Center (SEHSC) is one of eight regional human service centers within the North Dakota Department of Human Services and is responsible to provide a wide range of services to the residents of Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, and Trail counties of southeastern North Dakota.

House Bill 1012 of the 2013 legislative session provided funding to contract for an eight-bed community-based transitional living facility for adults (age 18+) who, due to their mental health and substance abuse issues, need more support and structure than is currently available in their lives. The services provided in the transitional living facility places a strong emphasis on the training of daily living skills, learning how to incorporate medication compliance strategies into their lives, and learning how to better cope with naturally occurring life stressors.

SEHSC contracted with the Dacotah Foundation to provide the transitional living home services. The Hope Haven Transitional Living Facility was opened in Fargo on May 22, 2014, when the first resident moved into the facility. SEHSC and Dacotah Foundation started a process on June 1, 2014, of adding approximately one client per week to allow for some staff hiring and training time and client transition time.

Since its opening at the end of May, 12 individuals have been served at Hope Haven with over five of the eight beds being continuously filled. The length of stay has ranged from one month to four months.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.