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**Money Follows the Person Grant Stakeholder Meeting is Feb. 20 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 Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2013, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the AARP of North Dakota State Office, 107 W. Main Ave., Suite 125, Bismarck. 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 overall grant transition benchmarks, the Money Follows the Person budget, legislative update, and data system enhancement. Additional agenda items include updates on the Money Follows the Person N.D. State Hospital transition assistance fund, N.D. Developmental Center Transition Task Force, transition activities from the Center for Independent Living, workforce development, housing initiative, and the Money Follows the Person local contact agency effort. A complete agenda is at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://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](mailto:jwreuter@nd.gov), or Relay ND at 1-800-366-6888.

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, 129 individuals have transitioned to community settings.

More information is available online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/mfp.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/mfp.html).

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