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Money Follows the Person Grant Stakeholder Meeting is Nov. 13 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 Thurs., Nov. 13, 2014, 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 development of the Money Follows the Person grant sustainability plan, the Money Follows the Person Tribal Initiative, and Life Skills and Transition Center Transition Task Force. There will be discussion on the direct service workforce recruitment plan and the coordination of housing and services needed to support individuals transitioned from nursing homes or other institutions through the Money Follows the Person program. 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, toll free 800-755-2604, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or jwreuter@nd.gov.

The federal government awarded the North Dakota 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, 226 individuals have transitioned to community settings.

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