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## **Statewide Independent Living Council meeting is May 14-15 in Minot**

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakota’s Statewide Independent Living Council will meet Thursday, May 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. CST, and Friday, May 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Holiday Inn, 2200 Burdick Expressway East, in Minot, N.D. The public is welcome to participate in the meeting.

The council leads independent living network efforts to develop resources and to advocate for full community participation of North Dakotans with disabilities.

Council members will hear reports from subcommittees and will discuss progress on the State Plan for Independent Living. Directors of the centers for independent living will provide reports and discuss issues important to people with disabilities that were passed during the 2015 legislative session. The Department of Human Services’ risk manager will share information about emergency preparedness. Members will also discuss coordination of transition services for youth between the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the centers for independent living. The full agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

Individuals who need auxiliary aids or services to participate in the meeting can contact Helen Baumgartner at 701-328-8954, toll-free 800-755-2745, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or [hbaumgartner@nd.gov](mailto:hbaumgartner@nd.gov).

The governor appoints council members. They include consumers and administrators from the centers for independent living, people with disabilities, representatives from the North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Aging Services and Vocational Rehabilitation divisions, and Tribal vocational rehabilitation directors.

For information on the Statewide Independent Living Council, go online to <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=48> or contact the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation at 701-328-8950, toll-free 1-800-755-2745, or ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888.

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