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### **Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol to Meet Jan. 30 in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol will meet in Bismarck on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014, from 1:30 to 4:30 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.

The meeting will kick off with the introduction of a new council member, assistant chief Michael Reitan, West Fargo Police Department. Other agenda items include updates on the Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG), the State Epidemiology Outcome Workgroup (SEOW), and the Prevention Expert Partners Workgroup (PEP-W). There will also be a review of the updated council Executive Order for 2013-2014 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 Julie Huwe with the N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services at 701-328-8920, toll free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or [jhuwe@nd.gov](mailto:jhuwe@nd.gov).

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 15 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. 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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