

**North Dakota Brain Injury Advisory Council**  
**Special Legislative Meeting**  
**January 10, 2017, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**  
**Teleconference**

Shannon Binstock call the meeting to order at 5:32pm Central Time.

Rebecca reviewed the voting members on the line along with everyone else who is on the call. There is enough voting members to move forward.

Senator Mathern: The current bill, House Bill 1085, that has been introduced regarding the Advisory Council becoming a Governor Appointed Council; Senator Mathern encourages all members with the council need to contact our legislators to vote yes on the bill. Council members need to reach out to the Human Service Committee legislators to vote yes for the council to move it forward.

Trina: The members of the House Human Services Committee have stated that they do not believe that Governor Appointed Councils will be approved this session.

Representative Anderson: States that the human service committee members have stated that they will not vote for a Governor's Council unless there is a really good reason for there to be a council. He really wants to know how many states have Governor Appointed Councils and where their success lies.

Rebecca: Brought up the fact that states with a Governor Appointed Council helps with scoring higher on possibly federal grant money. This was a goal back in 2009 and was unable to be filled. Will find answers for Representative Anderson regarding other states with Councils.

Senator Heitkamp's Office: Mentioned that her research regarding Brain Injury in ND shows that there has not been much movement forward since 2006 – a lot of this has been slow to move forward and Heitkamp's office feels this is a good time to bring this forward.

How many facilities in ND will house individuals with brain injury – 3 specified facilities. Dick Anderson brought up the disconnect with the Department of Human Services and what is needed for Brain Injury.

Next discussion: attempting to find someone to carry a bill forward to broaden the definition of brain injury. Ideally, finding 6 legislators to draft and carry a bill forward. The House only has until Friday to bring a bill forward. Trina states that she is hearing that it could be detrimental to all brain injury bills bringing forward another bill.

Trina motions to hold off this year on a bill to change the definition of brain injury until next session. Nan seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Next steps are to talk to and encourage legislators to vote for the Brain Injury Advisory Council to be a council Appointed by the Governor.

Shannon adjourned the meeting at 6:26pm.