

**NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services  
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**Stakeholder group that provides guidance on helping people transition from institutional care to community living to meet Aug. 17 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 Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Pioneer Room at the State 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. 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 types of living arrangements with supportive services.

Agenda items include introduction of new staff, and updates on the Money Follows the Person grant 2016-2020 budget, and transition data. Discussion is also planned on supported housing as well as on the upcoming Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on-site grant review. Staff members from the Life Skills and Transition Center will also provide an 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, Relay ND 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, 335 individuals have transitioned to community settings.

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