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Agency seeks input on Medicaid waiver serving people with intellectual or developmental disabilities

BISMARCK, N.D. – Last state fiscal year, about 5,300 North Dakotans with intellectual or developmental disabilities lived in a home of their choice in a community setting because of in-home long-term supports and services funded through a state Medicaid waiver.

The 1915(c) Traditional Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver expires March 31, 2019. The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Developmental Disabilities Division is seeking public input on waiver services as a first step in the waiver renewal application process. The agency is hosting public meetings between May 29 and June 4 in nine communities using the statewide videoconferencing system.

"We want to hear from people who use services, their family members and guardians, advocates, service providers and other partners," said Developmental Disabilities Division Director Tina Bay. "We really want to learn what people like about the waiver, as well as ideas on ways to improve it."

Bay described the waiver as a program authorized by federal law that provides federal matching funds for in-home and community-based services for individuals with intellectual disabilities who qualify for Medicaid and also meet level-of-care requirements.

Each of the nine meetings will follow the same agenda. Division staff will briefly review the current waiver, and then attendees will be able to share observations about the waiver.

Public Meeting Schedule

May 29, 2018, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., MT

- **Dickinson:** Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave. W., Ste. 1, 200 Pulver Hall, Basement Staff Room

May 30, 2018, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., CT

- **Williston:** Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Room A200
- **Minot:** North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway, Ste. 18, Room 411

May 30, 2018, 3 – 5 p.m., CT

- **Devils Lake:** Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Highway 2 W., North Conference Room

May 31, 2018, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., CT

- **Bismarck:** West Central Human Service Center, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Ste. 5, Burleigh and Morton Rooms (Entrance is Door 4 from Schafer St.)

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May 31, 2018, 2 – 4 p.m., CT

- **Grand Forks:** Job Service North Dakota, 1501 28th Ave. S.
- **Grafton:** Life Skills and Transition Center, 701 W. Sixth St., Room 147

June 1, 2018, 9 – 11 a.m., CT

- **Fargo:** Job Service North Dakota, 1350 32nd St. S., Room CD

June 4, 2018, 1 – 3 p.m., CT

- **Jamestown:** State Hospital, 2605 Circle Dr., Learning Resource Center, Third Floor, IVN Room 320

North Dakota previously amended the waiver in 2017 to update services and service planning to reflect new federal and state policy and to amend the rate methodology as outlined by state law.

The current waiver is available to review online at

www.nd.gov/dhs/services/disabilities/docs/traditional-iid-dd-hcbs-waiver.pdf.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in a meeting can contact Colette Perkins in the Developmental Disabilities Division at 701-328-8935, toll-free 800-755-8529, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888 or cperkins@nd.gov prior to the meeting.

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