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Human Services advisory group to meet May 18 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 Program stakeholders are meeting Tuesday, May 18, 1-4 p.m. Central Time, to review ongoing state efforts to serve people with disabilities closer to home and outside of institutional settings.

Since the advisory group last met in mid-February 2021, MFP funding and services have helped 26 individuals with disabilities, including four under age 18, move from institutional settings, including nursing homes, to homes and apartments.

The meeting agenda includes legislative updates from members, updates on the MFP grant and referrals, the budget and home and community-based services capacity building efforts. Department representatives will share information about the newly developed transition teams and how they will support individuals’ transitions to community living. Other agenda items include the MFP tribal initiative, Department of Justice Settlement Agreement work and updates from the Life Skills and Transition Center and Developmental Disabilities Division on efforts to support individuals in the community. Members will also have an opportunity to discuss other topics and to share updates.

The agenda and meeting notice is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

This is a public meeting. Interested individuals can attend in person at DHS Prairie Hills Plaza building - Suite 6, Prairie Room, located at 1237 W. Divide Ave., in Bismarck. Use the door No. 2 entrance. Individuals can also attend virtually online through a Microsoft Teams or via conference call at 701-328-0950, conference ID 126 710 071#. Details are in the [public meeting notice](#).

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Jake Reuter at 701-680-9638, toll-free 855-462-5465, 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 547 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 in transition services is voluntary.

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