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PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE A GROWING CONCERN IN COUNTY *Prevention Summit Highlights Problem Among People of All Ages*

WHAT: The Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Summit will provide an overview of the problem throughout San Diego County and the nation, including specific information on prescription drug abuse by teens, college students, adults, and seniors. Participants will also develop regional prevention plans to address this growing concern.

WHO: **David Mineta**, Deputy Director of Demand Reduction, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).
Nick Macchione, Director, County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
Ralph Partridge, Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration, San Diego Field Division
Other local experts

WHEN: **Friday, August 13, 2010**
9:00 a.m.—Keynote Presentation by David Mineta
10:00 a.m.—Panel Presentations

WHERE: **Four Points Sheraton San Diego**
8110 Aero Drive—San Diego

WHY: Every day, 2,500 youth ages 12-17 abuse prescription drugs for the first time fueling the growing problem in cities and counties across the country.

Prescription drugs—pain relievers, tranquilizers, sedatives and stimulants—are among the drugs most often abused by teens according to ONDCP.

One in four teens in San Diego County has misused prescription drugs in their lifetime, according to a SANDAG study of juveniles arrested in 2009.

The Prevention Summit is sponsored by HHSA, the Prescription Drug Task Force of San Diego County, and the Drug Enforcement Agency, San Diego Field Division.

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