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Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities to meet in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The state committee that works to remove employment barriers and promote competitive, integrated employment of people with disabilities will meet August 24, from 8:30 to noon, in Bismarck.

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.

Committee members will hear the final report on an employment survey conducted by the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities to evaluate employment outcomes of individuals who may experience barriers to employment due to an intellectual disability. Results will help the committee identify where additional options are needed to assist people with disabilities to work in competitive, integrated employment. Data will also be used to set benchmarks for the committee to evaluate future progress toward increasing the number of individuals with disabilities employed in competitive and integrated employment in North Dakota.

Members will also receive an update on the Expanded Supported Employment Project, which is three-year project to help individuals transition from day support programs and non-integrated settings into competitive employment.

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

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/>, or contact 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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