



Advocacy Matters Newsletter Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire January 22, 2022

Legislative Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur

We have another busy week next week with hearing on bills for special education services for children in chartered schools, HB 1141 and HB 1428. We have seen a number of special education bills this year. It will be interesting to see what moves forward to the Senate. In addition, there is a hearing on HB 1480 which adds familial dysautonomia to the definition of developmental disability.

SB 333 which provides that a definition of home care provider includes a case management agency for licensing purposes. It will have a hearing in the Senate on Thursday.

SB 439-FN, An Act relative to the brain and spinal cord injury advisory council and community-based support programs. Steve Wade, Executive Director, of the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire will be testifying in support in front of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on January 26, 2022.

We are beginning to see Committee vote on bills. Things are moving quickly.

Teresa

Bureau of Developmental Services System Work Information Sessions

Throughout the fall of 2020, the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) underwent a [review of operations and programs](#). This review was conducted by Alvarez & Marsal – Public Sector Services (A&M). The intent of the review was to identify opportunities for DHHS and its programs to more effectively and efficiently support the citizens of New Hampshire.

The review identified opportunities for BDS to update several areas key to how individuals and families access services and supports, as well as opportunities to ensure an adequate provider network to provide the supports necessary to serve individuals and families in New Hampshire.

How You Can Stay Informed And Engage In The Process:

This meeting will be held virtually and is open to members of the public. These meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the first full week of every other month, starting in January of 2022. The details of the next meeting are below.

Webinar Dates: Every 2 months on the first Thursday of the month, starting January 6, 2022, Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm ET. For more information, visit the NH Department of Health and Human Services Website:

[Brain Injury Public Policy Committee Meeting - February 8, 2022](#)

The next Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire Public Policy Committee ZOOM Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 4:30pm.**

[Brain Injury Legislative Status Report](#)

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

Take care-

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