

# **NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck ND 58505**

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## **Stakeholder group that provides guidance on helping people transition from institutional care to community living to meet July 21 in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division is holding a Money Follows the Person grant stakeholder meeting on Tues., July 21, 2015, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at the Capitol. The public is welcome to attend.

Stakeholders act in an advisory capacity to the department and receive quarterly updates on grant activities, which are focused on community-based services for individuals. Grant funds help eligible older adults and people with disabilities who want to move from a nursing home or other facility to a community setting like an apartment, a family member's home, or other type of living arrangement with supportive services.

Agenda items include a review of the recently approved Money Follows the Person Sustainability Plan by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the 2016-2020 Money Follows the Person budget, and the housing incentive fund. Updates will be provided on the Life Skills and Transition Center Transition Task Force, direct support workforce outreach efforts, and Money Follows the Person transitions and benchmarks. A complete agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Jacob Reuter at 701-328-2321, toll free 800-755-2604, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or [jwreuter@nd.gov](mailto:jwreuter@nd.gov).

The federal government awarded the North Dakota Department of Human Services an \$8.9 million Money Follows the Person grant in 2007. Medicaid clients who are elderly or have physical or other disabilities and who live in nursing homes, the Life Skills and Transition Center or other institutions may qualify for transition services. Participation is voluntary.

Since transitions began in 2008, 264 individuals have transitioned to community settings.

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