



HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 27, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the February 11, 2026, meeting](#)
- 9:05 a.m. Comments by the Chairman
- STUDY OF HOMELESSNESS IN NORTH DAKOTA**
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency regarding an update on the Interagency Council on Homelessness and an update on the proposed United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program changes
- 9:40 a.m. Comments by interested parties regarding the study of homelessness in North Dakota
- STUDY OF ACCESSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEAF, HARD OF HEARING, HAVE HEARING DIFFERENCES, OR ARE VISUALLY IMPAIRED**
- 9:50 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota Vision Services - School for the Blind on the services provided and on any recommendations relating to government services or vision screening services
- 10:05 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of accessibility of government services for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, have hearing differences, or are visually impaired
- CHILD CARE PROVIDER LICENSING LAWS AND POLICIES**
- 10:15 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) on the Child Care Services Advisory Committee review of child care licensing
- 10:45 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding child care provider licensing laws and policies
- 11:00 a.m. Committee discussion
- LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROGRAM EVALUATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHILD CARE SERVICES**
- 11:40 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff on the progress of the child care program evaluation
- 11:55 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the program evaluation of DHHS child care services
- 12:00 noon Recess

REPORTS

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHHS regarding changes to medical assistance reimbursement of psychiatric residential treatment facilities for direct care costs, including the applicable costs related to clinical supervisions, medical directors, engagement of families in care, therapeutic leave days, an administrative cost cap, and progress toward value-based care (Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2399 (2025))
- 1:35 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHHS regarding direct payments made to licensed child care providers to support high-quality early childhood care for infants and toddlers and the effectiveness of the Direct Payment Program (Section 21 of House Bill No. 1015 (2025))
- 1:50 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHHS regarding the study of alternatives to placement at the Life Skills and Transition Center (Section 12 of Senate Bill No. 2112 (2025))
- 2:10 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHHS regarding the number of ineligible children served by the Life Skills and Transition Center (Section 11 of Senate Bill No. 2112)
- 2:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHHS and the DHHS Developmental Disabilities Payment System Steering Committee regarding the developmental disabilities system reimbursement project on development activities and status information for the project (North Dakota Century Code Section 50-06-37)
- 2:35 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHHS regarding the Tribal Health Care Coordination Fund and tribal government use of money distributed from the fund (Section 50-24.1-40(4))
- 2:50 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHHS regarding the impact, usage, and costs associated with the family caregiver service pilot project (Section 50-24.1-47)
- 3:05 p.m. Presentation by a representative of DHHS regarding the annual report of enrollment statistics and costs associated with the Children's Health Insurance Program state plan (Section 50-29-02)
- 3:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Children's Cabinet of its annual report regarding activities, findings, and other designated working groups on children and family issues (Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2176 (2025)) (Section 54-07-13)
- 3:30 p.m. Committee discussion
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

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