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Human Services advisory group to meet Aug. 17 to discuss ND's efforts to expand 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, Aug. 17, 1-4 p.m. CT, to review new developments in North Dakota's efforts to serve people with disabilities closer to home and outside of institutional settings.

Year to date, MFP services and funding have helped 48 individuals with disabilities move from institutional settings, including nursing homes, to homes and apartments.

The meeting agenda includes updates on the MFP grant and referrals, and the implementation of the new MFP Transition Team process supporting individuals as they transition from institutions to community living. Attendees will discuss service and workforce capacity building efforts and the budget approved for that work. The agenda also includes updates on the switch to the Therap system, housing services, the MFP tribal initiative, the Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment, the technical assistance application to the National Center on Advancing Person-Centered Practices and Systems, and the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement implementation. The Life Skills and Transition Center and the Developmental Disabilities Division will report on their ongoing efforts to support individuals in the community.

There will be time for committee identified topics. Members will also have an opportunity to discuss other topics and to share updates. A meeting notice with the full agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

This is a public meeting. Interested individuals can attend virtually online through Microsoft Teams or via conference call at 701-328-0950, conference ID 752 822 724#. 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 578 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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