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Money Follows the Person Grant Stakeholder Meeting is Sept. 17 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., Sept. 17, 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 process, housing initiative, workforce development, and the 1915(i) state plan amendment to serve young children with mental health needs. Additional agenda items include reports on the Money Follows the Person N.D. State Hospital transition assistance fund and community education efforts regarding transition options. Other business may also be discussed. 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 the N.D. Developmental Center), or other institutions may qualify for transition services. Participation is voluntary. Since transitions began in 2008, 152 individuals have transitioned to community settings.

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