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Money Follows the Person Grant Stakeholder Meeting is March 11 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., March 11, 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 Money Follows the Person transition data, housing initiative, and workforce development efforts. Additional agenda items include a review of the 2014 grant budget, recap of a recent housing conference that focused on collaboration between various housing agencies and the department, and discussion about new rules from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on community settings. There will also be a review of Local Contact Agency changes and training opportunities.

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 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 known as the Developmental Center), or other institutions may qualify for transition services. Participation is voluntary. Since transitions began in 2008, 185 individuals have transitioned to community settings.

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