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ND Brain Injury Advisory Council to meet Friday in Mandan

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Brain Injury Advisory Council, a citizen advisory group that includes people with lived experience and other stakeholders, will meet Friday, Feb. 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. at HIT Inc.'s office at 2640 Sunset Dr., in Mandan to hear updates on various statewide initiatives including education, awareness and the continuum of care for individuals with brain injuries.

The meeting agenda includes a presentation from Jake Reuter, director of person-centered practices and the Money Follows the Person Program, on the program's mission and current initiatives. Council members will also discuss cognitive therapy insurance provisions and a statewide brain injury learning collaborative. Representative from North Dakota's Department of Human Services and Department of Health will report on related agency activities.

There will also be discussion on emerging legislative initiatives related to brain injury. The council has reserved time for public comment on brain injury services and issues from 3:15 to 3:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

The complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

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.

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/.

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