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State Council on Developmental Disabilities seeking new council members

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities is seeking five new members to fill upcoming vacancies on the 20-member council, which advocates for policy changes that promote choice, independence, productivity, and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities. The council also supports projects and activities that maximize opportunities for consumers and families. The application deadline is July 1, 2011.

“The council has an impact on infants, young children, adolescents, and adults with developmental disabilities in communities across the state,” said Andrea Peña, the council’s executive director. “We invite people who are interested in services and supports for individuals with disabilities to apply.”

The council is seeking three consumer members, one parent member, and one member who has lived in an institution or a parent/guardian of a person who lives or has lived in an institution. Each position is a four-year term. Applicants should be knowledgeable about issues concerning people with developmental disabilities and their families. Other desired qualifications include experience or interest in one or more of the following areas: quality assurance, education and early intervention, childcare, health, employment, housing, transportation and recreation.

Peña said each application is reviewed by a committee, and applicants that meet the qualifications will be invited to participate in a telephone interview. The committee makes its final recommendations to Governor Jack Dalrymple who will make the final appointments.

The council meets quarterly at various locations throughout the state and reimburses members for mileage, meals and lodging costs incurred while attending meetings and other sponsored functions. Accommodations can be made for council members with disabilities including materials in large print, Braille, interpreters and more.

Applications are online at <http://www.ndcpd.org/SCDD/> under the membership link and can be submitted to Andrea Peña, Executive Director, North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505. For information on the council, contact Peña at 701-328-4847 or apena@nd.gov.

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