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Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol to Meet November 7 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol will meet in Bismarck on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the Sakakawea Room at the State Capitol.

Agenda items include updates on the Strategic Prevention Framework State Initiative grant, Parents LEAD, and the State Epidemiology Outcome Work Group. Members will also hear a status report on community-based prevention projects funded by the council, and will discuss website utilization information and prevention efforts between partnering agencies. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Gail Allensworth at 701-328-8920, gallensworth@nd.gov, or ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888.

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 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 N.D. 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/boards-query.asp?Board_ID=151 or by contacting the N.D. Department of Human Services at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719 or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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