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N.D. Olmstead Commission to meet Oct. 16 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Olmstead Commission is meeting on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. at Great River Energy, Ft. Union Room West, 1611 E. Century Ave., Bismarck, N.D. The public is welcome to attend.

Agenda items include a presentation by Minot State University on the ASPIRE grant program, an update on the blending of the Olmstead State Plan and Policy Academy committee strategic plans, and updates from the North Dakota Department of Human Services' (NDDHS) Medical Services Division on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services final home and community-based services rule, the rural mileage differential for qualified service providers, personal care with supervision, person-centered planning, and Money Follows the Person workforce development effort.

Commission members will also receive updates on supported employment and Oregon and Rhode Island federal Department of Justice cases. Representatives of the department's Aging Services Division and Life Skills and Transition Center will also provide reports. A complete agenda is online at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html>.

NDDHS 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 Susan Wagner at 701-328-8941 or shwagner@nd.gov, or through Relay ND TTY at 800-366-6888.

The Governor's Health and Human Services Policy Advisor Tami Ternes and Department of Human Services Executive Director Maggie Anderson co-chair the commission. Members are appointed by the governor. The commission works to support community-based services for people with disabilities that meet individual needs and available resources. Commission information is online at <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=111>.

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