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North Dakota Olmstead Commission to meet February 24 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Olmstead Commission is meeting on Friday, February 24, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, in the Pioneer Room, State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, N.D.

The Olmstead Commission supports community-based services and community living options for people with disabilities. The public is welcome to attend.

Agenda items include updates on the Transition Task Force, the Transition to Independence Program, the federal Olmstead grant proposal, traumatic brain injury services, community-based mental health services, and the recent interim hearing on Autism Spectrum Disorder services. The Medical Services Division of the N.D. Department of Human Services will provide a briefing on the Money Follows the Person grant efforts, home telemonitoring coverage, out-of-state services for children, targeted case management long-term care services, and the Realistic Job Preview videos for direct care workers. Additional agenda items include the Olmstead Plan format and revision process, and member updates. Other business may be discussed.

The N.D. Department of Human Services complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations, including appropriate auxiliary aids to participate, or anyone who has questions can contact Heather Steffl at 701-328-1814 or hsteffl@nd.gov, or through Relay ND TTY at 800-366-6888.

The Governor's Health and Human Services Policy Advisor Tami Ternes and N.D. Department of Human Services Executive Director Carol K. Olson co-chair the commission. Members are appointed by the governor. Commission information is online at http://governor.nd.gov/boards/boards-query.asp?Board_ID=127 and www.nd.gov/dhs/info/olmstead-commission.html.

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