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**Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol is meeting Nov. 12 in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol (GPAC) will meet Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., in the Peace Garden Room of the Capitol at 600 E. Boulevard Ave., in Bismarck, N.D.

The advisory council leads a multi-system prevention effort that involves substance abuse prevention, education, and enforcement programs, and resources at the community, state, and federal levels.

At the meeting, the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division will provide an overview of substance abuse prevention and share information about effective prevention, state substance abuse data, and current substance abuse prevention efforts underway in the state. Members will also receive a 2015-2016 legislative interim update and will discuss the council's key responsibilities, the development of goals, and prevention advocacy. Members will be invited to provide updates.

The complete agenda is available online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html). The public is welcome to attend.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Julie Huwe at the department's Behavioral Health Division at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or [jhuwe@nd.gov](mailto:jhuwe@nd.gov).

The council was created in recognition of the interrelationship between substance abuse prevention, education, and enforcement programs. It works to address traffic safety issues including driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, and to develop policies that promote safe, stable families and communities.

Council information is available on the Web at <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=128> or by contacting the Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division.

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