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State Rehabilitation Council to meet in Bismarck April 18-19

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Rehabilitation Council is meeting April 18-19 to discuss programs and services and new developments to improve integrated community employment and rehabilitation for adults and transition-age youth with disabilities.

Members will meet at the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Prairie Hills Plaza office complex, in the Prairie Rose Room, at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Ste. 1B, in Bismarck. Participants should enter through door No. 2.

On April 18 at 1 p.m. CDT, the Department of Human Services' Vocational Rehabilitation Division (VR) will brief the council on pre-employment transition services, and Mary Stammen, director of the Griggs, Steele and Traill Special Education Unit, will share information about their innovative service learning activity project for students with disabilities.

Members will also discuss 2018 business award planning and will receive a report on the Client Assistance Program from the Protection and Advocacy Project. Council subcommittees will also meet.

The council meeting will resume from 9 a.m. to noon CDT on April 19. The North Dakota Association of Community Providers will brief council members on the workforce development grant, and the administrator of the regional VR offices in Devils Lake and Grand Forks will give an update about activities supporting clients and workforce needs.

VR staff will provide an appeals report. Council members will also hear tribal updates and reports from council's membership and public relations, planning and evaluation, resource and employment subcommittees.

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

The council works to raise awareness of disability issues and to promote collaboration among individuals, public agencies, private organizations and businesses to improve integrated community employment of working-age adults with disabilities.

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

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