

# **NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services**

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### **Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee to Meet Oct. 28**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee will meet on Mon., Oct. 28, 2013, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. by means of four 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 S.W., East Conference Room
- **Fargo** - Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Red River Room
- **Grand Forks** - Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Suite 401, Meeting Room 5E

Meeting agenda items include reports from the University of North Dakota - Center for Rural Health; 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. A representative from the Centers for Independent Living will give a presentation about their organization and the various services they offer to people with disabilities. A complete agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

Individuals needing auxiliary aids or services to participate in the meeting can call Julie Huwe at 701-328-8920, toll free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or [dhsmhsas@nd.gov](mailto:dhsmhsas@nd.gov).

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

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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