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Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force to meet Sept. 14

BISMARCK, N.D. – Members of North Dakota’s Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force will meet Monday, Sept. 14, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Central Time, to discuss goals and new developments in state services for children with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

The meeting is open to the public and will be held via the state video conferencing system. It will originate from the North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Prairie Hills Plaza location at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1B, in Bismarck. Bismarck participants should enter the building through Door #2.

Advocates, parents, and other interested individuals can participate at these remote sites:

- **Devils Lake:** Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Hwy 2 W., North Meeting Room;
- **Dickinson:** Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave. W, basement meeting room;
- **Fargo:** Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Red River Room;
- **Grafton:** Life Skills and Transition Center, 701 W. Sixth St., West Conference Center;
- **Grand Forks:** Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Suite 401, Room 5E;
- **Jamestown:** South Central Human Service Center, 520 Third St. N.W., Room 317;
- **Minot:** North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway, Suite 18, Room 411; and Minot State University - North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities, Memorial Hall, Room 207;
- **Williston:** Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Room B200.

At the meeting, members will discuss goals outlined on the National Autism Leadership Collaborative’s collective impact quality indicators. Representatives from the Department of Health, the Department of Public Instruction, and multiple divisions of the Department of Human Services, including the Autism Services Unit of the Medical Services Division, will provide updates on activities and new developments.

Task force members will have an opportunity to provide updates, and members of the public may comment on autism-related issues. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

People with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Paula Hinton at 701-328-8912, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or dhsautism@nd.gov.

The legislature created the task force in 2009 to examine early intervention and family support services for individuals with Autism spectrum disorders to help them remain in their homes and communities. Members are appointed by the governor, and more information is online at <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=131>.

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