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Money Follows the Person Grant Stakeholder Meeting is Nov. 19 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division is holding a Money Follows the Person grant stakeholder meeting on Tues., Nov. 19, 2013, 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 updates on the current transition benchmarks, Money Follows the Person tribal initiative application, housing initiative, workforce development, local contact agency efforts, and the 1915(i) state plan amendment to serve young children with behavioral health needs. Additional agenda items include reports on the Money Follows the Person N.D. State Hospital transition assistance fund, Life Skills and Transition Center Transition Task Force, and statewide outreach efforts. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Jacob Reuter at 701-328-2321, jwreuter@nd.gov, or ND Relay TTY 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 Life Skills and Transition Center (formerly known as the Developmental Center), or other institutions may qualify for transition services. Participation is voluntary. Since transitions began in 2008, 171 individuals have transitioned to community settings.

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

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