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N.D. Olmstead Commission to meet July 1 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Olmstead Commission is meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 2015, from 1:30 to 5 p.m., in the Fort Union at the Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, N.D. The public is welcome to attend.

Commission co-chair and Executive Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) Maggie Anderson will provide a legislative update and budget update. Members will discuss the Olmstead State Plan and Policy Academy work and the commission website, and will have an opportunity to provide updates. Department representatives will provide updates on Medicaid waivers for developmental disabilities, home and community-based services, autism, and the medically fragile, as well as the work underway, through the Money Follows the Person grant, to help people transition from institutions to community living and to support the caregiver workforce.

The department's Vocational Rehabilitation Division will report on the Governor's Committee on Employment of Persons with Disabilities, expanded supported employment efforts, and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act developments. The commission will also establish and Olmstead Priority for 2015-2016. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

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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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