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Brain Injury Advisory Council to meet Sept. 21

BISMARCK, N.D. – The council that advises the North Dakota Department of Human Services (DHS) on programs and services to meet the needs of people with brain injuries and their families will meet Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Central Time, in the Pioneer Room at the State Capitol.

The council will review new member applications, the council handbook, and bylaws, and will discuss member terms, the upcoming legislative session, and bill drafts. A department representative will provide an update on the brain injury media services contract.

The meeting is open to the public, and the full agenda is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who would like information on the council or brain injury services and supports, and individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting, can contact Stacie Dailey in the Behavioral Health Division at 701-328-8941, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888, or sdailey@nd.gov.

The department contracts with community organizations to provide social and recreational programs, prevocational services, as well as return-to-work services for people affected by a brain injury. The department also provides other programs and services that may benefit people with brain injuries.

The council includes legislators, advocates, service providers, individuals living with brain injuries, family members of people with brain injuries, and representatives of the North Dakota Department of Human Services, North Dakota Department of Health, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and Fargo VA Health Care System.

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