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Developmental disabilities council to meet June 22 to discuss goals

BISMARCK, N.D. – The State Council on Developmental Disabilities, which works to create positive change so people with developmental disabilities can live, work and actively participate in their communities, is meeting Thursday, June 22, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., in Bismarck.

Members will discuss the council's budget and operations, small grant requests, potential 2018 projects and requests for proposals, consumer leadership and self-advocacy development efforts, and other business. Standing committees will also provide reports.

The agenda includes time for public comment. Meeting details are available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

This meeting is open to the public and will be held in Conference Room A at the Department of Human Services' north office location at 3451 N. 14th St., in Bismarck. Individuals who need auxiliary aids to participate in the meeting can contact the council at 701-328-4605, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or jhorntvedt@nd.gov.

An estimated 77,700 North Dakotans had a disability in 2015, and about 45 percent were working age. According to disabilitycompendium.org, 48.8 percent of working-age North Dakotans with disabilities are employed, which is the third best employment rate in the country.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities promotes choice, independence, productivity, inclusion, and opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. For more information about the council, visit www.ndcpd.org/SCDD/.

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