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N.D. Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force meeting is July 13

BISMARCK, N.D. - North Dakota's Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force will meet Monday, July 13, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Central Time, using video conference sites across the state. Members will discuss goals and developments in services for people with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

The meeting will originate from the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Prairie Hills Plaza location at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1B, in Bismarck, and will connect with attendees at nine remote video conference sites in the state. Bismarck attendees should enter through Door #2.

Advocates, parents, the public, and other interested individuals are invited to participate at these other sites:

- **Devils Lake:** Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Hwy 2 W., North Meeting Room;
- **Dickinson:** Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave. W, basement staff meeting room;
- **Fargo:** Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Red River Room;
- **Grand Forks:** Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Suite 401, Room 5E;
- **Grafton:** Life Skills and Transition Center, 701 W. Sixth St., West Conference Center;
- **Jamestown:** South Central Human Service Center, 520 Third St. N.W., Room 317;
- **Minot:** North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway, Suite 18, Room 411; and Minot State University - North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, Memorial Hall, Room 207;
- **Williston:** Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Room B200.

At the meeting, members will discuss goals related to the National Autism Leadership Collaborative's collective impact quality indicators. Representatives from the Department of Health, the Department of Public Instruction, and multiple divisions of the Department of Human Services, including the Autism Services Unit of the Medical Services Division, will report on activities and new developments.

Individual task force members will have an opportunity to provide updates, and members of the public may comment on autism-related issues. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

People with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Paula Hinton at 701-328-8912, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or dhsautism@nd.gov.

The legislature created the task force 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 more information is online at <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=131>.

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