

MFP External Partner Meeting

September 10, 2025, meeting held in person at Grand Forks and virtually

Life Skills and Transition Center Updates

- No update is available due to illness.

Developmental Disability Section Updates

Heidi Zander provided update for DD Section.

DD Waiver is currently open for public comment until September 28, 2025. Proposed changes are listed online.

New services added to proposed changes “Host Home” which would assist biological families during time of crisis by providing a private home where their child can live in interim with reunification with the biological family as primary goal. Host homes will infuse therapeutic level support for both the youth and family.

Host Home service could be piloted prior to it becoming a service. The pilot program will hopefully be up and running before the end of 2025.

Medicaid Updates

Updates given by Janice Tweet.

Listening sessions will be open and will be virtually at the end of September 2025.

One Big Beautiful Bill Act was signed into law in July 2025.

Rural Health Transformation Program

- Appropriates \$50 billion to a Rural Health Transformation Program from Federal Fiscal Year 2026 – 2030.
- 50% of funding will be awarded equally among states. 40% based on a methodology determined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- North Dakota expected to receive at least \$100 million per year FFY 2026-2030. \$500 million total funds.
- One time application for all 5 years. Applications must be approved by CMS before December 31, 2025.
- Expect guidance from CMS in Fall 2025.

Sections In Compliance

- ND feels that the state is in compliance with different sections and will verify with CMS. A list of sections that the state of ND complies with is found within the MFP Power Point.

Impacts on ND Medicaid

- A detailed list of OBBBA sections with impacts on ND Medicaid can be viewed within the MFP Power Point.

Human Service Center transformation into Behavioral Health Clinics

Dr. Dan Cramer provided updates on Behavioral Health Clinics becoming CCHBC's.

- Currently there are 8 regions that do Crisis care such as a crisis line, Crisis Residential Units, Mobile Crisis, Diagnostic Assessments, Treatment Services (Rehabilitation, Case Managements, Individual, group family therapy. Specialized services.
- The first CCBHCs was established in 2017 in the nation and there are currently over 500 in 47 states across the nation.
- North Dakota has received funding for 4 clinics within the state.
- CCBHCs Hours of availability will most likely will change to hours that are best suitable for individuals.
- The Nation CCBHC Criteria is – Staffing, Availability & Accessibility of services, Care Coordination, Scope of Services, Quality & Other Reporting, Organizational Authority, Accreditation & Governance.
- Scope of Services include – Crisis Services, Screening Assessment & Diagnosis, Person Centered and Family Centered Treatment Planning, Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Use Services, Primary Care Screening and Monitoring, Targeted Case Managements Services, Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services, Peer Supports and Family Caregiver, and community care for Uniformed Service Members and Veterans.
- The goal is to provide these services close to home for individuals.
- Community needs assessments have started in some areas in the state to help better understand where the gaps are located. The goal is to listen and hear to help build staffing plans for the CCBHC.
- Intensive Outpatient (IOP) is a requirement for CCBHCs in North Dakota.
- Willison, Minot, Fargo, Dickinson are the first cities within ND to have a CCBHC. By the end of June 2026 all four locations will be certified. No current timeline for all 8 regions to become CCBHC. CCHBC Care Coordinators are participating in the 1915i training.

Adult and Aging Services Updates

- Currently MFP has had 208 referrals in 2025.
- MFP biggest transition quarter was in quarter 2.
- 74% of all individuals who transitioned are transitioning to an apartment.
- 77% of MFP transitions come from Skilled Nursing Facilities.
- MFP new operational protocol has been submitted. Out of 41 states only have 1 approved operational protocol.
- MFP Capacity funding projects will go until 9/30/27, as there was a no-cost extension. This funding was used for the first 10 Options Counselors in earlier years. This funding was also used to develop the QSP hub, technology for HCBS CM to work from home.
- Quality Measure set should be reported no earlier than September 2026.
- 2026 MFP benchmarks were set at 100 transitions total. 40- PD, 40-Elders, 15-DD and 5- children. This will assist in developing the budget for next year.
- TDP program is utilizing the 10% (ARPA Funds) State keep 10 cents for every HCBS dollar that was used. funding first (through 2025) and then move into state funding. 6 HF and 8 TC across the state.
- TDP currently has a total of 967 transitions.
- TDP currently have a total of 721 diversions.

Housing partner updates

- Cheryl Merck provided an update with Tuesday's trainings starting in September.
- MFP Housing Facilitators have started ADA training.
- David Klien provided an update stating that waiting on a budget which will hopefully be released by October 1, 2025.
- Kayla Trzruc expressed that housing continues to be the number one barrier to transition.

Tribal Initiative

- Melissa Reardon provided an update. Turtle mountains is getting a good response with tribal members to know about in home services. QSP is also doing targeted case management.
- MAHA nation is continuing to do a pilot project with Home Instead.
- Waiting for CMS approval for targeted case management.
- Working with Kayla with getting simi annual report and working on 2026 budget by September 15th.

- 5 state work groups will have a learning collaborative summit in October 22-24th in Washington State.
- Montana and Alaska are interested in tribal initiative. Hopefully to expand throughout the states.

Post Survey was provided to all attendees.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th, 2025, in Fargo and offered virtually.