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Recovery Council to Meet Dec. 4 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services' Recovery Council will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2012, starting at 1 p.m. in the Prairie Rose Room at Prairie Hills Plaza, 1237 W. Divide Ave., in Bismarck.

The council meets quarterly to promote substance abuse recovery throughout the state, collaborate on building a recovery community for individuals experiencing substance abuse issues, and to enhance recovery-based services and supports for individuals following treatment.

Meeting agenda items include updates on recovery coach training, opioid treatment strategic planning training, medication-assisted recovery, and prescription drug abuse prevention efforts. Members will also hear presentations on addiction disorders and defining recovery in North Dakota. Discussion will also take place on the recent screening of the prescription drug abuse documentary titled "Behind the Orange Curtain" held in Bismarck. 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 Dawn Pearson at 701-328-8920, toll-free 1-800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888 or dpearson@nd.gov.

The Recovery Council is a partnership that includes representatives from the department's Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and regional human service centers, faith-based organizations, private treatment providers, tribal entities, the N.D. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and other interested individuals.

For more information on the council, contact the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division of the N.D. Department of Human Services at 701-328-8920, toll-free 1-800-755-2719 or ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888.

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