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## **Brain Injury Advisory Council to meet on Nov. 17 in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The council that advises the North Dakota Department of Human Services (DHS) about services for people with brain injuries and their families will meet Nov. 17, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. CT, in the Pioneer Room at the state Capitol at 600 E. Boulevard Ave. in Bismarck.

The agenda includes a presentation on open records and meetings, the role and purpose of the council, the creation of bylaws, a mission statement, and vision; a review of past advisory body efforts, including a needs assessment; discussion about current efforts and member updates. The agenda also includes time at the end of the meeting for public comment.

The meeting is open to the public, and the agenda is available online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html). The public should enter the Capitol through the south (tunnel) public entrance.

Individuals who would like information about the council or brain injury services and supports, and individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting, can contact Rebecca Quinn at the North Dakota Brain Injury Network (NDBIN) at [rebecca.quinn@med.und.edu](mailto:rebecca.quinn@med.und.edu), 701-777-5200 or through Relay ND TTY at 800-366-6888.

House Bill 1085, which was approved by lawmakers in 2017, created a brain injury advisory council to advise the department and participate in activities to improve the quality of life for individuals with brain injury and their families through brain injury awareness, prevention, research, education, collaboration, support services and advocacy.

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

Individuals seeking services are encouraged to contact the North Dakota Brain Injury Network or to visit their website at [www.ndbin.org](http://www.ndbin.org). NDBIN is funded by the North Dakota Department of Human Services.

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