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State Council on Developmental Disabilities will meet by multiple video conference sites on Dec. 18

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities, which promotes choice, independence, productivity, inclusion, and opportunities for North Dakotans with developmental disabilities, will meet Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. CST via multiple video conferencing sites across the state.

Council members and the public can participate at these locations:

- **Bismarck** Prairie Hills Plaza, Prairie Rose Rooms, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1B
- **Minot:** Minot State University, Memorial Room 207, 500 University Ave. W.
- **Grand Forks:** Northeast Human Service Center, Room 5E, 151 S. Fourth St.
- **Fargo:** Southeast Human Service Center, Red River Room, 2624 Ninth Ave. S.
- **Dickinson:** Badlands Human Service Center, General Staff Conference Room (Basement), 300 13th Ave. W.
- **Grafton:** West Conference Center – Food Service Building, Life Skills and Transition Center, 701 W. Sixth St.

The meeting agenda includes standing committee reports, a review of the council's current operating budget, an overview of new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act regulations, a report from the executive director on the council's ongoing work and accomplishments, discussion about the state plan including budget and possible projects for the 2015 federal fiscal year, and updates on the self-advocacy and the Legislative Training Institute. There is a public comment opportunity and members are also invited to provide updates and announcements. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

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The council consists of 20 members appointed by the governor and includes people with disabilities, parents, guardians or immediate relatives of people with disabilities, and representatives of state agencies and other organizations involved in providing services and supports to people with disabilities. Information about the council is online at www.ndcpd.org/SCDD/.

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