

NEWSLETTER

Stakeholder Symposium to be held March 1st

Please join us for our final Stakeholder Symposium on Tuesday, March 1st at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck. Deadline to reserve hotel accommodations is Friday, February 18th.

The purpose of this meeting is to bring people and agencies together to identify common work efforts taking place around the state, build on current strengths, identify how partnering on common goals may help enhance outcomes and to develop partnerships to sustain efforts in order to build a healthy and productive child, youth and young adult population in ND. The NDIS project focuses on the following areas:

- 1) Medical Home-Patient Centered Care,
- 2) Healthy Transition to Adult Life,
- 3) Family involvement, and
- 4) Cultural Competency.

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January Learning Session Recap: Screenings

The 8th Learning Session was held in Minot on January 21st. The theme was ongoing and continuous screenings for all children and youth with a focus on Mental Health. Participants from Healthy Transitions, Family Involvement/Cultural Competence and Medical Home collaborative groups heard from Ms. Jodi Hulm from the ND Department of Human Services on recommended mental health screening tools. Participants worked on developing strategies to support continuous and ongoing screening in ND.

The day also included a review of healthy transition strategies implemented since September, a presentation and discussion of an Interagency Agenda designed to unite all the stakeholders in a child's care for better outcomes of the child, a review of advocacy folders developed by NDIS project staff and participants for Healthy Transitions, and development of Plan-Do-Study-Act cycles to facilitate change for improvement strategies with Medical Home participants focusing on approaches to screenings.

To access learning session materials, please visit our web site at www.ndcpd.org/ndis

Mark Your Calendar

2/18/11

Deadline to reserve hotel accommodations at Doublewood Inn for March 1st Stakeholder Meeting

2/21/11

President's Day
NDCPD Offices Closed

2/24/11

Medical Home
Parent/Provider/Care Coordinator
TA Call
Noon

3/1/11

Stakeholder Meeting
9:00am-3:00pm
Doublewood Inn
Bismarck

3/14/11

Medical Home
Parent Call
Noon

3/16/11

NDIS Advisory Call
9:00am-11:00am

3/24/11

Medical Home
Provider/Care Coordinator
TA Call
Noon

4/15/11

NDIS Learning Collaborative IX
All Participants - 8:30am-4:00pm
Comfort Inn
Bismarck



Healthy Transitions

Research indicates that after high school, young adults diagnosed with autism are not seeking further assistance. Click on the link below to view the article.

[“Young Adults With Autism Forgoing Assistance After High School”](#) by Michelle Diamant

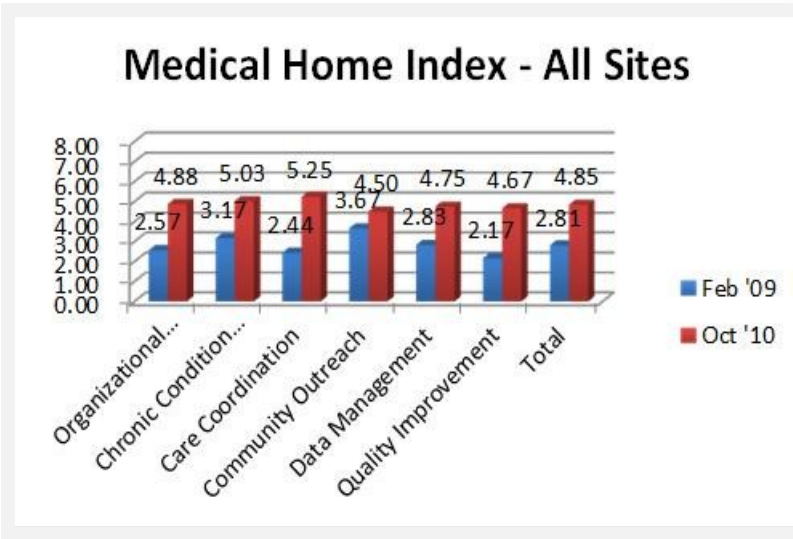
Medical Home Standards

The National Center for Quality Assurance just released its most recent standards for the Patient-Centered Medical Home.

<http://www.ncqa.org/tabid/1302/Default.aspx>

ND Medical Home Pilot Sites

The 7 Medical Home pilot sites recently completed the Medical Home Index self-assessment. The Index is completed every six months, with the first one conducted in February of 2009.



With all of the changes for improvement the sites have made, this project has seen great improvement in Medical Home-based care provided by our pilot sites. The Index measures six categories: Organizational Capacity, Chronic Condition Management, Care Coordination, Community Outreach, Data Management, and Quality Improvement. The maximum score in each category is 8.

- By 2/18/11**
Reserve your room for the Stakeholder meeting in Bismarck
- 2/24/11**
Medical Home Teams: Attend Parent/Provider monthly call
- 3/1/11**
Attend the NDIS Stakeholder Symposium in Bismarck
- Check out Sanford-Fargo Children's web site featuring Dr. Hanson and a Medical Home family
[Home Sweet Home](#)
- Check out this [article](#) featuring a "Make-a-Wish" recipient and Devils Lake Care Coordinator and "Make-a-Wish" volunteer, Vee Erickstad



TIP OF THE MOMENT: WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Medical Home is an approach to healthcare that is recognized nationally, but it isn't always referred to as a "Medical Home". Other names include Health Home, Primary Care Home, Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH), Community-Based Medical Home, Family Health Initiative, Accountable Care, and Community Care. The theories and strategies are very similar throughout, but some states adopt different names and tailor concepts to fit their needs.

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