



Greetings Everyone and Happy Summer from the SDS ASP Project Team!

Following is a brief update of the ASP project status and also an invitation to help find a name for our new SDS data system.

**Project Updates:**

June 29<sup>th</sup>, the internal portion of the system for our HCS partner, the Assisted Living Home Licensing unit went live! The implementation went well and the licensing supervisors and staff are very pleased with their piece of the “Provider Management” system. We are tooting our train whistle to that success. Their licensees will come into the system a little further down the road.

**The next SDS part of the system, the provider and consumer management, has moved out on the schedule to about March 2016.** This means that testing and training activities will be approximately as follows:

- User Testing: September 23 – October 19, 2015
- Pilot Testing: November 4 – 25, 2015
- State User Training: January 2016
- External Provider Users: January 2016 – February 17, 2016

Additional functionality such as the waiver service logic, the Developmental Disability Registry, Service Authorization interface will be implemented in months thereafter.

**Name the System!**

We are searching for a name for our new data system and looking for your ideas to come forward. We want to come up with something that embraces all of what the system touches. We have a couple of suggestions we would like your feedback on. Please think about the following ideas and/or come up with your own.

**SEND YOUR RESPONSE TO the ASP project mailbox  
at: [DsdPmoMailbox@alaska.gov](mailto:DsdPmoMailbox@alaska.gov) by August 14th**

**NAME SUGGESTIONS SO FAR:**

1. **AKPortrait – or AKPORTRAIT - Alaska PORTal, Resource And Information Tool**  
Reasoning- neutral, positive, person centered, each portrait is unique depending on where the person is in the system. Not able to easily make into other negative slang words, can be thought of as incorporating lots of

elements to “make the whole picture”. Doesn’t imply “automation” - to try to get focus away from “computerizing” and efficiency/convenience, doing more for the provider. (although we know that will happen- but it’s better to keep the focus on “the people we serve”. Also nobody else in SOA is using this name.)

**2. “Unity” because the system brings our programs together in one place.**

**3. Harmony in Alaska or Alaska Harmony**

What do you think about these?

Now, let your imaginations go and make suggestions! As you think about this, remember that Harmony is helping us bring together all of the following plus room to grow as our works grows and changes.

- Centralized Reporting System across the APS, QA and Licensing units
- Waiver and PCS programs management
- General Relief
- Nursing Home Transition
- Long Term Care
- Traumatic and Acquired Brain Injury Registry
  
- Provider Certification and other provider approvals (eg., LTC Facilities and Grantees will be listed in the system)
- Provider Compliance Management
  
- Care Coordinator and service providers will be using the system
- ADRCs and STARs will be using the system
- Hospital and Nursing Home Facilities will be using the system

Sincerely,  
The ASP Project Team