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Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol to Meet June 26 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol (GPAC) will meet in Bismarck on Thursday, June 26, 2014, from 1:30 to 4 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.

Some of the agenda items include a review of the GPAC Executive Order, updates on the Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) and the State Epidemiology Outcome Workgroup (SEOW). The meeting will also include an update from the Department of Health on their Suicide Prevention efforts, an update on Parents LEAD (Listen, Educate, Ask, Discuss), ND CARES, which is a support system for North Dakota service members, their families, and veterans, and server training plans. Finally, the Department of Public Instruction will provide an overview of the School Climate grant application and the Department of Transportation will provide an overview of the Traffic Safety Plan. 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 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.

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 Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services 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 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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