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Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol to meet August 20 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol (GPAC) will meet on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2015, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the Fort Union Room of the Capitol, 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, council members will review the executive order and membership, identify goals for the 2015-2017 biennium, discuss the development of the plan for the biennium, and review current statewide prevention efforts. The agenda is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Julie Huwe at the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division at 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or jhuwe@nd.gov.

The council was formed to explore the interrelationship between substance abuse prevention, education, and enforcement programs, to address traffic safety issues including driving under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, and to develop policies that promote safe, stable families and communities.

Council information is online at <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=128> 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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