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## **Brain Injury Advisory Council to meet on Dec. 21**

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 Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. CST by statewide video conference system.

Council members and other interested individuals can join the meeting at video conference sites at department regional human service centers in Bismarck, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, and Minot. People can also participate at the Job Service North Dakota office in Williston, N.D.

The council will review new council vacancies and bylaws and will discuss a bill draft, the upcoming legislative session, the definition of brain injury in state law, subcommittee work and strategic planning. Members will also receive an update on contracted brain injury media services.

The North Dakota Brain Injury Network will provide an update on its efforts to assist individuals affected by brain injury and their families. Members and stakeholders will also have an opportunity to share updates and comments.

The meeting is open to the public, and the agenda and meeting locations details are 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 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.

The council includes legislators, advocates, service providers, individuals living with brain injuries, family members of people with brain injuries, and representatives of DHS, the North Dakota Department of Health, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, North Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Fargo VA Health Care System.

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