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**2-1-1 TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY DECEMBER 2
IN WAYNE, DIXON COUNTIES**

LINCOLN – Three digit dialing of 2-1-1 for health and human service referrals in Wayne and Dixon Counties will be operational by December 2.

The Nebraska Public Service Commission set the implementation deadline at its September 7 meeting in Lincoln for the routing of calls to United Way of the Midlands' First Call For Help in the two northeast Nebraska counties.

In the meantime, the Commission will conduct a public meeting on the new service in Wayne on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 10 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Wayne City Hall at 906 Pearl Street.

Fourth District Commissioner Rod Johnson of Sutton, who represents both counties on the Public Service Commission said, "The Commission invites anyone with questions or who wishes to express an opinion regarding 2-1-1 in Wayne and Dixon Counties to participate in the meeting. We would like to hear from you."

Johnson, who will participate in the meeting, said 2-1-1 has been well received in the 30 Nebraska counties previously granted the three digit dialing service. "I think it has been beneficial to the area to have this service provided," he said.

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