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MFP stakeholders to meet Nov. 17 to discuss funding and ongoing efforts supporting in-home and community services for people with disabilities

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program stakeholders are meeting Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, 1-4 p.m. Central Time, to hear updates on ongoing state efforts to serve people with disabilities closer to home and outside of institutional settings. Members will also discuss new supplemental federal funding during the virtual meeting.

The agenda includes a review of informed consent, transition to community benchmarks for 2021 and 2022 and the program's budget. The department's Developmental Disabilities Division and Life Skills and Transition Center will provide updates on efforts to support individuals in the community. Aging Services Division representatives will share updates on new Aging and Disability Resource Link outreach efforts, companionship and transition support services, and the partnership with ND Assistive to help long-term care facility residents stay connected to family and friends through technology.

Stakeholders will also hear updates on the person-centered practice technical assistance North Dakota is receiving, the MFP tribal initiative, housing initiatives, the 1915(i) Medicaid State Plan Amendment and other topics. The complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

The virtual public meeting will be held using [Microsoft Teams](#) and via conference call at 701-328-0950, conference ID 630 515 629#. Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Jake Reuter at 701-680-9638, toll free 800-755-2604, 711 (TTY) or jwreuter@nd.gov.

The stakeholder group advises the department on in-home and community-based services for Medicaid-eligible individuals with disabilities. To date, MFP funds have helped 521 eligible Medicaid members with disabilities move from nursing homes, the Life Skills and Transition Center and other facilities to apartments, family members' homes, or other types of community living arrangements with supportive services. Participation is voluntary.

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