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## **ND Brain Injury Advisory Council calls special strategic planning meetings**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Brain Injury Advisory Council, a citizen advisory group that includes people with lived experience and other stakeholders, has scheduled three special meetings to advance strategic planning work funded by an Administration for Community Living grant. Meetings will be conducted virtually on April 11, June 11 and Oct. 17, 2022, from noon to 1 p.m. CT.

The meetings will feature Jill Ferrington from the National Association of State Head Injury Administrators and Rebecca Quinn with the North Dakota Brain Injury Network. They will assist the council in developing a statewide strategic plan. North Dakota received an Administration for Community Living federal grant to develop a state plan by July 1, 2023. The grant's goal is to build upon past accomplishments and enhance services for individuals with brain injury in the state.

Interested individuals can join the April 11 meeting virtually using Zoom or via conference call at 1-312-626-6799, meeting ID 813 7993 5568. Details, including an agenda, are in the public meeting notice online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html). The public is welcome to attend.

These special meetings will be held in addition to the previously-scheduled quarterly council meetings in 2022.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meetings or who would like more information about the North Dakota Brain Injury Advisory Council can contact facilitator Ann Crews Melton at 701-224-0588, ext. 1, 711 (TTY) or [amelton@agree.org](mailto:amelton@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/](http://www.governor.nd.gov/boards/) and on the department's website at [www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/biac/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/biac/index.html).

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