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PUBLIC INVITED TO TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY CONFERENCE

Carson City—Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director Mike Willden announced today that members of the public and professional nurses and social workers are invited to attend the Nevada Traumatic Brain Injury Conference, which will be held in Sierra Health Services Chairman's Auditorium in Las Vegas October 18 and 19, 2007. The conference is being hosted by the Nevada Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council in partnership with Sierra Health Services, Inc.

The purpose of the conference is to provide participants with information about:

- Specific strategies and techniques for working with persons with brain injuries.
- Current research and practice.
- Becoming a more knowledgeable consumer, advocate, or self advocate.
- Prevention of brain injuries.
- Local and regional resources for brain injury victims.
- How to more effectively and efficiently manage the cost and course of recovery from brain injury.

Keynote speakers include:

- **Marilyn Price Spivack:** Former President and founder of the National Brain Injury Association.
- **Barbara J. Sigford: MD, PhD:** National Program Director, Defense and Veteran's Brain Injury Center Program.
- **Alan Weintraub, MD:** Medical Director, Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems Grant Program, Craig Hospital.
- **Leif Leaf, PhD:** Nationally recognized neuropsychologist.

The cost to attend the conference is \$150 for participants, \$20 for family members, and \$5 for survivors. The sponsor hotel for the conference is Texas Station, which is offering rooms rates of \$58.36 per night to conference participants.

To register for the conference, go to http://dhhs.nv.gov/ODS_DisabilityServices.htm to download a brochure. For more information about the conference and about the Nevada Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Council, call (702) 259-1903.

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