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Developmental disabilities council to meet March 15 to review its budget, goals, available grant funding and upcoming work

BISMARCK, N.D. – The State Council on Developmental Disabilities is meeting Thursday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Room in the Judicial Wing of the Capitol in Bismarck. Members will discuss goals, committee work and the budget, including available grant funding that can be used to support projects and initiatives creating positive change so that North Dakotans with developmental disabilities can live, work and actively participate in their communities.

The agenda also includes discussion on consumer leadership and self-advocacy, and commission executive director Julie Horntvedt will review the quarterly grant reports for the fourth quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2018 and will lead a discussion on areas of need and possible 2018 requests for proposals.

The complete meeting agenda and other details are available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

This is a public meeting, and the agenda includes time at about 3:15 p.m. for public comment.

Due to security changes, the public must enter through the south entrance of the Capitol and pass through metal detectors. The Judicial Wing is located on the east side of the building.

Individuals who need auxiliary aids to participate in the meeting can contact Julie Horntvedt in advance of the meeting at the council office at 701-328-4605, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or jhorntvedt@nd.gov.

An estimated 85,328 North Dakotans had a disability in 2016, and about half were working age. North Dakota leads the nation in the employment of people with disabilities at 54 percent according to disabilitycompendium.org.

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.nd.gov/scdd/.

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