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Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol will meet Feb. 16 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol will meet Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 1:30 to 4 p.m., Central Time, in the Fort Totten Room of the Capitol at 600 E. Boulevard Ave., in Bismarck.

The council works to promote safe and stable families and communities through collaborative substance abuse prevention, education, and enforcement programs and resources at the community, state, and federal levels.

The agenda includes a report by the North Dakota Highway Patrol and North Dakota Department of Transportation on drinking and driving. Heartview Foundation and University of North Dakota representatives will share information about Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), an evidence-based approach to identifying, reducing, and preventing problematic use, abuse, and dependence on alcohol and drugs.

The council will review information collected on existing prevention programs and programs to address risky behaviors and will review a letter to the North Dakota Board of Addiction Counseling Examiners. Members will also discuss bylaws and hear updates on the Behavioral Health Planning Council, Non-medical Use of Pharmaceuticals Task Force, the Strategic Highway Safety Plan Task Force, the Santa Run, and Run4Change, an upcoming Deutscher Family Memorial event focused on preventing drunken driving.

The meeting agenda includes time for member updates and public comment.

The complete agenda is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

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Council information is available online on the Governor's Boards and Commissions website at <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=128> or by contacting the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1C, Bismarck, ND, 58501-1208, 701-328-8920, toll-free 800-755-2719 (ND only), or dhsbhdiv@nd.gov.

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