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North Dakota State Rehabilitation Council will meet Jan. 9

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Rehabilitation Council will meet Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, from 1 to 4 p.m. (CST) at multiple statewide video conferencing sites. The public is welcome to attend.

The council will elect its chairperson-elect and will receive a legislative and budget update on the North Dakota Department of Human Services' (NDDHS) Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). Division Director Russ Cusack will provide an overview on the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act including provisions related to pre-employment transition services, competitive integrated employment and sub-minimum wage, employer services, and collaborative partnerships. Members will discuss a governor's hiring directive and veterans' preference, as well as the DVR strategic plan. Standing committees will also provide reports. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Interested individuals can participate at the following locations:

Bismarck: NDDHS Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Office, Prairie Hills Plaza, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Ste. 1B, Prairie Rose Room

Devils Lake: Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Hwy 2 S.W., East Conference Room

Dickinson: NDDHS Vocational Rehabilitation Office, 1674 15th St. W., Ste. E, 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 5E

Jamestown: South Central Human Service Center, 520 Third St. N.W., Room 124

Minot: North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway, Ste. 21A, VR AT Lab Room 105

Williston: Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Room A200

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Vicki Magill at 701-328-8953, toll free 800-755-2745, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or vmagill@nd.gov.

The council promotes the employment and rehabilitation of people with disabilities by creating statewide interest in disability issues and by encouraging cooperation among individuals, public agencies, private organizations, and businesses.

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