Hello LIVE REAL Mentors,

As you all know, alcohol and other drug misuse is a problem that impacts our community as a whole. As such, it is essential that prevention efforts target not only individuals, but also environmental factors, including public policy. Laws and regulations dealing with alcohol have consistently been shown to be effective in reducing underage alcohol use, binge drinking, drunk driving, and the consequences of overconsumption.

In North Dakota, several bills dealing with alcohol or other drugs have been introduced during the 2013 legislative session and have sparked discussion across the state. The Forum recently ran an article related to House Bill 1302, which is intended to increase penalties for driving under the influence and provide funding for educational programming. This bill recently passed in the House and will need to also pass in the Senate before being sent on for the Governor’s signature.

Other bills related to alcohol and other drugs that have been introduced this session include amendments to ND’s Medical Amnesty law, adding provisions for both drugs and alcohol, and to ND’s law related to providing alcohol to minors, increasing penalties for delivery to underage individuals. Both of these bills failed to pass this session. I have attached a document that provides an overview of this legislation and updates related to the development of the bills throughout the session. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Erika

Announcements:

- The final LIVE REAL Mentor Training session for Spring semester will be held this afternoon (Thursday, April 25th) at Noon the Room of Nations
- If you haven’t already, be sure to like the NDSU Before One More Facebook Page and check out our fun photo contests and videos. You may see some familiar faces from across campus!