



Alaska Health and Disability Program Committee Meeting Minutes

Present

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Shared Goal

Improve health across the lifespan for Alaskans experiencing disability.

Purpose

Bring together our partners from the Alaska Health & Disability Program to discuss and highlight the Behavioral Health section of the strategic plan.

AHDP Brief Overview

Discussion: Behavioral Health

Updates, questions, and suggestions on this section were discussed.

- Access
 - Bullet #1: Division of Behavioral Health and Health Care Services will create and maintain a list of behavioral health providers that accept Medicaid.
 - Have not moved forward with this yet
 - How is this going to happen?
 - Comprehensive Ideas:
 - List of Native providers- each agency has a list (i.e. SCF, Knik Tribal, VA, Disabled Veterans Center
 - Have AHDP and DBH host a link on their websites
 - Bullet #2-4
 - Routes of Dissemination: (communication and information accessibility refers to plain language for materials, built environment accessibility refers to the building being accessible; basic ADA as well as additional recommendations)
 - Listserv
 - Conferences
 - 2-1-1
 - Case Managers Meetings – Anchorage monthly meeting
 - Assisted Living Facilities
 - Psychology Association
 - Public Health Centers (i.e. Mat-Su Sunshine)
 - DSDS has a table- can put brochures there
 - Groups? Coalitions?
 - NAMI
 - Alaska Behavioral Health Association

- Provider- Tom Chard (Heidi has contact)
 - Public Health centers
 - Health Fairs
 - Intervention Centers (i.e. Caroline)
 - Crisis Lines – Crisis Line workers can give out information
 - Denali Family Services
 - Autism Parenting Group
 - Centers for the Blind, Center for the hearing impaired, ADRC, ATLA
- Data/Surveillance
 - We have BRFSS data- any other data?
 - Client Status Review?
 - There is no room in the current survey to include standardized disability questions
 - Can AHDP state the specific question/s we would like included and add it to the appendix of the Strategic Plan?
- Education/Awareness
 - One way- advocate for funding is through the legislature for continued funding of the Alaska Healthcare Workforce Plan
 - Places to obtain materials for AHDP to disseminate accessible materials on Behavioral Health
 - Accessible= plain language, appropriate literature level, technologically accessible
 - Alaska Mental Health Board
 - ABADA
 - SAMHSA
 - ATLA
 - Faith Based Organizations (i.e. Dream Center)
 - Would have to review for content
 - Ideas for a better way to promote Depressor Screener at doctor appointments
 - Contact Alaska Family Physicians
 - Contact Specialized Support Centers
 - Support Staff (i.e. nurses)
 - Information in waiting rooms (such as posters)
 - Medical Licensing (have them disseminate)
 - Continuing Education Units (CEUs)
 - Include with LEND's Provider Toolkit
 - Places to obtain materials to disseminate accessible materials on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
 - ABADA
 - United Way
 - SAMHSA
 - Mental Health Court
 - Parole Officers
 - National Institute on Drug Abuse
- Collaboration
 - Alaska Workforce Investment Board already report on these items
 - Other Possible Partners?
 - NAMI

- Behavioral Health- Tom Chard
- SCF
- ANTHC

Announcements & Upcoming Meeting Dates

- The Strategic Plan is being formatted. It will be printed and bound. We will also be developing a 4 page executive summary that will be available in hardcopy and our website.
- AHDP will be using their carryover funds to partner with Get Out and Play Every Day to make a commercial that is inclusive of children and adults with disabilities.
- LEND is recruiting for it's next program (September 2015 to May 2016). It will offer workforce credential as well as a stipend. Learn more at alaskalend.org. Application deadline March 31.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 from 1:00-2:00 pm in Suite 880 of the Frontier Building (3601 C Street, Anchorage) Topic area: Emergency Preparedness

Action Items

Lanny: Send out meeting minutes

Minutes recorded by Lanny Mommsen