

# **NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services**

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### **Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol to Meet Sept. 25 in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol will meet in Bismarck on Wed., Sept. 25, 2013, from 1:15 to 3:45 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 a review of the council's history, purpose, and responsibilities, data relating to drinking and driving fatalities, crime, addiction, and other factors that contribute to substance abuse in North Dakota, and Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking (STOP Underage Drinking Act) report and submission to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. There will also be a final report on the council's prevention grants issued for the 2011-2013 biennium, and an update on Parents LEAD (Listen, Educate, Ask, Discuss). A complete agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact the N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services at 701-328-8920, toll free 800-755-2719, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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 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](http://governor.nd.gov/boards/boards-query.asp?Board_ID=151) or by contacting the N.D. Department of Human Services at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719 or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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