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Screening of Documentary Film on Teen Prescription Drug Abuse to be Held Nov. 14 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – Sixteen percent of North Dakota high school students have taken a prescription drug without a doctor’s prescription. To raise awareness about this issue, the N.D. Department of Human Services’ Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Heartview Foundation are co-sponsoring a documentary screening that sheds light on teen prescription drug addiction. The event will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012, at the Grand 15 Theatres, 1486 Interstate Loop, in Bismarck. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the documentary beginning at 7 p.m.

The feature-length documentary titled “Behind the Orange Curtain” uncovers the real-life problem of teenage prescription drug abuse in one of the most affluent counties in the country, Orange County, CA. The movie chronicles the lives of 12 families who lost a child to a prescription drug overdose and how they are using these tragedies to educate others about the dangers of prescription drug addiction. The official movie trailer is online at <http://behindtheorangecurtain.net/>.

Following the documentary screening, there will be a panel discussion led by local addiction experts in the theater.

“We hope this film encourages continued conversations among parents and their children, community members, agencies, and other partners who are working together to strengthen and support substance abuse prevention in our state,” said Maggie Anderson, the department’s interim executive director.

Complimentary tickets are available for the event. Individuals should e-mail Heartview Foundation at rsvp@heartview.org or call 701-222-0386 or 1-800-337-3160 to reserve a ticket.

For more information on substance abuse recovery services, contact the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division of the N.D. Department of Human Services online at www.nd.gov/dhs/prevention or call 1-701-328-8920, toll-free 1-800-755-2719 or ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888.

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