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Money Follows the Person Grant Stakeholder Meeting is June 11 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division is holding a Money Follows the Person grant stakeholder meeting on Monday, June 11, 2012, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at the Capitol. The public is welcome to attend.

Stakeholders act in an advisory capacity to the department and receive quarterly updates on grant activities, which are focused on community-based services for individuals with disabilities. Grant funds help eligible individuals transition from institutions to community settings.

Agenda items include discussion about the current transition benchmarks, Money Follows the Person outreach pilot project, housing initiative, and marketing efforts. Additional agenda items include an update on the Aging and Disability Resource LINK implementation, public education efforts, and population of the Developmental Center in Grafton. Participants will also meet the new direct workforce developmental coordinator. Other business may also be discussed.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Jacob Reuter at 701-328-2321, jwreuter@nd.gov, or Relay ND at 1-800-366-6888.

The federal government awarded the N.D. Department of Human Services an \$8.9 million Money Follows the Person grant in 2007. Medicaid clients who are elderly or have physical or other disabilities and who live in nursing homes, the Developmental Center, or other institutions may qualify for transition services. Participation is voluntary. Since transitions began in 2008, 99 individuals have transitioned to community settings.

More information is available online at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/mfp.html>.

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