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North Dakota Olmstead Commission to meet Oct. 31 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Olmstead Commission, which promotes integrated, community-based services and long-term supports for people with disabilities will meet on Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. to noon CDT, in the Fort Union Room of the Capitol at 600 E. Boulevard Ave., in Bismarck. The public is welcome to attend.

Members will review the March 18 meeting minutes, subcommittee updates, the state Behavioral Health Assessment, and the Olmstead Plan, and will discuss next steps. The North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Project will give a presentation on the Olmstead decision.

Department of Human Services (DHS) representatives will provide updates on the Life Skills and Transition Center Transition Task Force, the department's budget request, a Department of Justice information request, the Money Follows the Person project, the Statewide Transition Plan for the Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Settings federal rule, and the federal Office of Civil Rights Olmstead guidance for nursing homes.

The DHS Vocational Rehabilitation Division will give updates on the Expanded Supported Employment Project and federally-required reviews of the employment of individuals at subminimum wages.

Commission members will have an opportunity to provide updates and to propose action tasks for commission planning. There will also be an opportunity for public comments on Olmstead-related issues.

A complete agenda and meeting details are online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/2016/10-31-nd-olmstead-commission-meeting.pdf.

DHS complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations, including appropriate auxiliary aids to participate in the meeting, can contact Stacie Dailey of the DHS Behavioral Health Division at 701-328-8941, or sdailey@nd.gov, or through Relay ND TTY at 800-366-6888.

Olmstead Commission members are appointed by the governor.

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