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Group working to expand employment of people with disabilities to meet August 19

BISMARCK, N.D. – In a tight labor market, getting more people into the workforce is crucial. Members of North Dakota’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities will meet Aug. 19, from 8:30 a.m. to noon (Central Time) in Bismarck to focus on this goal.

Committee members will receive training on public meetings and open records and will discuss a state hiring initiative, the employment first training co-sponsored by the committee and the North Dakota Employment Learning Community, and other issues. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

The committee includes agency officials, advocates, people with disabilities, and others who want to expand North Dakota’s workforce by removing employment barriers and promoting competitive, integrated employment of people with disabilities.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting at the North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Prairie Hills Plaza office, Prairie Rose Room, 1237 W. Divide Ave. Attendees should enter through Door 2.

Individuals who need auxiliary aids or services 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.

For committee information, visit <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=146> or contact the North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation at 701-328-8950, toll-free 800-755-2745, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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