

Community Choice and Supports



April 2014

Legislative Update

Complex Behavior Collaborative

Secured \$525.0 in base funding!!

5-Year Plan Goals & Objectives

Community Choice and Supports

- **Goal 2.1** Advocate for a minimum of 3 new or amended state of public programs, policies or practices per year that promote consumer choice, flexibility and control of services.
 - 2.1.1 Advocate for funding for the Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC).
 - 2.1.2 Advocate for the removal of “mental retardation” from all state statutes and regulations.
 - 2.1.3 Advocate for an increase in wages and benefits for direct service professionals.
 - 2.1.4 Implement the ASPEN in at least 2 communities to better meet the needs of individuals with disabilities who are victims of sexual or physical assault.
 - 2.1.5 Collaborate with ATLA and the Assistive Technology Coalition to get a statewide assistive technology reuse program in place.

5-Year Plan Goals & Objectives

Capacity Building for Community Choice and Supports

- **Goal 2.2** Support capacity building activities (i.e., training, technical assistance, collaboration, consultation) for at least 300 individuals per year that promote consumer choice, flexibility and control of services.
 - 2.2.1 Continue to work with the Home and Community Based Services waiver system to improve information and referral services through the Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC).
 - 2.2.3 Continue to collaborate with the Center for Human Development and other stakeholders to improve the quality of the direct service workforce.

5-Year Plan Goals & Objectives

Beneficiary Board to the Trust

- **Goal 2.3** Conduct statutorily mandated responsibilities as a beneficiary board to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (The Trust)
 - 2.3.1 Continue to participate in The Trust budget recommendation and planning process.
 - 2.3.2 Continue to collaborate with The Trust and partner boards on legislative priorities including participation in advocacy coordination meetings.
 - 2.3.3 Continue to collaborate with The Trust in implementing public awareness campaigns to reduce stigma.
 - 2.3.4 Support the distribution of Mini Grants to individuals with DD.

Developmental Disabilities Committee



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FY14 Accomplishments

- Reviewed DD Registry and Review (monthly)
 - As of 4/2/14: 700 waiting for waiver services
 - 181 individuals were pulled off of the waiting list to date for FY14, which is on target for 220-240 per FY.
- Reviewed DD Registry and Review Quarterly Report (11/6/13)
- Office of Rate Review comments on Medicaid payment for personal care attendant and Home and Community Based Services (10/30/13)
- Participated in SDS's Transportation Forum (10/11/13)
- Updates from Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) regarding housing and people with disabilities (monthly)

FY14 Accomplishments, Cont.

- Formulated questions for SDS on the rising cost of I/DD waivers (11/1/14)
- Reviewed responses from SDS regarding the rising costs of I/DD waivers (2/5/14)
- Inaugural Durable Medical Equipment and Technology reuse meeting and tour of Access Alaska's Reuse facility (1/3/14)
- I/DD Registration and Review Workgroup meeting (3/11/14)
- Attended webinar on the new Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services Guidelines for Home and Community-Based Services (4/1/14)
- Reviewed the FY13 DD Registration & Review Report (4/4/14)

Recommended Priorities for FY15

Community Inclusion and Supports

1. Ensure that direct service professionals (DSPs) receive living wages and benefits.
2. I/DD Registration and Review Workgroup.
3. Review the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines for Home and Community Based Services, issued in March of 2014, and comment on SDS's implementation plan.

Recommended Priorities for FY15, Cont.

Housing

1. Define the use of assistive home technology that increases independence of individuals with disabilities (\$50.0 Trust funds, expires June 2015).

Health

1. Review procedures for Medicare/Medicaid prior authorizations for prescriptions. Propose recommendations for improvements as necessary.

2. Review policies to examine the feasibility of durable medical equipment and technology reuse.

Ongoing and Monitoring for FY15

Advocacy and Leadership

1. Assist the self-advocacy organization (Peer Power) to meet regularly, gather new members and locate ongoing funding.

Community Inclusion and Supports

1. Receive and review quarterly reports on the Alaska Safety Planning Empowerment Network (ASPEN).

Ongoing and Monitoring for FY15, Cont.

Other

1. Rate Review - Monitor implementation of the new rate methodology for community disability programs.
2. Coordinate advocacy efforts with Key Coalition and Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD).
3. Review proposed regulations that may affect the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and provide comment as necessary.
4. Data review (SDS: waiver services, I/DD RR, grants).

Partner Priorities and Recommendations

- Senior and Disabilities Services
- Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities
- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
- Center for Human Development
- Disability Law Center of Alaska
- Aging and Disability Resource Centers
- Alaska Safety Planning and Empowerment
- Developmental Disabilities Mini-Grants

FASD Workgroup

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FASD Workgroup Priorities

FASD Informed Care: Intervention, Advocacy, Prevention

1. Provide Services: DD eligibility, birth through life supports.
2. Self Advocacy and Advocacy: *Self-Advocates with FASD in Action (SAFA)* and substance abuse treatment for individuals with FASD.
3. Prevention of Secondary Characteristics: Training, information and awareness.

Discussion and Selection of FY15 Priorities

