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Money Follows the Person Grant Stakeholder Meeting is Sept. 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 Thurs., Sept. 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 tribal initiative, supportive housing initiative, quality survey and measures, and Life Skills and Transition Center (formerly the N.D. Developmental Center) Transition Task Force. Meeting participants will also discuss the Money Follows the Person sustainability plan and policy. Other items include a review of transition data and workforce development efforts.

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, or other institutions may qualify for transition services. Participation is voluntary. Since transitions began in 2008, 218 individuals have transitioned to community settings.

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