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Human Services Hosts Meeting on Nov. 4 in Bismarck to Announce Substance Abuse Prevention Grant Funding Opportunity

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will host a meeting on Mon., Nov. 4, 2013, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. to provide information to public health units and tribal entities about a grant funding opportunity to assist local communities in their substance abuse prevention efforts. The meeting will be held at the Comfort Inn of Bismarck, Meeting Rooms C and D and is open to the public.

The department was awarded a Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and was recently approved to begin the \$9.7 million project. The grant project requires 85 percent of the funding to be used in local communities to address underage drinking and adult binge drinking issues by building or enhancing substance abuse prevention infrastructure.

The meeting will include an overview of North Dakota's substance abuse prevention system and the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant along with discussion on the project requirements, local implementation expectations, state and local roles, and a walk through of the Invitation to Apply process.

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

The grant program builds on other substance abuse prevention efforts involving the department, other state agencies including the Indian Affairs Commission, and other tribal nations in North Dakota. The Governor designated the N.D. Department of Human Services as the lead agency for oversight of the project.

Information about the North Dakota's substance abuse prevention system is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/prevention or by contacting the department's Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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