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Money Follows the Person program advisory group to meet Feb. 8 to discuss in-home and community-based services for people with disabilities

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Money Follows the Person Program stakeholders are meeting Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1-4 p.m. CT, to review updates on North Dakota's efforts to serve people with disabilities closer to home and outside of institutional settings.

Money Follows the Person program funds are used to help individuals with disabilities move from institutional settings to homes and apartments. Funds also support in-home and community-based services that enable individuals with disabilities to live at home in their communities.

The meeting agenda includes updates on the MFP grant progress, transition to community living benchmarks, transition coordination capacity, housing supports, the MFP tribal initiative and service costs, and the budget supporting those efforts. Attendees will also discuss progress on the implementation of capacity building efforts and will hear updates on housing services and the Department of Justice Settlement Agreement implementation. The Life Skills and Transition Center and the Developmental Disabilities Division will share updates 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 431 577 377#. 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. MFP funds have helped 625 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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