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**Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol to Meet Oct. 6 in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol (GPAC) will meet in Bismarck on Monday, Oct. 6, 2014, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Conference Room C (Room 304), on the third floor of the Judicial Wing of the Capitol.

The agenda includes a review of the GPAC Executive Order, updates on the Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant, the State Epidemiology Outcome Workgroup, North Dakota Department of Health Suicide Prevention efforts, Parents LEAD (Listen, Educate, Ask, Discuss), and the ND CARES program. The North Dakota Department of Transportation and the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction will provide updates. The North Dakota Department of Human Services will share information about the Reducing Pharmaceutical Narcotics in Communities Workgroup, and the Prevention Expert Partners Workgroup subcommittee will provide a report. Participants will also discuss the upcoming 2015 Legislative Session. 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 North Dakota 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 advisory council 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.

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 Department of Human Services at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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