

**Olmstead Commission Update**  
**Health Services Committee**  
**January 3, 2018**  
**Senator Judy Lee, Chairman**

## OLMSTEAD - NORTH DAKOTA

**Mission:** Olmstead will move the state forward, towards greater integration and inclusion for people with disabilities.

**Vision:** North Dakota will be a place where: People with disabilities are living, learning, working, and enjoying life in the most integrate setting.



### IT'S THE LAW

In 1999, the US Supreme Court ruled that segregation of people with disabilities is illegal. This "Olmstead Decision" said people with disabilities are best served alongside everyone else, and must be integrated in the community as much as possible, with supports necessary. We all belong where everyone else is, whether that's jobs, housing, school, doctor's office, or playing golf. Full supports for full inclusion.

### Recommendations for Commission Structure

- Needs to be cross cutting across the state
- Co-Chair from the Governor's office
- Citizen Co-Chair
- DHS would participate - along with other agencies (currently co-chair)
- A small workgroup will meet before the next meeting to make recommendations:
  - Who will be the point of contact for communications?
  - What resources will the commission use?
  - Who should be included in the commission?
  - Orientation for new members
- DHS will not be the point of connect for the Olmstead commission

**NORTH DAKOTA OLMSTEAD**  
It's the law. Olmstead Helps People Move

Institutionalization	>>>	Community Integration
Sheltered workshop	>>>	Employment in the community
Separate classes	>>>	Included with all students
Professionals direct my services and funding	>>>	I direct my services and funding
You have to know how to work the system	>>>	Supports come to you and work for you
Segregated living situations	>>>	Integrated housing

**Olmstead Quiz: True or False**

- 1. Olmstead is a way to support all people with disabilities to be living and working and playing out in the community alongside everybody else.
- 2. Olmstead calls for people with disabilities to be a part of the leadership in any program that affects their lives.
- 3. Better transportation is NOT part of Olmstead.
- 4. Once Olmstead goals are in place, everyone will have a good paying job.
- 5. Olmstead does not call for people with disabilities to change. It calls for government services and spending to change to help folks be more integrated into their home communities.
- 6. If people want to move into a segregated housing, Olmstead goals will help them do that.
- 7. Olmstead will create more ways for people with disabilities to support each other to live in the community.
- 8. The Government is making these changes just because they are nice people.
- 9. Olmstead goals will create more ways for people to be working out in the community, in productive jobs.
- 10. Olmstead assumes that there can only be a few types of supports, and people with disabilities will just have to fit in as best they can.

1. True 2. True 3. False 4. False 5. True 6. False 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False, needs differ and supports must also.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW:**  
Learn more at:

- [www.nd.gov](http://www.nd.gov)
- [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/olmstead-commission.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/olmstead-commission.html)
- [www.ada.gov/olmstead/olmstead\\_about.htm](http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/olmstead_about.htm)
- [www.bazelon.org/Where-We-Stand/Community-Integration/Olmstead-Implementing-the-Integration-Mandate/The-Olmstead-Decision-.aspx](http://www.bazelon.org/Where-We-Stand/Community-Integration/Olmstead-Implementing-the-Integration-Mandate/The-Olmstead-Decision-.aspx)
- [www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/special-topics/community-living-and-olmstead/index.html](http://www.hhs.gov/civil-rights/for-individuals/special-topics/community-living-and-olmstead/index.html)