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Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol to meet Dec. 7

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor’s Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol will meet Thursday, Dec. 7, from 1 to 4 p.m., in the Pioneer Room of the Capitol at 600 E. Boulevard Ave., in Bismarck.

The council works to support healthy and safe communities through collaborative substance abuse prevention, education and enforcement programs and resources.

The meeting agenda includes an overview of the principles of prevention, data review and council goals and actions. Members will discuss a planned Day for Prevention in April 2018, and the North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Behavioral Health Division will provide updates on substance abuse prevention grants that support community efforts to prevent youth substance abuse, youth and adult binge drinking, and opioid abuse and overdose deaths.

Representatives of the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup, the Behavioral Health Planning Council, and the Non-Medical Use of Pharmaceuticals Task Force will also provide updates. Members will discuss bylaws and will have an opportunity to report on new developments involving their respective agencies and organizations.

The meeting agenda includes time for public comment. The public should enter the Capitol through the south (tunnel) public entrance. The Pioneer Room is located in the Judicial Wing on the east side of the building.

The agenda is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Julie Huwe at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888 or jhuwe@nd.gov.

Council information is available on the boards and commissions section of Gov. Burgum’s website at www.governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=128, or by contacting the North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Behavioral Health Division at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1C, Bismarck, N.D. 58501-1208, 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719 (ND only) or dhsbhdiv@nd.gov.

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