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N.D. Olmstead Commission to meet Dec. 11 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Olmstead Commission is meeting on Friday, Dec. 11, 2015, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Central Time, in the Peace Garden Room at the Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, N.D. The public is welcome to attend.

Members will discuss subcommittee reports on Olmstead 2015-2016 priority areas and the commission website. Department of Human Services (DHS) representatives will provide updates on 2015 Senate Bill 2206, Medicaid waivers, and vocational rehabilitation efforts to connect people with disabilities to employment. Department staff will also report on work underway through the Money Follows the Person grant, and Life Skills and Transition Center transition task force efforts to transition, support, and serve people with disabilities in community settings.

A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/2015/12-11-olmstead-commission-meeting-notic-and-agenda.pdf.

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The Governor's Health and Human Services Policy Advisor Tami Ternes and DHS Executive Director Maggie Anderson co-chair the commission. The commission works to support community-based services for people with disabilities, and members are appointed by the governor.

Commission information is online at <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=111>.

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