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Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force to Meet March 19

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force will meet Wed., March 19, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Central Time) using 10 video conference sites located in North Dakota.

The public is invited to participate in the meeting from these locations:

- **Bismarck** – West Central Human Service Center, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Door 4, Conference Room 1
- **Devils Lake** – Lake Region District Health, 524 Fourth Ave. NE, Ste. 9, Conference Room
- **Dickinson** – Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave. W., Ste. 1, Basement General Staff Conference Room
- **Fargo** – Job Service North Dakota, 1350 32nd St. S., Conference Room 4
- **Grafton** – Life Skills and Transition Center (formerly the Developmental Center), 701 W. Sixth St., Conference Room 375
- **Grand Forks** – Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Ste. 401, Conference Room 5E
- **Jamestown (two meeting locations)** – N.D. State Hospital, 2605 Circle Dr., Conference Room 320 and South Central Human Service Center, 520 Third St. N.W., Conference Room 124
- **Minot** – North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway, Ste. 18, Conference Room 411
- **Williston** – Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Conference Room B200

Agenda items include updates on the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) changes related to Autism and the Support Autism in North Dakota grant from the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities at Minot State University. There will also be updates on the Autism registry, Autism waiver, Autism voucher, and the N.D. Autism Spectrum Disorders Conference scheduled for Oct. 20-22, 2014. There will also be discussion on the planning effort for the Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force's State Plan and prioritization of Autism waiver services. An agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/2014/2-4-asd-task-force.pdf. Additional information on task force activities is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/autism.

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The task force was created by the legislature in 2009 to examine early intervention and family support services for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders to help them remain in their homes and communities. Task force members are appointed by the governor and include representatives from the mental health profession, developmental disabilities system, and state agencies; legislators, educators, and family members of persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders. JoAnne Hoesel, director of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division of the N.D. Department of Human Services, chairs the task force.

More information on the task force is online at www.governor.nd.gov/boards/boards-query.asp?Board_ID=159.

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