

AECCC Full Council 28 April 2016

Attendees:

Deputy Commissioner Betty Walters, DEED

Becca Braun, Governor's Office

Anji Gallanos, DEED

Gennifer Moreau, DHSS

Tracy Spartz-Campbell, Deputy Director OCS, DHSS

Maureen Harwood, SDS, DHSS

Brian Holst, Juneau Development and Economic Council

Sherrell Holtshouser, DPH, DHSS

Debbie Baldwin, RuralCAP/Head Start

Carrie Truett, HCS, DHSS

Abbe Hensley, Best Beginnings

Dr. Matt Hirschfeld, SCF

Marcey Bish, DPA, DHSS

Christina Hulquist, DPA, DHSS

Dee Foster, ACMHS

Veronica Plumb, University of Alaska

Gail Trujillo, AILPA

Stephanie Berglund, Thread

UPDATES:

- AECCC Advocacy – Debbie Baldwin and Abbe Hensley: AEYC, Head Start, AILPA, PAT, Thread, Best Beginnings, and A2P2 hired a legislative tracker to help set advocacy priorities. These priorities are called out and aligned with the AECCC in the “Investing in Alaska’s Young Children,” circular. Funding for PreK, PAT, and Best Beginnings was zeroed in the House, added in in the Senate and removed from the budget in conference committee. Final budget pending, the House Minority committed to leveraging the CBR

to ensure EC funding put back in the budget. Discussion followed about how grant distributions are impacted by budget delays resulting in diminished reporting ability by grantees.

- ECCS update – Gennifer Moreau: Competitive grant submitted, current grant ends 30 June. New grant targets communities (Norton Sound, Kodiak, and MatSu). New grant requires “25% improvement in developmental skills from baseline for 0-3 year olds in target communities. Ongoing non-federal support: Early Intervention capacity building with Juneau Youth Services, Alaska Center for Children and Families, and Anchorage Community Health Services providing the workforce development, developmental screening with support from DBH providing a cross-walk for current screening tools to be used for young children, and screening technical assistance supported through funding to Alaska Center for Pediatrics, and Strengthening Families outreach as well as support for the DPH Help Me Grow initiative.
- ILP – Maureen Harwood: Part C application has been submitted. Public comment and review ongoing. Transition ongoing for ILP to move to SDS. There was a request at the table for a partner call for improved messaging regarding the move to SDS. Noted that Lisa Balivet is retiring.
- ACEs - Dr. Hirschfeld, A2P2: A2P2 presented to the legislature in JNU with Dr. Felitti (one of the original ACEs research scientists). The Felitti presentation is available via recording. The legislature demonstrates an understanding of ACEs but there is a partisan divide on whether it is a “family problem,” or a “state problem.” House Resolution on ACEs sponsored by Rep. Geran Tarr passed through HSS, but unlikely to move out of Finance. Alaska presenters presenting at the World Infant Mental Health conference in Prague this spring. A2P2 has been presenting across the state, and targeting providers and family groups. The family groups represent a grass roots strategy and families have been organized through North Star, ANMC, OCS, and Stone Soup. Alaska Children’s Trust is rolling out a resiliency initiative.
- University – Veronica Plumb: Budget cuts to the University have resulted in reduced positions. Student enrollment is up so programs are not at risk. Learn and Grow is rolling out with an Administrator’s certificate. UA has a grant to work on arts in early child programs. Reported that 5 teachers are graduating in rural Alaska, and UA with RuralCAP financial support is holding two summer intensives to support comprehension and computation skills. DPA has entered into a RSA with UA to provide scholarships for students who will be employed in licensed facilities and registered in SEED.
- DPH - Sherrell: Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting federal award continued so the home visiting program is continuing in Anchorage and MatSu. The Healthy Start program in Norton Sound is being administered by DPH through May. The ECCS, if awarded, could pick up where Health Stat terminates. Other Home Visiting programs being contacted by DPH to post data. Request for participating in Help Me Grow

workgroups. Discussion followed on pre-natal indicators and maternal screening, or “interception.”

- PRESENTATION – University “Results from Understanding the Alaska Developmental Profile:” *See attached powerpoint.*
- Anchorage Community Mental Health Services – Dee Foster: Dee reported that ACMH, AWAKE and CIC are working together to add a second clinician to work with children and families at the AWAKE shelter. The clinician will be working with moms using the ARC model.
- Best Beginnings – Abbe Hensley: An Imagination Library survey demonstrated positive impact on family interactions and wellness.
- Juneau Development and Economic Council – Brian Holst: JDEC will be attending a social impact investing training.
- EPSDT – Carrie Truett- EPSDT CMS 416 report on screenings and well child checks posted and available to public. Alaska Medicaid has a 100% screening for 0 – 1 well checks, but the 0 – 20 screenings and check ups drop to 50% which is below the national average of 65%.
- AILPA – Gail Trujillo: Capacity for Infant Mental Health (0-3 year olds) at 8 endorsed in the state in Fairbanks, Sitka, Anchorage and MatSu. Anticipating 16 more endorsements.
- Thread – Stephanie Berglund: Invitations distributed to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Thread. QRIS launch with support from Best Beginnings and CCPO/DPA. QRIS press release forth coming. Comments on economic impact of childcare. Noted that Juneau Alaska teacher Ami-Jo Meiners will be attending DC teacher of the year and participating in economic impact discussions at a policy level.
- DPA CCPO – Marcey Bish: Regulations packages signed by Lt. Governor. Effective date of 15 May for regulations impacting training, group home and center clarifications, and inspections. Training on the new regulations to roll out 1 July to coincide with the new fiscal year. Child Care Assistance regulation package out for public comment and this package includes 12 month eligibility, market survey and federal CCDBG revisions.

ACTION NEEDED:

Please submit comments for NGA priority planning by COB Wednesday 4 May.

NEXT MEETINGS:

28 July

3 November