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**Agency seeks comments on Transition from Homelessness Grant Application**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division is seeking comments on its Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) grant application.

Each year, the department applies for federal financial support through the PATH grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The grant money is divided among the department's eight human service centers in North Dakota to provide intensive case management to individuals who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness and who have a diagnosis of a serious mental illness or have a co-occurring serious mental illness and substance abuse disorder. The goal is to assess needs, and arrange for and coordinate services.

As part of the intensive case management activities, PATH coordinators go to homeless shelters, and other locations in communities to assist homeless individuals with obtaining services including housing. The program assisted 638 individuals last fiscal year.

The PATH grant application is online at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/abuse.html>. It can also be obtained by calling 701-328-8920 or e-mailing [lsauer@nd.gov](mailto:lsauer@nd.gov).

Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m. on May 25, 2011. They can be sent to Lauren Sauer, Program Administrator, N.D. Department of Human Services Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1C, Bismarck, ND 58501.

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