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State Council on Developmental Disabilities to Meet Dec. 12

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. State Council on Developmental Disabilities will meet Thurs., Dec. 12, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Central Time) by means of six video conference sites.

The council recommends policy changes that promote choice, independence, productivity, and inclusion for North Dakotans with developmental disabilities, and supports projects and activities that maximize opportunities in these areas for consumers and families.

The video conference sites include:

- **Bismarck** – N.D. Department of Human Services, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Third Floor, Judicial Wing, State Capitol, Conference Room 302 (D)
- **Dickinson** – Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave. W., Basement General Staff Conference Room
- **Fargo** – Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Red River Room
- **Grand Forks** – Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Ste. 401, Room C519
- **Minot** – Minot State University, 500 University Ave. W., Memorial Hall, Room 207
- **Williston** – Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Conference Room 108

The meeting agenda includes a report from the Executive Director Cheryl Hess on the council's ongoing work and accomplishments, and a review of the council's budget, goals, and objectives. Members will review a report on the council's operations prepared by the Information and Technical Assistance Center for Councils on Developmental Disabilities.

Attendees will hear a recap of the self-advocacy town hall meetings that took place this fall sponsored by the N.D. Developmental Disabilities Network, and discussion about Project Search, an employment project for transition-aged youth. There will also be a presentation from a representative from The Arc of Bismarck on its two projects, Capability Chronicles and Partners and Policymaking, which received grant funding from the council this year. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations can contact Cheryl Hess at 701-328-4847, toll free 800-472-2622, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or chess@nd.gov.

The council consists of 20 members appointed by the governor including people with disabilities, parents, guardians or immediate relatives of individuals with disabilities, and various state agencies' representatives, and providers involved in the delivery of services and supports to people with disabilities.

For information about the council, visit www.ndcpd.org/SCDD/.

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