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Western N.D. video meeting sites added so residents can attend Aug. 4 traumatic brain injury services meeting

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee has added two video conference meeting sites so that residents from western N.D. can attend the upcoming quarterly meeting on Monday, Aug. 4, 2014, from 1:30 to 4 p.m., Central Time.

The public is invited to attend at these additional meeting locations: Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Avenue West, Suite 1, Basement Staff Conference Room, Dickinson, N.D., and Northwest Human Service Center, 316 2nd Ave. W., Room B200, in Williston, N.D.

Other scheduled video conference sites include:

Bismarck – DHS Prairie Hills Plaza, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Door 2 entrance, Prairie Rose Room

Devils Lake – Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Highway 2 S.W., North Conference Room

Fargo – Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Red River Room

Grand Forks – Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Ste. 401, Conference Room 5E

Minot – North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway Ave., Ste. 18, Meeting Room 411

The meeting agenda includes updates on the North Dakota Brain Injury Network, HIT Inc.'s services for people with brain injuries, and Community Options Inc.'s pre-vocational skills service that helps people with brain injuries explore jobs, develop job skills and be prepared for work. The department will also provide an update, and committee members will discuss the study the N.D. Legislative Management's interim Human Services Committee is conducting of a comprehensive system of care for people with a brain injury. The agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need aids or services to participate in the meeting can contact Julie Huwe at 701-328-8920, toll free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or dhsmhsas@nd.gov.

Committee members include legislators, advocates, providers, individuals affected by a traumatic brain injury, family members of people affected by a traumatic brain injury, and representatives of the N.D. Department of Human Services, N.D. Department of Health, N.D. Department of Public Instruction, N.D. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and Fargo VA Health Care System.

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