

# **NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services**

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## **N.D. Olmstead Commission to meet February 20 in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Olmstead Commission is meeting on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to noon in the Fort Union Room, State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, N.D. The public is welcome to attend.

Agenda items include updates on the Transition Task Force’s work, transitions from the Life Skills and Transition Center (formerly named the Developmental Center), federal Olmstead Policy Academy planning effort, and other proposed Olmstead Plan updates. The Medical Services Division of the N.D. Department of Human Services will provide a briefing on the Money Follows the Person grant efforts and projects. Department staff will also brief the commission on the developmental disabilities waiver, autism waiver, and home and community-based services waiver. A proposed federal rule on home and community-based services and other business will also be discussed. A complete agenda is online at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html>.

The N.D. Department of Human Services 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 Heather Steffl at 701-328-4933 or [hsteffl@nd.gov](mailto:hsteffl@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 the provision of appropriate community-based services for people with disabilities, consistent with their needs and available resources. Commission information is online at [http://governor.nd.gov/boards/boards-query.asp?Board\\_ID=127](http://governor.nd.gov/boards/boards-query.asp?Board_ID=127).

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