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## **MFP stakeholders to meet Feb. 19 to discuss 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 Friday, Feb. 19, 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.

The agenda includes a review of informed consent, transitions to community living in 2020, benchmarks for 2021 and the program's budget and staffing. The department's Developmental Disabilities Division and Life Skills and Transition Center will provide updates on efforts to support individuals in the community.

Stakeholders will also hear updates on the state's newly approved Medicaid 1915(i) State Plan Amendment, housing efforts and the MFP tribal initiative. An Aging Services Division representative will brief members on the U.S. Department of Justice Settlement Agreement and related community listening efforts. Other topics will be discussed.

The complete agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://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 940 980 696#. 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](mailto: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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