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Grand Forks is site of Governor's Committee on Aging Forum on April 20

BISMARCK, ND - The Governor's Committee on Aging is inviting residents of the Grand Forks region to attend a public forum Monday, April 20, 2009, 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Grand Forks Senior Center, 620 4th Ave. S. The forum is one of seven scheduled in communities across North Dakota this April featuring national and in-state experts on health promotion and disease prevention, and other issues related to living and aging well and maintaining independence.

"The North Dakota Governor's Forums on Aging are intended to be learning opportunities for seniors and others interested in issues related to aging," said Committee Chairman Amy Clark. "We are very pleased that Capt. Zachary Taylor, the health administrator of the Office of Public Health and Science, Region VIII, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is giving the keynote address. He is an expert in disease prevention and emergency preparedness."

The forum includes lunch, followed by Capt. Taylor's presentation, and presentations by others about Alzheimer's issues, home and community-based services, and the prevention and treatment of eye diseases.

The forum is free. However, a Title III meal (senior meal) will be served, and a \$3.50 contribution is suggested from those age 60 and older. The meal cost is \$7 for all others. Individuals should register by calling 701-772-2708 by April 17.

Forum sponsors include the committee and the N.D. Department of Human Services - Aging Services Division. Other forums are scheduled in Bismarck, Dickinson, Ellendale, Lisbon, New Town, and Rugby. For details see www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/docs/aging/2009-gov-committee-on-aging-forums.pdf

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