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Council on services for people with developmental disabilities to focus on planning and grant awards at Sept. 9-10 meeting

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities will meet Sept. 9–10 in the Pioneer Room at the Capitol to work on the council's 2015-2021 state plan, to award grants, and to conduct other business. The public is welcome to attend.

The strategic planning part of the meeting will begin on Sept. 9 at 12:30 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. The council will review existing services and supports, focus group summaries, statewide survey results, and information about the final federal rules for the Developmental Disabilities Act. Committees will report on membership, the state plan, and consumer leadership.

On Sept. 10, council members will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will discuss performance measures and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services visit to the state. Past grant recipients Minot State University and Pathfinder Parent Center will report on their work.

In addition, council staff members will share details about performance measures, council work and accomplishments, North Dakota Self Advocacy Network developments, and an overview of information obtained at the national conference and technical assistance institute.

Members will review grant applications during a closed executive session. The meeting agenda also includes time for public comment and member announcements.

A complete agenda is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/2015/8-27-state-council-on-developmental-disabilities-meeting.pdf.

People with developmental disabilities and family members and guardians of people with developmental disabilities are encouraged to attend. Individuals who need accommodations, including appropriate auxiliary aids to participate in the meeting, can contact the council at 701-328-4847, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or chess@nd.gov.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities promotes choice, independence, productivity, inclusion, and opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. Council information is available online at www.ndcpd.org/SCDD/.

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