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## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 27, 2022  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the January 11, 2022, meeting](#)

### STUDY OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES AND AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER PROGRAMS

9:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of Alvarez and Marsal, LLC, of an update of its review of developmental disabilities services and autism spectrum disorder programs in the state

9:30 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of developmental disabilities services and autism spectrum disorder programs

### STUDY OF EMPLOYMENT RESTRICTIONS IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

9:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding options to remove the "benefit cliff" from public assistance programs

9:55 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of employment restrictions in public assistance programs

### STUDY OF DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND HUMAN SERVICE ZONE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

10:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS regarding a review of human service zone employee compensation and benefits

10:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of DHS of a report pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 50-35-02 regarding options for human service zones to opt in to state employment

10:40 a.m. [Comments](#) by interested persons regarding the study of DHS and human service zone employee compensation

10:45 a.m. Break

### OTHER COMMITTEE DUTIES

11:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of DHS and the State Department of Health of a report pursuant to Section 511 of House Bill No. 1247 (2021) regarding the status of the integration of the departments

11:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS of a report pursuant to Senate Bill No. 2135 (2021) regarding the department's quality strategy

11:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS regarding the current status of the federal public health emergency

12:00 noon Recess

1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of YWCA Cass Clay regarding services available to

women and children, including housing

- 1:30 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of a domestic violence organization regarding available services
- 2:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS of a report pursuant to Section 61 of House Bill No. 1012 (2021) regarding early childhood programs
- 2:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS of an update on the refugee resettlement program
- 2:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS of an update on permanent supportive housing services
- 3:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of Prairie Harvest Mental Health regarding the provision of services offered by the agency
- 3:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of DHS of an update on increased access to home- and community-based services
- 3:40 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the other duties of the committee
- 3:45 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

**A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.legis.nd.gov>.**

**Committee Members**

Senators: Judy Lee (Chairman), Howard C. Anderson, Jr., JoNell A. Bakke, Jason G. Heitkamp, Kathy Hogan, David Hogue

Representatives: Gretchen Dobervich, Clayton Fegley, Dwight Kiefert, Alisa Mitskog, Karen M. Rohr, Matthew Ruby, Mark Sanford, Mary Schneider, Randy A. Schobinger, Kathy Skroch, Michelle Strinden, Greg Westlind

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