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State Rehabilitation Council to discuss new requirements and initiatives

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Rehabilitation Council will meet Tuesday, Sept. 15 in Fargo to discuss new federal requirements and state initiatives that focus on employment of people with disabilities and state workforce needs.

The advisory council for the Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 3803 13th Ave. S., in Fargo. The public is welcome to attend.

Council members and division staff will discuss federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act requirements and initiatives, a state provisional hiring initiative, and National Statler Center employment training opportunities. Members will elect a chairperson, will receive Tribal program updates, updates from the regional DVR offices, and committee reports, and will conduct other business.

A complete meeting agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Last year, department vocational rehabilitation counselors helped about 430 North Dakotans with disabilities achieve their employment goals.

The council promotes the employment and rehabilitation of people with disabilities and works to create statewide interest in disability issues and to encourage collaboration among individuals, public agencies, private organizations, and businesses.

Individuals who need accommodations 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.

Council information is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/councils-partners/ndsrc.html, or by contacting the division at 701-328-8950, toll-free 1-800-755-2745, ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888, or dhsvr@nd.gov.

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