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Statewide Independent Living Council to Meet Nov. 14 and 15 in St. Michael

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Statewide Independent Living Council will meet on Thurs., Nov 14, 2013, from 1 to 5 p.m. and Fri., Nov. 15, from 9 a.m. to noon at Spirit Lake Casino and Resort in St. Michael, N.D. The public is invited to participate in this meeting.

The council meets quarterly to provide guidance and support the implementation of the State Plan for Independent Living and the services offered by the Centers for Independent Living. The council also promotes policies, programs, and activities that maximize independence of people with disabilities.

Agenda items include presentations from the council's president on the duties and responsibilities of the council, and Options Resource Center for Independent Living on the services offered by the Independent Living Centers across the state. There will also be an opportunity for meeting attendees to discuss independent living needs of people with disabilities on the Spirit Lake Reservation.

Other agenda items include work on an annual federal performance report, committee reports, and discussion on how council members can work together to identify and meet the independent living needs of people with disabilities statewide. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals needing auxiliary aids or services to participate in the meeting can call Helen Baumgartner at 701-328-8954, toll free 800-755-2745, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or hbaumgartner@nd.gov.

Council members are appointed by the Governor. They include consumers and administrators from the Centers for Independent Living, people with disabilities, and representatives from the N.D. Department of Human Services' Aging Services and Vocational Rehabilitation divisions, and individuals from the N.D. Tribal 121 Projects, which provides vocational rehabilitation services to American Indians with disabilities.

For information on the Statewide Independent Living Council, go online to http://governor.nd.gov/boards/boards-query.asp?Board_ID=52 or contact the N.D. Department of Human Services, 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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