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The State Rehabilitation Council will meet July 16-17 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Rehabilitation Council is meeting July 16-17 in Bismarck to discuss programs and services that assist people with disabilities with training and education, job searches and application processes, and other supportive services so they can join North Dakota’s workforce. The council will meet in the Job Service North Dakota building at 1601 E. Century Ave. on Tuesday, 1-5 p.m. and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-noon.

Robyn Throlson, the interim director of the North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Vocational Rehabilitation Division will provide an update on division activities. North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Executive Director Teresa Larsen will provide a legislative update and will review the Client Assistance Program report. The agenda includes time at 3:30 p.m. for public comment on vocational rehabilitation services, followed by committee work at 4 p.m.

On Wednesday, directors of the division’s Regional Vocational Rehabilitation Offices in Dickinson and Fargo will provide brief updates. Afterwards, council members will discuss committee work. Time has also been reserved on the agenda for Tribal program updates and an update on customized employment.

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

North Dakota is a leader in the employment of people with disabilities. 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 and youth transitioning from school to work.

Council information is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/councils-partners/ndsrc.html.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting or who would like more information can contact Barb Burghart, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, North Dakota Department of Human Services, 1000 E. Divide Ave., Bismarck, ND 58501, 701-328-8927, toll-free 800-755-2745, 711 (TTY) or bburghart@nd.gov.

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