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## **WELCOME QSP'S**

Welcome to what is hoped to be a monthly newsletter geared for QSPs within the QSP Association of North Dakota (QSPAND). The work to organize a QSP Association actually dates back to 2007, but the QSPAND and QSPs have yet to be identified or recognized for who they are and what they do. There are approximately 1,580 independent QSP's in the state; all of whom have a QSP designation or number with the state and provide in-home services to individuals with disabilities and the elderly. Yet, because of the nature and location of the work, QSPs have, until now, had little or no ability to be a part of the policymaking process. An organized QSPAND will strive to change that. The issues and concerns that are important to QSP's and to the people they serve will be the focus of the QSPAND. The QSPAND's main focus is to provide mutual support to fellow QSPs while improving the quality of QSP services and enhancing the role of the QSP. As with any effort to start up a new organization of any kind, there are numerous challenges and growing pains that people will experience. Of course, this effort to form a QSP Association is not immune to those challenges. This newsletter is an effort to build a network of communication and support with QSP's around the state.

## **QSPAND INFORMATIONAL / LISTENING SESSIONS TO BE HELD**

For QSPs in the Fargo and Grand Forks areas, there will be QSP Informational/listening session meetings on the following dates:

- **April 26th at 6:30 pm**  
Options Interstate Center for Independent Living  
318 3rd St. NW, East Grand Forks, MN
- **April 27th at 6:30 pm**  
Freedom Resource Center for Independent Living  
2701 9th Ave. SW, Fargo, ND

Other QSPAND Informational/Listening sessions are being planned for Bismarck & Minot. Also, we would like to get out and have some of these in the more rural areas of the state. If you would like to have one in your area, please contact Chuck and we can set it up.



## NORTH DAKOTA PERSONAL ASSISTANCE ONLINE REGISTRY

[WWW.HOMECAREND.COM](http://WWW.HOMECAREND.COM)

The Registry is a **FREE** website designed to help *CONNECT* QSPs with consumers who need services at home or at work. The Registry is an excellent place for QSPs to share their availability and know-how, so they have increased opportunities to work in their communities, providing needed services to the elderly and people with disabilities. Visit [www.homecarend.com](http://www.homecarend.com) for more details.

### QSPAND MEETINGS FOR 2010

Every QSPAND member is encouraged and welcome to participate in these important meetings. Your input is needed. Please mark your calendars. As the meeting times approach, please visit the website for more details.

#### QSPAND STEERING COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALLS

Please use the following toll free number and pass code for each of the following conference calls.

**Toll Free TeleConference Number:** 1.800.944.8766

**Pass Code:** 32567#

April 7 <sup>th</sup>	3:30 to 4:30p.m. CT
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	3:30 to 4:30p.m. CT
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3:30 to 4:30p.m. CT
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	3:30 to 4:30p.m. CT
Aug. 4 <sup>th</sup>	3:30 to 4:30p.m. CT
Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup>	3:30 to 4:30p.m. CT
Oct. 6 <sup>th</sup>	3:30 to 4:30p.m. CT
Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3:30 to 4:30p.m. CT
Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	3:30 to 4:30p.m. CT

#### QSPAND FULL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Times and dates subject to change.

May 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 to 3:00	Fargo
Aug. 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 to 3:00	Bismarck
Dec. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 to 3:00	Fargo

**We can only accomplish what we need to do to improve the Home and Community Based Services system in North Dakota by having people like you contribute and add your voice.**

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**THE QSP ASSOCIATION OF ND IS ON THE WEB,  
PLEASE VISIT: [WWW.QSPAND.ORG](http://WWW.QSPAND.ORG)**



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