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**PSC SETS HEARING ON 2-1-1 HUMAN SERVICES INFORMATION  
PLAN FOR SEVEN SOUTH CENTRAL NEBRASKA COUNTIES**

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Public Service Commission will conduct a hearing August 18 in Kearney on a proposal by United Way of the Midlands to inaugurate 2-1-1 three-digit dialing for human service referrals in a seven-county region of south central Nebraska.

United Way of the Midlands, an Omaha-based agency, operates the 2-1-1 system in several regions of the state, including the Omaha metropolitan area. The three-digit access number permits callers to reach a trained operator who will help the caller locate human services providers.

The application by United Way of the Midlands would extend 2-1-1 services to Buffalo, Dawson, Franklin, Gosper, Harlan, Kearney, and Phelps Counties.

The hearing will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Kearney Public Library with a video hookup to the PSC office in Lincoln. Commission Chair Jerry Vap of McCook, who represents all seven counties covered in the application, will be in Kearney to preside over the hearing.

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