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## **Horntvedt to lead State Council on Developmental Disabilities**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD) has selected Julianne Horntvedt as its new executive director. She assumes her new duties Feb. 29.

Council chairman Brent Askvig said, “We are pleased that Julianne comes to the Council with experience in program leadership and the developmental disabilities field.”

Horntvedt has over three years of experience working as a direct support provider to people with developmental disabilities and group home supervisor in the Fargo region and as a qualified developmental disabilities professional in Dickinson.

Prior to joining the council, Horntvedt worked as the Safety and Health Manager at Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center. She was responsible for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration program and Voluntary Protection Programs, wrote grants, and oversaw safety and health policies programs.

From 2012 to 2014, Horntvedt worked for the North Dakota Department of Health as a health facilities surveyor, where she was involved in licensure surveys of over 70 group homes for people with disabilities across the state.

A Dickinson native, she earned a bachelor’s degree in legal studies from Minnesota State University – Moorhead, and a master’s degree in educational leadership from North Dakota State University.

The North Dakota SCDD is a federally-funded program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

The council is charged with engaging in advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities. The Council is comprised of 20 members who are appointed by the governor. Members represent people with disabilities, family members, and partner agencies that support disability initiatives.

Council information is available online at [www.ndcpd.org/scdd/index.shtml](http://www.ndcpd.org/scdd/index.shtml) or by contacting the SCDD office at 919 S. Seventh St., Suite 503, Bismarck, N.D., 58504, 701-328-4847 or Relay North Dakota TTY (text telephone) 800-366-6888 or 711.

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