

# **NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck ND 58505**

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## **Stakeholder group that provides guidance on helping people transition from institutional care to community living to meet May 26 in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Medical Services Division is holding a Money Follows the Person grant stakeholder meeting on Tues., May 26, 2015, 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 older adults and people with disabilities who want to move from a nursing home or other facility to a community setting like an apartment, a family member's home, or other type of living arrangement with supportive services.

Agenda items include updates on the development of the Money Follows the Person grant sustainability plan, the Money Follows the Person Tribal Initiative, and Life Skills and Transition Center Transition Task Force. There will be discussion about creating an evaluation on the Money Follows the Person grant services and the coordination of housing and services needed to support individuals transitioned from nursing homes or other institutions through the program. Committee members will also give a legislative update. A complete agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://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](mailto:jwreuter@nd.gov).

The federal government awarded the North Dakota 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, 254 individuals have transitioned to community settings.

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