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## **Statewide Independent Living Council to meet Nov. 5-6 in Fargo**

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakota’s Statewide Independent Living Council will meet Thursday, Nov. 5, from 1 to 5 p.m., and Friday, Nov. 6, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Holiday Inn, 3803 13th Ave. S., in Fargo. The public is welcome to participate in the meeting.

The council leads independent living network efforts to develop resources and to advocate for full community participation of North Dakotans with disabilities.

Council members will hear reports from subcommittees and will discuss the progress on the State Plan for Independent Living. Directors of the centers for independent living will provide reports and will discuss issues important to people with disabilities. Department of Human Services Risk Manager and Disaster Preparedness Administrator Russ Korzeniewski will present information about equal access planning for disasters. Diane Siekaniec, a staff member from Freedom Resource Center for Independent Living, will provide information on the Center’s “Freedom in Action” Program. The entire agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

Individuals who need auxiliary aids or services to participate in the meeting can contact Helen at 701-328-8954, toll-free 800-755-2745, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or [hbaumgartner@nd.gov](mailto:hbaumgartner@nd.gov).

The governor appoints council members. They include consumers and administrators from the centers for independent living, people with disabilities, representatives from the North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Aging Services and Vocational Rehabilitation divisions, and Tribal vocational rehabilitation directors.

Information about the Statewide Independent Living Council is available online at <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=48> or by contacting the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation at 701-328-8950, toll-free 1-800-755-2745, or ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888.

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