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Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee to Meet Feb. 27

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, Feb. 27, 2012, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. by means of five video conference sites in North Dakota.

The committee meets quarterly to advise the department on program and policy developments to help meet the needs of individuals with traumatic brain injuries and their families.

The public is invited to participate in the meeting from any one of these locations:

- **Bismarck** - N.D. Department of Human Services Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division, Prairie Hills Plaza, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1C, Prairie Rose Room
- **Devils Lake** - Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Highway 2 SW, East Conference Room
- **Dickinson** - Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave. W., Suite 1, Basement General Staff Conference Room
- **Fargo** – Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Red River Room
- **Minot** – North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway, Suite 18, Conference Room 411

Meeting agenda items include reports from the Head Injury Association of North Dakota; Community Options for Residential and Employment Services, Inc. report on the pre-vocational skills services program; HIT, Inc. report on the social and recreational services program; and Department of Human Services' Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division report on traumatic brain injury efforts in North Dakota. Other business may be discussed.

The committee includes legislators, advocates, providers, representatives of the N.D. Department of Human Services, the N.D. Department of Health, N.D. Department of Public Instruction, N.D. Department of Veterans Affairs, and Fargo VA Health Care System; individuals living with a traumatic brain injury, and family members of people who have sustained a traumatic brain injury.

For information on the advisory committee or on traumatic brain injury services and supports, contact the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division of the N.D. Department of Human Services at 701-328-8920, toll-free 1-800-755-2719 or ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888.

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