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Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol to Meet Feb. 22 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol will meet in Bismarck on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the N.D. Department of Human Services' Conference Room D on the third floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

Agenda items include updates on the Strategic Prevention Framework State Initiative grant, Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking report, state agencies' prevention initiatives, the council's prevention Web site, and grant funding for community-based prevention projects. Discussion will also take place on the Power of Parents Train-the-Trainer program, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration – Parent's LEAD program, and the council's communications plan. 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 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 Department of Human Services at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719 or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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