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## State Council on Developmental Disabilities to meet Nov. 21

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities will hold its next quarterly meeting on Friday, Nov. 21, 2008, at 9 a.m. in the Brynhild Haugland Room, of the state Capitol, in Bismarck. The public is welcome to attend.

Meeting agenda items include: financial reports, executive director's report, NACDD report, a presentation on the Money Follows the Person initiative, a presentation on Norwegian Systems of Care and Support for Persons with Disabilities, and an MTARS audit discussion.

The council advocates for policy changes that promote choice, independence, productivity and inclusion for North Dakotans with developmental disabilities. It supports projects and activities that maximize opportunities in these areas for consumers and families.

Individuals who need special accommodations to attend should contact Bonnie at 701-328-1980 or <a href="mailto:broth@nd.gov">broth@nd.gov</a>. For more information about the council and its members, visit the Governor's Web site at <a href="http://governor.nd.gov/boards/">http://governor.nd.gov/boards/</a> or contact the council's Executive Director Andrea Peña at 701-328-4847 or <a href="mailto:apena@nd.gov">apena@nd.gov</a>.