

NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck ND 58505

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sept. 21, 2012

Contact: LuWanna Lawrence, Public Information Officer, 701-328-1892

Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee to Meet Sept. 26

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2012, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. by means of eight video conference sites in North Dakota.

The committee meets quarterly to advise the department on issues related to meeting the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injuries and their families.

The public is invited to participate in the meeting from any one of these locations:

- **Bismarck** - N.D. Department of Human Services' Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division, Prairie Hills Plaza, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1C, Prairie Rose Room
- **Devils Lake** - Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Highway 2 SW, East Conference Room
- **Dickinson** - Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave. W., Basement General Staff Room
- **Fargo** - Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Cass Room
- **Grand Forks** - Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Suite 401, Meeting Room 5E
- **Jamestown** - South Central Human Service Center, 520 Third St. NW, Conference Room 124-126
- **Minot** - North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway, Suite 18, Conference Room 411
- **Williston** - Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Conference Room B2

Meeting agenda items include reports from the Head Injury Association of North Dakota; Community Options for Residential and Employment Services, Inc. report on the pre-vocational skills services program; HIT, Inc. report on the social and recreational services program; and Department of Human Services' Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division report on traumatic brain injury efforts in North Dakota. Other business may be discussed.

The committee includes legislators, advocates, providers, representatives of the N.D. Department of Human Services, the N.D. Department of Health, N.D. Department of Public Instruction, N.D. Department of Veterans Affairs, and Fargo VA Health Care System; individuals living with a traumatic brain injury, and family members of people who have sustained a traumatic brain injury.

For information on the advisory committee or on traumatic brain injury services and supports, contact the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division of the N.D. Department of Human Services at 701-328-8920, toll-free 1-800-755-2719 or ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888.

###