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ND Brain Injury Advisory Council to meet May 15 by video conference

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, May 15, from 1 to 4 p.m., CT, by video conference, to hear updates on various statewide initiatives concerning education, awareness and the continuum of care for individuals with brain injuries.

The meeting agenda also includes discussion on the development of brain injury service protocols, cognitive therapy insurance provisions and statewide brain injury learning collaborative activities. Council members will hear an update on the recent submission of a draft Medicaid 1915(i) state plan amendment, that once approved by the federal government, will allow North Dakota Medicaid to pay for additional in-home and community-based services for individuals with mental health conditions, substance use disorders and/or brain injuries. Representatives 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 injuries. The council has reserved time for public comment from 3:30 to 3:45 p.m.

Interested individuals can join the meeting by a computer or other electronic device at <https://zoom.us/j/91817030812>, conference ID code 918 1703 0812 or by phone at 1-346-248-7799, conference ID code 91817030812#.

The complete agenda is online at <http://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 on the Governor's Office website at www.governor.nd.gov/boards/.

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