

Developmental Disabilities Committee Work Plan for FY14

Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education

A. Advocacy & Leadership

Assist (A) or Lead (L)	Priority	Activities	Partners	Timeline
A	1. Assist the self-advocacy organization (Peer Power) to meet regularly, gather new members and locate ongoing funding.	Monitor and receive quarterly updates. See Peer Power Workplan.	Tracy Golly, Peer Power Advisor Ric Nelson	Ongoing Monthly Updates
A	2. Assist the self-advocacy organization to create and implement a strategic plan and website.	Monitor and receive quarterly updates. See Peer Power Workplan.	Tracy Golly, Peer Power Advisor	Ongoing Monthly Updates

B. Community Inclusion & Supports

Assist (A) or Lead (L)	Priority	Activities	Partners	Timeline
L	1. Assure that Direct Service Professionals (DSP) receive living wages and benefits.	a) Coordinate with the Key Coalition to advocate for a workgroup to look at DSP living wage. b) Coordinate with AADD to align with new rate methodology conversations.	Hope Key Coalition	
A	2. Equipment and technology reuse, including changing Medicaid policies to allow for reuse.	a) Tour Access Alaska’s reuse facility – complete in January 2014. b) Meet with <i>Pass It On Center</i> folks (Complete in March 2014)	Medicaid Ad Hoc Committee / DME Re-Use & Recycling Partnership	January 3, 2014 (Complete) Move to FY15

A	3. Ensure that funding for the Alaska Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC) is set into the base.	Advocate for base funding. See Legislative Committee Workplan.	Legislative Committee	Pending Completion
A	4. Alaska Safety Planning Empowerment Network (ASPEN).	Monitor and provide guidance. See ASPEN Workplan.	ASPEN Planning Committee	Ongoing

C. Housing

Assist (A) or Lead (L)	Priority	Activities	Partners	Timeline
L	1. Promote the use of assistive home technology that increases the independence of individuals with disabilities.	Use of AMHTA funds (\$50,000, expires 2015). a) Brainstorm ideas for use of funds. b) Meet with Trust Housing Group to gain insight of possible ideas.	Trust Housing Group ATLA	(a) Complete (b) May
A	2. Develop a (Review and provide feedback to make a) public awareness campaign about local housing options and resources, as well as resources for home modifications.	a) Does AHFC have resource materials on modifications? b) See what the SILC or Access Alaska has in the way of resources. c) Update the list of resources.	Trust Housing Group AHFC (?)	None (Committee felt this was not in our purview—bring to full Council for review)
L	3. Advocate for housing for unserved and underserved groups (transitioning youth, criminal justice system).	a) Gather info on the programs that are available, and then identify the gaps in service.	Trust Housing Group	*Need to review for FY 2015

D. Transportation

Assist (A) or Lead (L)	Priority	Activities	Partners	Timeline
A	1. Continue to work with SDS to implement changes to the Home and Community-Based Services regulations to include transportation as part of supported employment services.	Submitted comments in August 2012. SDS did not include our recommendations in the regulations effective July 2013.	Transportation & Employment Ad Hoc Committee	Unmet (move to E & T Committee)

E. Employment

Assist (A) or Lead (L)	Priority	Activities	Partners	Timeline
A	1. Advocate for employment first legislation.	Monitor and receive quarterly updates. See Transportation and Employment Ad Hoc Committee Workplan.	Legislative Committee Transportation & Employment Ad Hoc Committee	E & T Committee
A	2. Advocate for the State of Alaska to become a model employer for people with disabilities.	<i>State of Alaska as a Model Employer of People with Disabilities</i> report was released in April 2013.	Transportation & Employment Ad Hoc Committee	E & T Committee
A	3. Increase opportunities for people with disabilities to become self-employed (micro-enterprise).	Support the Micro-Enterprise Grant Program through the AMHTA.	Transportation & Employment Ad Hoc Committee	E & T Committee

A	4. Increase the employment of youth with disabilities transitioning to adult life (Project SEARCH).	Monitor and receive quarterly updates.	Transportation & Employment Ad Hoc Committee	E & T Committee
A	5. Advocate for changes to Home and Community-Based Services that will increase employment supports for people with disabilities (priority given to employed youth transitioning from school to adult life).		Transportation & Employment Ad Hoc Committee	E & T Committee

F. Health

Assist (A) or Lead (L)	Priority	Activities	Partners	Timeline
A	1. Provide training to individuals with disabilities, direct care professionals and emergency responders regarding preventative health care and emergency preparedness for individuals with disabilities.	Monitor and Receive quarterly updates. See Health and Disabilities Ad Hoc Committee.	Health and Disabilities Ad Hoc Committee	Move to Health and Disabilities Ad Hoc Committee
A	2. Develop recommendations for state and federal Medicaid reform.	Letter sent to Commissioner Streur in March 2013 regarding recommendations for cost savings within the Medicaid system.	Medicaid Ad Hoc Committee	Complete (expand for FY15)

G. Monitoring and Ongoing Activities

Activity	Partners	Timeline
1. Review quarterly data on the number of individuals waiting for services, expenditures of Home and Community-Based Services waivers (average score of individuals coming off of the waitlist, number of individuals being served out of state, number of individuals with DD in a long-term nursing home, number of families who choose not to use HCBS when offered, etc.) and the expenditures of state grant-funded services.	Senior and Disabilities Services	Monthly and Quarterly Ongoing
2. Support the Family Waiver Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure that families on the DD Registry are invited to the trainings by posting trainings to the GCDSE listserv and to AADD members. 	Center for Human Development Disability Law Center	Ongoing
3. Rate Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor implementation of the new rate methodology for community disability programs. 	AADD	Monitoring
4. Coordinate advocacy efforts with Key Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff and members sit on Key Coalition Board. • Council members can attend Key Campaign. • Provide \$5,000 annual stipend for non-Council member self-advocates to attend the Campaign. 	Key Coalition	Ongoing
5. Review proposed regulations that may affect the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and provide comment as necessary.	Disability Law Center	Ongoing