



Advocacy Matters Newsletter Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire April 19, 2021

General Court News- Legislative Activities Suspension

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the General Court is conducting legislative activities remotely with the exception of publicly noticed sessions in the House or Senate Calendar. During this time, the State House and Legislative Office Building remain closed to visitors.

Legislative Update -Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur

The House was fairly quiet last week and will get a bit busier this week. They must be exhausted from their 3 days last week at the Sportsplex. The Senate is holding hearings on the budget. The DHHS hearings will be the end of the month. Now that the bills that may have a chance of becoming law are crossed over, things will get a bit more intense. We'll see if the House and Senate are going to agree on policy.

HB 251 which would require children under 2 to use rear facing car seats has a hearing in the Senate this week. The bill passed the House with some Republicans joining the Democrats on this infant safety issues. We are hoping the Senate sees this as a bi-partisan safety bill.

Brain Injury Public Policy Committee Meeting -May 11, 2021

The next scheduled Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire Public Policy Committee ZOOM Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 4:30pm**. The Brain Injury Public Policy Committee will be meeting regularly on the **second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm**. Eldon Munson, Jr., Chair of the Committee, will preside over the 2021 meetings.

During the meeting, Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire Lobbyist Teresa Rhodes Rosenberger from the Law Firm of Bernstein Shur will provide the committee with a legislative and public policy update.

All are welcome. If you are interested in attending, please visit <https://bianh.salsalabs.org/bimppcm> to register and receive the ZOOM link or contact Ellen Egerly at Ellen@bianh.org or 603-834-9570.

Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Advisory Council Public Hearing - May 18, 2021

Date: Tuesday, May 18, 2021, Time: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
ZOOM Registration Link: <https://bianh.org/bsciac-registration>

The Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Advisory Council is seeking input from stakeholders (survivors, family members, caregivers, friends, brain and spinal cord injury professionals, services agencies) with respect to the unmet needs of individuals with brain and/or spinal cord injuries.

Based upon the information gathered and as part of the Council's statutory charge from the New Hampshire Legislature, the Council will subsequently submit a report to Governor Sununu and the Legislature that contains findings and recommendations on how New Hampshire can better meet the needs of individuals with brain and/or spinal cord injuries.

We look forward to meeting you and learning about your questions, concerns and your experiences. Attached find the announcement for your review.

Brain Injury Legislative Status Report

Attached find the most recent Brain Injury Legislative Status Report for your review.

Take care-

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