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Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force to meet Nov. 20

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakota’s Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force will meet Monday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Time, in Bismarck and via video conference sites across the state to continue its ongoing planning and review of services available for people with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

The task force meeting is open to the public and will originate from the North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Prairie Hills Plaza location, Prairie and Rose Rooms, 1237 W. Divide Ave., in Bismarck. Attendees should enter through Door 2 facing Divide Avenue.

Advocates, parents and other interested individuals can also participate at these video conference sites:

- **Devils Lake:** Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Hwy 2 W., East Conference Room;
- **Dickinson:** Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave. W., Suite 1, Basement General Staff Conference Room;
- **Fargo:** Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Ransom Room;
- **Grafton:** Life Skills and Transition Center, 701 W. Sixth St., video conference room 375;
- **Grand Forks:** Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Suite 401, Room 5E;
- **Jamestown:** South Central Human Service Center, 520 Third St. N.W., Room 317;
- **Minot:** North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway, Room 411; and
- **Williston:** Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Room A200.

Members will hear an update from the Department of Human Services’ Autism Services Unit on the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) policy, and will discuss a yearly report to the governor’s office, as well as the task force’s role, structure and outcomes. Task force members will also review workgroup functions and plan next steps and share autism-related updates.

Members of the public can also comment on autism-related issues. The meeting agenda is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

People who would like information about joining the meeting via conference call, or who need accommodations, such as auxiliary aids, to participate in the meeting can contact Melanie Phillips at 701-328-2324, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or mdphillips@nd.gov.

The legislature created the task force in 2009, and members are appointed by the governor. Autism services information is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/index.html.

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