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**Committee on Aging to meet about public policy developments on  
March 24 in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Committee on Aging will meet on March 24, from 10 a.m. to noon, CDT, to receive updates about services for older adults including local, state and federal public policy developments.

The committee advises the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Aging Services Division on issues affecting older persons. Members gather information on the needs of older persons and support public policy addressing those needs and promoting quality of life.

The meeting will originate in the Burleigh Room at West Central Human Service Center, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 5, in Bismarck, and will be held via conference call with designated telephone lines for Bismarck, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, Grafton, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot, Valley City, Wahpeton and Williston. The public is welcome to attend.

Division Director Nancy Nikolas-Maier will report on developments at the federal and state level and pending legislation, and will also provide updates on the Statewide Transition Plan for Home and Community-Based Services and Medicaid waiver renewals and amendments.

Michelle Gayette, program administrator for Vulnerable Adults Protective Services Program, will report on guardianship and conservatorship proceedings. State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Karla Backman will discuss changes in long-term care residents' rights that were part of new federal rules on nursing home care.

Committee members will also have an opportunity to share local updates. There is also time on the agenda for public comment.

A complete agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/2017/3-24-committee-on-aging-meeting.pdf](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/2017/3-24-committee-on-aging-meeting.pdf).

Individuals who would like conference call information or who need assistance, such as auxiliary aids, to participate can contact Diane Sundby in the Aging Services Division at 701-328-4601, toll-free Aging and Disability Resource LINK line 855-GO2-LINK (855-462-5465), ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or [dsundby@nd.gov](mailto:dsundby@nd.gov).

Committee on Aging information is available online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/services/adultsaging/gcoa.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/adultsaging/gcoa.html).

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