

NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck ND 58505

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 19, 2012**

Contact: LuWanna Lawrence, Public Information Officer, 701-328-1892

State Council on Developmental Disabilities to Meet June 21 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities will meet Thursday, June 21, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Brynhild Haugland Room at the State Capitol. The public is welcome to attend.

The council advocates for policy changes that promote choice, independence, productivity, and inclusion for North Dakotans with developmental disabilities, and supports projects and activities that maximize opportunities in these areas for consumers and families.

Meeting agenda items include a report from the Executive Director Cheryl Hess on the council's grants, budget, and the National Disability Rights Network. There will also be updates on the Self-Advocacy Summit, state plan amendments revision, and membership and recruitment.

Council members will also hear from Teresa Larsen on the North Dakota Developmental Disability Network, which is a collaborate effort between the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities at Minot State University, Protection and Advocacy Project, and the council. Other business may also be discussed.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations can contact Bonnie Roth at 701-328-1980, broth@nd.gov or through Relay ND TTY at 1-800-366-6888.

The council consists of 20 members appointed by the Governor including people with disabilities, parents, guardians or immediate relatives of an individual with a disability, and various state agencies and other providers involved in the delivery of services and supports to people with disabilities.

For information about the council, go to www.ndcpd.org/SCDD/ or contact Hess at 701-328-4847 or chess@nd.gov.

###