

ND OLMSTEAD COMMISSION

The **Olmstead Commission's goal** is to move ND forward towards greater integration & inclusion for persons with disabilities. For more information, go to <https://www.olmstead.nd.gov/> or contact us via our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/NDOlmsteadCommission>.

Next Olmstead Commission Meeting:

Tuesday, July 19th, from 1:00—5:00 p.m., in the Dakota Room at Job Service ND, 1601 Century Ave in Bismarck.

Agenda items include:

- 1) Admissions to the LSTC and prevalence of ASD
- 2) Strategic Planning—Olmstead Goals
- 3) Discussion of the DHS HCBS service implementation plans using \$30 million in ARPA funding

Mental Health Awareness Month

North Dakota is recognizing [Mental Health Awareness Month](#).

The Behavioral Health Division of DHS supports Mental Health Awareness Month with a [series of webinars](#). Further information is available on the BH website for [Mental Health Month events](#).

Interim Legislative Committee Work

On April 26-27, two legislative committees met and received testimony with significant impacts on services for North Dakotan with disabilities.

Interim Human Services Committee (next June 27)

[Presentation](#) by Alvarez and Marsal, LLC, on its review of DD services and ASD programs in the state

[Presentation](#) regarding early childhood programs

[Presentation](#) by DHS on permanent supportive housing

[Presentation](#) by DHS on increased access to home and community-based (HCBS) services

Interim Acute Psychiatric Treatment Committee

[Presentation](#) and [report](#) by Renee Schulte Consulting, LLC on acute psychiatric hospitalization and residential care

[Presentation](#) on administration of occupational boards

[Presentation](#) by DHS regarding critical access hospitals providing telepsychiatry and mobile crisis response services

[Presentation](#) by North Dakota Hospital Association on behavioral health beds in critical access hospitals, and a comparison of ND and MN Medicaid reimbursement

Video of hearings available [here](#)

Opportunities for Engagement

[Public comment is open](#) for the State's draft 2022-2026 Plan on Aging, services for the aged and disabled using federal Older Americans Act (OAA) funds. Comments are due May 30.

ND DHS has issued a [request for proposals for SUD services for underserved areas](#).

DHS welcomes feedback at the [May 17, 1pm, Money Follows the Person Stakeholders Meeting](#), and the June 9, 1pm [DOJ Settlement Meeting](#).

Upcoming Events

May 17 | 1pm | Money Follows the Person Stakeholders Meeting

May 17 | 4pm | ND Medicaid Medical Advisory Committee

May 20 | 1pm | Brain Injury Advisory Council at Mandan HIT, Inc. and Virtually

May 23 | 1pm | Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force

June 9 | 10am | ND Council on Developmental Disabilities

June 9 | 1pm | DOJ Settlement Stakeholder Meeting

Upcoming Education

For Mental Health Awareness Month:

May 11 - 12:00 988 is Not a Joke - National Suicide Prevention Hotline Launch

May 17 - 12:00 Understanding Trauma and Its Impact

May 18 - 12:00 Get Help - Reducing Stigma Associated with Mental Health

May 25 - 12:00 Now What? Mental Health Issues in Post COVID America

May 18 - Supported Decision-Making ("SDM") in North Dakota at the Jamestown Public Library

May 26 12 p.m. HCBS Webinar (DHS/Aging)- Companion-ship Services, Emergency Response System, Supervision

North Dakota Olmstead Commissioners

Ryan Norrell, Co-Chair, Office of the Governor

Wally Goulet, Co-Chair, citizen member

Judy Lee, ND State Senator

Alisa Mitskog, ND State Representative

Bruce Romanick, ND District Judge

Carlotta McCleary, Mental Health America of ND

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