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## HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 19, 2025  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the [minutes of the September 4, 2025, meeting](#)
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the Chairman
- STUDY OF HOMELESSNESS IN NORTH DAKOTA**
- 9:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the North Dakota Interagency Council on Homelessness regarding its mission and recommendations to end homelessness
- 9:30 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding recommendations for improvements to homeless-related services
- 9:45 a.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the North Dakota Continuum of Care regarding its mission and recommendations to end homelessness
- 10:00 a.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Division of Community Services, Department of Commerce, on the [Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development](#)
- 10:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency regarding followup on previous awards, recommendations for improvements relating to affordable housing, information on low-income areas of the state, wages, housing costs, and affordable housing property tax exemptions
- 10:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People on the challenges and recommendations for improvements in ending homelessness
- 10:50 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of [Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health](#) regarding community efforts to solve homelessness
- 11:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of Native, Inc. regarding the homeless Native American population
- 11:20 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Grand Forks Housing Authority on challenges and recommendations for improvement in ending homelessness
- 11:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by law enforcement representatives on the challenges created in dealing with the homeless population and recommendations for solutions
- 11:50 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of homelessness in North Dakota
- 12:00 noon Recess
- STUDY OF ACCESSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, OR HAVE HEARING DIFFERENCES**
- 1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of North Dakota Hands & Voices regarding children's perspectives on deaf and hard of hearing services in public schools

- 1:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Public Instruction regarding public school services for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have hearing differences
- 1:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of accessibility of government services for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have hearing differences
- CHILD CARE PROVIDER LICENSING LAWS AND POLICIES**
- 1:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services of an update on the activities of the Child Services Advisory Committee
- 1:55 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding child care provider licensing laws and policies

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROGRAM EVALUATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHILD CARE SERVICES**

- 2:05 p.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff regarding the proposed objectives and scope of the program evaluation of child care services
- 2:20 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the Legislative Council program evaluation of the Department of Health and Human Services' child care services
- 2:25 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the objectives and scope of the program evaluation of the Department of Health and Human Services' child care services
- 2:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Commerce regarding investments in child care through the [Child Care Loan Program](#) or other programs

**REPORTS**

- 2:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding the annual report on the status of the Community Behavioral Health Program pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-23.3-10
- 3:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services on the semiannual report regarding the number of ineligible children served by the Life Skills and Transition Center and related activities and strategies of the department to improve community-based services for those children pursuant to Section 11 of Senate Bill No. 2112 (2025)

**OTHER COMMITTEE DUTIES**

- 3:10 p.m. Committee discussion, including consideration of facility tours and staff directives
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn

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

**Committee Members**

Senators: Kyle Davison (Chairman), Dick Dever, Kathy Hogan, Judy Lee, Michelle Powers  
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