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Autism Task Force to meet May 13 to discuss legislation, survey results and more

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakota’s Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Task Force will meet Monday, May 13, from 1 to 4:45 p.m. Central Time to discuss recent legislative actions that will expand eligibility for some autism services administered by the Department of Human Services and changes to behavioral analyst licensing. Members will also review and discuss the department’s update on service utilization and expenditures, ASD Task Force survey results, state plan workgroup efforts, and other topics.

The task force meeting is open to the public and will be held via video conference originating from the department’s offices on the third floor, Judicial Wing of the Capitol in Bismarck. Attendees should enter the Capitol through the public entrance on the south side and should allow extra time to complete the check-in process in the department’s reception area.

The meeting agenda and details about the video conference locations in Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, Grafton, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot and Williston are available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html. Individuals unable to attend at a video conference site can join by conference call at 701-328-0950, passcode 54821749#.

People who need accommodations to participate should contact Krista Fremming prior to the meeting at 701-328-2342, toll-free 800-755-2719, 711 (TTY) or krfremming@nd.gov.

The legislature created the task force in 2009; members are appointed by the governor. The task force is responsible for reviewing early intervention and family support services that enable individuals with autism spectrum disorder to live at home or in community settings, and programs helping individuals with autism spectrum disorder to transition from school-based settings to adult services and workforce development programs. In addition, the task force monitors the provision of services and federal resources that can be directed toward services, and reviews, amends and updates the state plan to better meet the needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

The department provides information about its autism spectrum disorder services online at www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/index.html. Task force information is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/taskforce.html.

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