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Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol to meet

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol will meet in Bismarck on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Comfort Inn.

Agenda items include a legislative report, presentations from state agencies on their prevention initiatives, an update on the council's prevention website, and a report on the grants the council is currently funding. The Department of Human Services will facilitate the kick-off of the strategic prevention framework state incentive grant. The council serves as the advisory body for the grant. Other business may be discussed.

The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol leads a multi-system prevention effort that draws upon resources and talents at the community, state and federal levels. The council works to advance and coordinate knowledge, resulting in the adoption of policy-based prevention strategies and prevention innovations, and to share knowledge of healthful behaviors and decisions that reduce, postpone, or eliminate problems resulting from destructive decisions.

The council consists of 14 members appointed by the governor who represent his office, state agencies involved in substance abuse prevention, the Legislative Assembly, advocacy groups, law enforcement, and the addiction counseling profession. North Dakota's First Lady Betsy Dalrymple is also a council member. JoAnne Hoesel, Director of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division of the N.D. Department of Human Services chairs the council.

Council information is online at <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/#G> , or by contacting the Department of Human Services at 701-328-8920.

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