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N.D. Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force to Meet Dec. 10

BISMARCK, N.D. - North Dakota's Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force will meet Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Central Time using eight video conference meeting sites across the state.

Advocates, parents, the public, and other interested individuals are invited to participate at these locations:

- **Bismarck:** Department of Human Services – North, 3451 N. 14th St., Conference Room A. Please enter through the northwest door.
- **Devils Lake:** Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Hwy 2 S.W., North Conference Room.
- **Dickinson:** Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave. W, basement meeting room.
- **Fargo:** North Dakota State University – Morrill Hall, 1230 Albrecht Boulevard, Room 5A in the basement. A visitor parking lot is located nearby.
- **Grand Forks:** Northeast Human Service Center, 151 Fourth St., Ste. 401, Room C519.
- **Jamestown:** South Central Human Service Center, 520 Third St. N.W., Room 317.
- **Minot:** Minot State University (MSU) – Memorial Hall, Room 207 (The building faces the MSU Dome on 11th Avenue N.W. Attendees should enter through the north door. Free parking is available north of the dome or in the third parking ramp of Bishop Ryan High School.
- **Williston:** Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Room 108.

At the meeting, the North Dakota Department of Health will provide an update on the autism registry, and the North Dakota Department of Human Services will give an update on the autism waiver, voucher program, training, website, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' autism services letter. Other agenda items include an update from the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, a North Dakota Autism Spectrum Disorder Advocacy Coalition report, discussion on defining "waiting list" and "wait time," and the status of the autism survey. Task force members will also review and continue work on the autism plan. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations can contact Julie Huwe at 701-328-8920, toll free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or jhuwe@nd.gov.

The legislature created the task force in 2009 to examine early intervention and family support services for individuals with Autism spectrum disorders to help them remain in their homes and communities. Task force members are appointed by the governor, and more information is online at <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=131>.

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