

## Media Advisory

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### **Governor's Mental Health Task Force to Host Roundtable Discussion in Wichita**

TOPEKA – In October, the Governor's Mental Health Task Force (GMHTF) will be hosting a series of roundtable discussions across the State of Kansas with individuals who are directly dealing with the reality of mental illness. Wichita will be host to a roundtable Monday.

#### **Event: Governor's Mental Health Task Force Roundtable Discussion**

**WHO:** Members of the Governor's Mental Health Task Force and regional representatives, including providers, law enforcement and criminal justice, education, consumers, and advocacy group and community services and prevention

**WHEN:** Monday, October 14, 2013, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**WHERE:** Wichita Children's Home, 810 N. Holyoke, Wichita

Kansas Governor Sam Brownback established the GMHTF to re-evaluate the state's mental health system and determine ways to make it stronger and more effective. Task Force members represent a diverse mix of disciplines, academic backgrounds, and social services and community experiences. Mental and behavioral health staff from the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, which has the responsibility for managing the majority of the state's mental health programs, is providing support and assistance to the task force effort.

This event is open to the media. Please contact Angela de Rocha with any questions, 785-806-7482.

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