



## Section Summary

Section Name:	Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs, ATOD
Section Chair(s):	Chelsea Ridge
Number of Section Members:	45
Section Purpose:	To reduce the harms and health related effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in North Dakota and to advocate for prevention strategies.

## Section Meetings & Activities for June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023

### June 8, 2022- NDPHA Annual Meeting; Tobacco Section

- at this meeting we reformed to become the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs (ATOD) Section. Chelsea Ridge stepped down as chair and Holli Rodriguez assumed the chair position.

### September 8, 2022- ATOD Section, Holli R.

### November 8, 2022- Bismarck ATOD meeting, Chelsea R.

- Chelsea Ridge assumed chair position again, as Holli changed careers. Looking at Tobacco Retailer Training and Legislative Session agenda.

### January 20 & 24, 2023

- Start of Legislative Session. Created ATOD bill tracker and shared resources.

### February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023 / March 3, 8, 15, 22, 2023

- updates on legislative bills, review bill tracker, and brainstorm strategies. Disseminated information on Resolutions of Support, Letters to the Editor, Support Cards, educational materials, and provided testimony to legislative committees.

### April 26, 2023

- legislative re-cap. Moving forward for this committee after legislative session.

### May 31, 2023

- Regular meeting: topic is Alcohol and BreatheND website updates.



## **State and/or National Legislative Policies, Programs or Updates Relevant to Section**

1. **Cigar Lounges-** A bill to allow for smoking of cigars in cigar lounges passed the legislature undermining North Dakota's strong smoke-free law.
2. **ENDS Classification-** A bill to classify Electronic Nicotine Devices (ENDS) as tobacco products has passed the legislature. This will streamline licensing and compliance checks for vape shops and other ENDS retailers.
3. **DHHS Funding-** prevention program funding. JUUL and Opioid settlement dollars secured.

## **Report on Section Workplan for June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023**

Learning year for the ATOD section since reforming to include alcohol and other drugs and what that looks like. With a legislative session year approaching, we quickly pulled in our members to meet weekly during legislative session to share resources and strategies. This boosted the sections participation in the legislative process.

## **Proposed Section Workplan for June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024**

Address all topics of our section for discussion at meetings. Be a hub for LPHU prevention coordinators to share prevention strategies and activities together.