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## **Brain Injury Advisory Council to meet on March 23**

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 Thursday, March 23, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. CDT, in the department's office complex at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Ste. 1C, in Bismarck.

The council will discuss House Bill 1085 creating a brain injury advisory council appointed by the governor and defining the council's duties. Members will also discuss contracted brain injury media services and the Unmasking Brain Injury awareness events, and will receive a provider coalition update.

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).

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 Lauren Sauer in the department's Behavioral Health Division at 701-328-8733, [lsauer@nd.gov](mailto:lsauer@nd.gov), or through Relay ND TTY at 800-366-6888.

DHS 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.

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