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State Rehabilitation Council to meet Sept. 19

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Rehabilitation Council is meeting Monday, Sept. 19, from 9 to 5 p.m., to discuss programs and services and new developments promoting the employment and rehabilitation of people with disabilities. Council members will meet at the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) office, in the Prairie Rose Room, at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Ste. 1B, in Bismarck.

The agenda includes a budget report, an update from a service provider on their expanded supported employment program, and presentations on the Interagency Program for Assistive Technology (IPAT), and transition planning efforts involving schools and parents of youth with disabilities who are approaching the completion of their public education.

Council members will also hear tribal updates and committee reports. Administrators of the regional VR offices in Grand Forks and Jamestown will report on their activities, and VR Division Director Russ Cusack will brief council members on the regional Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) meeting that he attended.

A complete meeting agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

The council promotes employment and works to raise awareness of disability issues through collaboration among individuals, public agencies, private organizations, and businesses.

Council information is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/councils-partners/ndsrc.html or by contacting the division at 701-328-8950, toll-free 800-755-2745, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888, or dhsvr@nd.gov.

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