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State Council on Developmental Disabilities to Meet March 18

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. State Council on Developmental Disabilities will meet Tues., March 18, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Central Time) by means of seven video conference sites located throughout North Dakota.

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** - West Central Human Service Center, 1237 W. Divide Ave. (located off Schafer Street), Door 4, Conference Room 1
- **Dickinson** – Berg Elementary School, 307 Third Ave. W., Conference Room
- **Fargo** – Job Service North Dakota, 1350 32nd St. S., Conference Room
- **Grand Forks** – Job Service North Dakota, 1501 28th Ave. S. (Main Office), Conference Room
- **Jamestown** – N.D. State Hospital, 2605 Circle Dr., Conference Room 322
- **Minot** – Minot State University, 500 University Ave. W., Administration Building - Room 359
- **Williston** – Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Conference Room 108

The meeting agenda includes a review of the council's current budget and approval of the 2015 budget, the council's State Plan goals, objectives, and accomplishments, and reports from the executive committee, membership committee, state plan committee, and consumer leadership committee. The council's executive director will provide an update on the open council position and June election.

There will also be a presentation by representatives from the N.D. Center for Persons with Disabilities from Minot State University on the Perceptions Project, Peer Advocates Voices Empower (PAVE) Project, and an initiative that helps individuals with disabilities in securing inclusive, affordable, and accessible housing. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

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

The council consists of 20 members appointed by the governor and includes people with disabilities, parents, guardians or immediate relatives of individuals with disabilities, and state agencies and other providers 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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