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State Council on Developmental Disabilities will meet March 19

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities, which promotes choice, independence, productivity, inclusion, and opportunities for people with developmental disabilities, will meet Thursday, March 19, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Time via multiple video conferencing sites across the state.

Council members and the public can participate at these locations:

- **Bismarck:** Department of Human Services Vocational Rehabilitation Division, Prairie Hills Plaza, Prairie and Rose Rooms, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1B;
- **Minot:** Minot State University, Memorial Room 207, 500 University Ave. W.;
- **Grand Forks:** Northeast Human Service Center, Room 5E, 151 S. Fourth St.;
- **Fargo:** Southeast Human Service Center, Red River Room, 2624 Ninth Ave. S.;
- **Dickinson:** Badlands Human Service Center, Staff Conference Room (Basement), 300 13th Ave. W.; and
- **Grafton:** Life Skills and Transition Center, West Conference Center, 701 W. Sixth St.

The meeting agenda includes standing committee reports, a review of the council's State Plan goals and objectives, ongoing work and accomplishments, and current operating budget. Members will discuss and finalize 2016 State Plan activities and will review and approve the 2016 projected budget for the upcoming grant year.

Council staff will provide updates on the North Dakota Self Advocacy Network and Disability Awareness Day. Advocates awarded Consumer Leadership Development Funds will provide updates, and three grantees will give project presentations. The agenda also includes a public comment opportunity, council member announcements, updates from the Consumer Advisory Council, North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Project, and the centers for independent living. Staff will provide training on council roles and responsibilities. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

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The council consists of 20 members appointed by the governor. Information is online at www.ndcpd.org/SCDD/.

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