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May your holiday and the coming year be filled with joy, happiness, and good health!

The NDHA and HSI solutions offices will be closed on December 24, 25, and January 1.

Armstrong, Strinden Outline Expectations, Priorities in First Meeting with Cabinet Leaders

North Dakota Gov. Kelly Armstrong and Lt. Gov. Michelle Strinden held their first meeting with the full Governor's Cabinet on Monday, December 16, welcoming the agency heads as key leaders in the administration.

Armstrong, who took office Sunday, emphasized focusing on the core functions of government, improving services and being responsive to constituents. He also outlined the administration's priorities, including property tax reform and relief, workforce, and behavioral health. Armstrong's revised executive budget for 2025-27 will be released to the Legislature in mid-January.

"The citizens of North Dakota have given us a tremendous opportunity to make a positive difference in their lives for the next four years, and the most important step in that process is having a Cabinet full of talented, dedicated, smart people who are here for all the right reasons," Armstrong said.

The Cabinet members are:

- Joe Morrisette, director of the Office of Management and Budget
- Chris Schilken, commissioner of the Department of Commerce
- Corey Mock, chief information officer of North Dakota Information Technology
- Brig. Gen. Mitchell Johnson, adjutant general of the North Dakota National Guard
- Col. Daniel Haugen, superintendent of the North Dakota Highway Patrol
- Ron Henke, director of the Department of Transportation
- Pat Bertagnolli, executive director at Job Service North Dakota
- Dave Glatt, director of the Department of Environmental Quality
- Art Thompson, director of Workforce Safety & Insurance
- Colby Braun, director of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- Jeb Williams, director of the Game and Fish Department
- Cody Schulz, director of the Parks and Recreation Department
- Lise Kruse, commissioner of the Department of Financial Institutions
- Brad Hawk, executive director of the North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission

- Andrea Travnicek, director of the Department of Water Resources
- Tim Karsky, commissioner of the Securities Department
- Dirk Wilke, interim commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services
- Reice Haase, interim commissioner of the Department of Labor and Human Rights.



New Date for the 2025 Hospital Day at the Capitol

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

The event will be a joint venture with ND Medical Association (Physicians), ND Academy of Family Physicians, ND Emergency Medical Services Association, the ND Academy of Physician Assistants, the North Dakota Academy of Pediatrics, and the North Dakota Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons.

This is a great opportunity to connect with lawmakers on issues or specific healthcare bills, and to connect and become better acquainted with your lawmakers.

Watch for more information to come!

Workforce Development Council Releases 2024 Recommendations to Strengthen North Dakota's Workforce

The Workforce Development Council (WDC) released its 2024 recommendations earlier this month to address workforce challenges and position North Dakota for economic growth in the 2025-2027 biennium. These proposals focus on expanding career exploration, closing skill gaps, reducing employment barriers, reforming licensure processes, and attracting and retaining workers to meet the state's evolving needs.

"North Dakota's economic future depends on our ability to address workforce challenges with innovative, forward-thinking solutions," said Gov. Doug Burgum. "These recommendations demonstrate the Workforce Development Council's commitment to ensuring every North Dakotan has the opportunity to thrive while supporting our businesses in meeting their needs."

Among the key recommendations are:

- Expanding the Technical Skills Training Grant to support student on-the-job training aligned with in-demand jobs.
- Launching a comprehensive apprenticeship package that includes scholarships, pre-apprenticeship programs, and marketing efforts to promote these pathways.
- Piloting relocation and support programs for legal immigrants, with funding for transportation, housing, and job placement.
- Developing grants for digital skills and AI adoption to enhance productivity for small businesses and nonprofits.
- Creating a clearinghouse for occupational licensing concerns to improve processes for professionals and employers.

"The Workforce Development Council's dedication to ensuring North Dakota's workforce is prepared for the future is invaluable," said Commerce Workforce Director Katie Ralston Howe. "Their forward-thinking recommendations will help us attract and retain talent, drive economic growth, and strengthen our communities."

For more information on these recommendations and the Workforce Development Council's ongoing initiatives, visit <https://ndgov.link/WDC>.

SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN IN AMBULANCES TRAINING

FREE BUT REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

REGISTER WITH THE QR CODE BELOW OR AT:

<https://bit.ly/4eztDkZ>



This training is intended for first responders and ambulance staff in order to discuss safe transport for infants and children in emergency vehicles.

Zoom Sessions

(Link provided after registration. Both sessions are the same. Sign up for one.)

DECEMBER 30, 2024 - 12:00 - 1:15 PM

JANUARY 7, 2025 - 6:30 - 7:45 PM



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NDHA Education Calendar

All times listed are Central time.

Keep in mind that if you register and are unable to attend a live webinar, you will receive a link of the recording as soon as it becomes available from the host.

NDHA Members: Starting October 1, 2024, your vouchers reset, and all member hospitals have 3 vouchers to use towards NDHA education until the end of September 2025. Each voucher has a value of \$225. Let me know if you have any questions.

January, 2025

Mastering Metamorphosis – Championing Change that Lasts

Date: 1/15/25 | From: 11:00 a.m. – Noon

(FYI: This webinar is presented by Molly Mackey. She presented on psychological safety at NDHA's convention this past October.)

- [View description](#)

Mark your calendars for NDHA's 2025 C-Suite Leadership Conference scheduled for June 9-10, 2025, at the Bismarck Event Center. More details coming after the new year.

Scheduling is in the works for credentialing & privileging training. Watch for details!

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