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**Rocky Mountain Regional Office**

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**North Dakota State Advisory Committee to Convene  
Briefing and Listening Meeting on Civil Rights Issues in the State**

**What: North Dakota State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

**When: Monday, September 24, 2012; 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. MT**

**Where: City Commission Room, City of Fargo, 200 N. 3rd Street, Fargo, ND 58102**

FARGO, ND -- The North Dakota State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene a briefing and listening meeting to discuss and hear comments from local and community organizations, local and state agencies, and the public on civil rights issues in the state. This will be the first of a series of meetings to be held around the state.

The State Advisory Committee will hear from the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition about its activities and the civil rights issues it identifies as important.

Immediately following, local and state agencies, community organizations, and citizens will have the opportunity to share with the State Advisory Committee their concerns and/or experiences. Those issues could include employment, housing, the criminal justice system, racial profiling, senior services, education, local law enforcement, child welfare, public accommodations, voter rights, concerns of the disabled, and others.

Citizens, community organizations, and local and state agencies are encouraged to participate, and the briefing and listening meeting is open to the public, which will be broadcast on Fargo Access TV channel 12 or via live streaming: <http://www.cityoffargo.com/CityInfo/AccessTV/WatchTVFargo12Live/>.

The State Advisory Committee will also receive written comments that will be made a part of the proceedings up to 30 days after the briefing and listening meeting.

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**North Dakota State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

Congress has directed the Commission to establish advisory committees in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, whose members serve without compensation. State committees receive reports, suggestions, and recommendations from individuals, public officials, and representatives of public and private organizations in response to committee inquiries.

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