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## **State council on services for people with developmental disabilities to meet June 4 in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities, which promotes choice, independence, productivity, inclusion, and opportunities for people with developmental disabilities, will meet Thursday, June 4, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Central Time, in the Pioneer Room, Judicial Wing of the Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., in Bismarck.

The public is welcome to attend, and people with developmental disabilities and family members and guardians of people with developmental disabilities are encouraged to attend. The meeting agenda includes time for public comment.

Council members will hear reports from its Executive Committee and standing committees on membership, the state plan, and consumer leadership. Members will discuss a 2015 grant request, will elect a member to fill a vacant Executive Committee position, and will discuss the council's five-year state plan, including new federal plan requirements, and will talk about the federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services' home and community-based services rule and that agency's recent visit to the Live Skills and Transition Center.

Council executive director Cheryl Hess will provide an update on the council's accomplishments and ongoing work, and council staff will report on the community conversation meetings on self-advocacy held in April and May in several North Dakota communities. The complete agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

Individuals with disabilities who would like more information or who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact the council at 701-328-4847, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or [chess@nd.gov](mailto:chess@nd.gov).

The council consists of 20 members appointed by the governor. Information is online at [www.ndcpd.org/SCDD/](http://www.ndcpd.org/SCDD/).

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