

# NEWSLETTER

## Learning Collaborative 9 in Bismarck April 14th, 2011

The final NDIS Learning Session will take place in Bismarck at the Doublewood Inn on **Thursday, April 14th**.

The theme is *Sustainability*. Participants will work on strategies to support sustainability of medical home, healthy transition, family involvement and cultural competence activities in their communities. This session is also a celebration of all the hard work and achievements project participants have made.

**Pre-work Assignment:** The NDIS project wants to hear your success stories. Each participant will write a short story or statement illustrating successes or positive experiences they have had because of this project. The stories will be shared at the learning session. Stories can be submitted prior to April 14th to Jana Schultz at [jana.l.schultz@minotstateu.edu](mailto:jana.l.schultz@minotstateu.edu).

## March Stakeholder Symposium: Vision 2016

The final Stakeholder Symposium took place on Tuesday, March 1st in Bismarck. Participants worked in groups and discussed what was their Vision 2016 for children and youth with special healthcare needs. A list of priorities was generated and each participant voted for their top four favorites. After the voting, a top five priority list was identified.

- 1) Legislative mandate for all payers. One plan for medical home and CYSHCN.
- 2) Education for providers, nurses and other healthcare professionals to achieve medical home as a standard of care.
- 3) Memorandum of Understanding of children and youth with special healthcare needs among key agencies and organizations
- 4) Quality of care as a measurement for payment, establishing medical home
- 5) Need for evidence-based best practices for specific diagnoses/conditions

More stakeholder information is coming. Visit the NDIS web site for updates.

## NDIS Family Partner in the News

This article by the Fargo Forum features NDIS family partner, Missy Brademeyer. Brademeyer is the director of the non-profit *Riding for Dreams* which is highlighted in the article. Click [here](#) to read the story.

You can also visit the *Riding for Dreams* web site at [www.ridingfordreams.org](http://www.ridingfordreams.org).

## Mark Your Calendar

**4/11/11**

Medical Home  
Parent TA Call  
Noon

**4/14/11**

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

**4/15/11**

Medical Home Pilot Sites  
Submit Monthly Reporting

**4/28/11**

Medical Home  
Provider/Care Coordinator  
TA Call  
Noon



**By 3/30/11**

Reserve your room for the Learning Collaborative in Bismarck

**By 4/8/11**

RSVP for Learning Collaborative

**Before 4/14/11**

Email pre-work assignment to Jana.

**4/14/11**

Attend the NDIS Learning Collaborative 9 in Bismarck

## Healthy Transitions Collaborative

There has been much recent activity for the Healthy Transitions collaborative. One major focus has been on the development of Advocacy Folders.

NDIS Advocacy Folders were introduced to the Healthy Transitions pilot families at the January learning session. The purpose of the Advocacy Folders is to provide an organizational resource for cataloging critical information and documentation. These folders can be customized to aid in any type of transitional period a child/youth may face (i.e. pediatrician to adult provider, high school to postsecondary education, etc.). The hope is that these folders will build the self-advocacy skills of children/youth because they will be better prepared to apply for services because they will have proper documentation and increase understanding and recollection of their medical history and condition. The families are testing this concept and will be reporting back on its efficacy.

NDIS staff would like to thank the Healthy Transitions pilot families for all of their hard work and also congratulate them for the connections they are making at the state level!

## Medical Home Spotlight: Trinity Health · Dr. Tom Carver

Dr. Carver is one of the original Medical Home pilot sites beginning in February 2009. Since then, Dr. Carver and his team of Michaela Huber-care coordinator, and two parent partners, Kara McIver and Paula Burckhard, have tested several different strategies to improve care for children and youth with special healthcare needs. Currently the practice provides a Medical Home to 29 patients and this number continues to grow month after month.

A priority of this team is to develop working relationships with the community by holding regular "lunch and learn" meetings to discover how each can work together to provide better outcomes for CYSHCN. The practice has also made it a priority to provide early and continuous screening for their patients by seeking out preferred screening tools and developing a protocol for when to administer the screenings.

The team is always developing new ideas for improving the type of care received by their patients and families.



*Medical Home decal on the entrance to Dr. Carver's practice.*



# TIP OF THE MOMENT: NDIS WEBSITE

Additions have been made to the NDIS website.

The site now features more resources related to the project and children and youth with special healthcare needs. Materials from previous learning sessions and stakeholder meetings are also available. You can visit the site by clicking the link below or copy and pasting the link into your web browser.

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