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Human Services Seeking Comments on Vocational Rehabilitation Independent Living Services

BISMARCK, N.D. – The State Independent Living Council and the N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation are sponsoring community meetings in Wahpeton and Devils Lake to gather comments and insight into vocational rehabilitation independent living services for people with disabilities.

The **Wahpeton** meeting is Tues., April 16, 2013, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Hughes Shelter in Chahinkapa Park, Eighth Ave. N. The **Devils Lake** meeting is Thurs., April 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Room of the Lake Region Public Library, 423 Seventh St., NE.

“These forums are an opportunity to hear from individuals with disabilities and their families, other stakeholders, and partners interested in independent living services,” said Russ Cusack, director of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. “The input we receive helps in future planning to support individuals with disabilities so they can live independently and safely, enjoying life to the fullest.”

Individuals who need accommodations, including auxiliary aids or other services to participate in the meetings, should contact Helen Baumgartner at 701-328-8954, 800-755-2745, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

Written comments about the State Plan will also be accepted until 5 p.m. on Tues., April 30, 2013. They can be sent to the department's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1B, Bismarck, ND 58501 or hbaumgartner@nd.gov.

The 2012 Vocational Rehabilitation State Plan is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/policies/state.html. It can also be obtained by calling 701-328-8950, 800-755-2745, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

Information on independent living services is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/individual/independent.html.

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