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BUDGET SECTION - HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

1:00 p.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the June 24, 2026, meeting
Comments by the Chairman

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES

1:05 p.m. Presentation by a representative of CHI St. Alexius Health Bismarck on the status of the behavioral health facility project, including the amount of funding expended under the behavioral health facility grant

1:20 p.m. Presentation by a representative of CHI St. Alexius Health Williston on the status of the behavioral health facility project, including the amount of funding expended under the behavioral health facility grant

1:35 p.m. Presentation by a representative of Altru Health System in Grand Forks regarding the status of the behavioral health facility project, including the amount of funding expended under the behavioral health facility grant

1:50 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding an update on the State Hospital construction project, including updated timeline, costs, and any selected construction alternatives

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

2:05 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding staffing for the Heart River Correctional Center

2:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation of an update on facility studies for the Missouri River Correctional Center and the James River Correctional Center

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

2:30 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences on behavioral health internships, residency, workforce growth, and recruitment efforts in North Dakota

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

2:45 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding:

- A report on any transfer made in excess of $50,000 between line items within subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of Section 1 of House Bill 1012 (2025) including a short explanation pursuant to Section 3 of House Bill 1012
- A quarterly report regarding the status of the department's salaries and wages block grant, including vacant positions and related savings pursuant to Section 5 of House Bill 1012

- An update on the federal Rural Health Transformation Program, including new programs, the grant application and award process, awarded funds, metrics, and accountability
- An update on the expanded oversight of the Medicaid program in the three high-risk areas of qualified service providers, nonemergency medical transportation providers, and 1915(i) providers through the Office of Program Integrity
- An update on the status of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payment error rate reduction efforts, including a comparison and explanation of the North Dakota payment error rate to South Dakota and other states that are below the 6 percent threshold and causes of the increase in North Dakota's payment error rate over the past 12 years
- A report on the SNAP payment error rate by human service zone
- Information on the total cost of the self-service portal and consolidated eligibility system (SPACES) by funding source, including:

  Initial software costs;

  Cost of software upgrades by biennium and in total;

  Ongoing maintenance and support costs by biennium and in total; and

  Outstanding and proposed upgrade requests and the cost of each

3:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Health and Human Services and Deloitte, LLP regarding the SPACES software and how the software is evolving to meet changing federal requirements, including reducing the SNAP payment error rate and providing appropriate reporting for programs utilizing the software

3:45 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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