



## **Advocacy Matters Newsletter**

### **Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire**

**June 10, 2023**

#### **State Budget Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur**

What a week. The Senate finished their work on the budget and passed it unanimously on Wednesday. They took a 5 hour recess to add a number of things in the document which would allow Senate Democrats to vote yes. It worked. Vote was 24-0. The House did an amazing thing and concurred on the Senate budget yesterday. I have never in my decades of working each biennium on the budget seen a House concurrence. So why. Finally conventional wisdom prevailed and House Majority and Minority leadership knew things would only go downhill in a committee of conference so they both held their noises and voted to concur. Wow.

So a good win. Medicaid rates increased. Medicaid expansion has another 7 years of life. Brain Injury line item for ABD services made it intact. Good year for health care and for brain injury.

#### **Legislative Update-Teresa Rosenberger, Lobbyist, Bernstein Shur**

Other big new is SB 118, the rear facing car seat bill we have been championing all year passed the House. It's off to the Governor. Huge win for kids and great job by brain Injury folks with others in the coalition.

Now the only things left are a number of bills to have committee if conferences formed which will be on the 15th. Then come back for a final vote on Committees of conference on the 29th then summer. There is some concern that with things basically done, many members will choose the beach or golf instead of Concord. If so, you could see some Democratic initiatives that have been tabled, come off the table and pass.

I am not even seeing study committees or retained bill scheduled. Folks are ready for a break.

We are basically slow until study committees start in late summer. Teresa

## **Invitation to the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Public Hearing**

**June 14, 2023, 3:00 - 5:00 pm**

**Location: Granite State Independent Living, 21 Chenell, Drive, Concord, NH**

**Registration is Required, Light Refreshments**

It is important that people with brain and spinal cord injuries, their family members and individuals/organizations that provide supports and services to these people attend this public hearing to share with the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Advisory Council(BSCIAC) what is currently working and what is not in their lives.

### **Why?**

Your feedback based on your experience is important to the council to include when their annual report is compiled, this report is a statutory charge from the New Hampshire Legislature. If you would like to review past BSCIAC reports, visit the Brain Injury Association of New Hampshire website at [www.bianh.org](http://www.bianh.org)

## **2023 Brain Injury Public Policy WRAP UP Meeting Invitation**

The next Brain Injury Public Policy Meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 4:30 pm, all are welcome to attend.* Teresa will be providing us with an end of the year wrap up.

Included on the agenda will be the discussion of proposed legislation for the next legislative session. The committee would like to hear thoughts from individuals from the brain injury community.

ZOOM Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86858047776?pwd=QzVxSFR6MWkxQ0M1T0gvRXRYTDZiZz09>

Meeting ID: 868 5804 7776

Passcode: 796391

## **Brain Injury Legislative Status Report**

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

Take care,

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