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Developmental disabilities council to meet Aug. 23 to review its budget and funding support for grants promoting inclusion and other priorities

BISMARCK, N.D. – The State Council on Developmental Disabilities is meeting Thursday, Aug. 23 in Bismarck to review its operating budget and funding support for grants. Members will also hear a report from the Bismarck Public Schools on the Inclusive Sports project, which the council helped fund, and will conduct other business when they meet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Brynhild Haugland Room of the Capitol.

Standing committees will provide updates on their activities, and council Executive Director Julie Horntvedt will report on upcoming conferences, training opportunities and partnerships supporting self-advocacy. This biennium, the council designated about \$600,000 to fund small grants supporting projects and initiatives creating positive change so that North Dakotans with developmental disabilities can live, work and actively participate in their communities.

The complete meeting agenda and other details are available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

This is a public meeting, and the agenda includes time between 3:45 and 4 p.m. for public comment on issues impacting housing, employment, recreation and quality of life of people with developmental disabilities. The public entrance is located on the south side of the Capitol.

Individuals who need auxiliary aids to participate in the meeting can contact Julie Horntvedt prior the meeting at the council office at 701-328-4605, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or jhorntvedt@nd.gov.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities supports self-advocacy and independence, productivity, inclusion and opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. For more information about the council, visit www.nd.gov/scdd/.

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