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## **ND Brain Injury Advisory Council to meet Aug. 21 by video conference**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The council that advises the North Dakota Department of Human Services about services and supports for people with brain injuries and their families will meet Friday, Aug. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. CT by video conference. The meeting is open to the public.

The meeting agenda includes presentations from council subcommittees on education and awareness initiatives and continuum of care standards. Council members will also discuss the development of brain injury service protocols, tele-healthcare initiatives, statewide brain injury learning collaborative activities and a review of the council's bylaws and election of officers. Representatives from North Dakota's Department of Human Services and Department of Health will report on related agency activities.

The council will also discuss emerging legislative initiatives related to brain injuries. The council has reserved time for public comment on brain injury services and issues from 3:30 to 3:45 p.m.

The complete agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

Individuals can join the meeting by computer or other electronic device using Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88455216391>, meeting ID 884 5521 6391 or by phone at 1-346-248-7799, Conference ID 88455216391#.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting or who would like more information about the Brain Injury Advisory Council can contact council facilitator Greg Gallagher at 701-224-0588 ext. 102, 711 (TTY) or [ggallagher@agree.org](mailto:ggallagher@agree.org).

The Department of Human Services, through its Behavioral Health Division, is the designated lead agency for coordinating services to individuals with brain injury. The governor appoints advisory council members who represent people with first-hand knowledge of brain injury services, service providers, agencies and legislators. Council information is available in the boards section of the Governor's Office website at [www.governor.nd.gov/boards/](http://www.governor.nd.gov/boards/).

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