

Developmental Disabilities Committee

October 2015
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FY15 Accomplishments

Welcome, Jeanne, as new chair!

- ✓ Monthly updates from Alaska Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) regarding housing for people with disabilities
- ✓ Published “Housing Barriers for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities 2015” Report
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/gcdse/Documents/Publications/HousingBarriers2015.pdf>
- ✓ Submitted Council comment on AHFC’s Consolidated Housing & Community Development Plan
- ✓ Submitted Council comment on new DD determinations policies from Senior & Disability Services (SDS)



FY15 Accomplishments, cont'd

- ✓ Staff worked with research team at Center for Human Development (CHD) on an National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant proposal
- ✓ Provided input on Medicaid ad hoc's letter regarding reductions in the Developmental Disabilities Registration and Review (DDRR) “waitlist” draws
- ✓ Staff and committee members facilitated community forums for 5-year state plan in:
 - ❖ Sitka (13)
 - ❖ Ketchikan (15)
 - ❖ Fairbanks (18)
 - ❖ Soldotna (9)
 - ❖ Cordova (so far!)



FY15 Accomplishments, cont'd

✓ Staff and committee members planning community forums for 5-year state plan in:

- ❖ Anchorage (tonight!)
- ❖ Kotzebue – Oct 21
- ❖ Bethel – Oct 28
- ❖ Homer – Oct 28
- ❖ Kodiak – Oct 29
- ❖ Palmer – Nov 4
- ❖ Eagle River – Nov 19

Please note, all dates are tentative. Further announcements will be made when forums are finalized!



FY15 Ongoing Work Activities

- ✓ Provide comment on SDS policy and regulation changes
- ✓ Provide comment on Alaska Housing Finance Corporation plans and programs for people with disabilities
- ✓ With the Medicaid ad hoc, provide input on Council comment regarding Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines, final rules, and other Medicaid changes
- ✓ Advocate for a living wage for Direct Service Providers (DSPs)



Questions?



FASD Workgroup

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

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FY15 Accomplishments

✓ Created mission statement:

The Alaska Governor's Council Workgroup on FASD, in collaboration with stakeholders and partner agencies, advocates for a comprehensive service delivery system so that individuals and their families impacted by prenatal alcohol exposure (PAE)/ Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASDs) have access to effective early interventions and lifelong supports.

✓ Participated in monthly FASD Statewide Partnership steering committee meetings

✓ Had guest speakers from Senior & Disabilities Services and Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium



FY15 Accomplishments, cont'd

- ✓ Evaluation of Volunteer's of America "FAScinating Families Camp, 2015"
- ✓ Organized Anchorage FASD Awareness Day event, 9/9/15, Anchorage School District atrium with:
 - ❖ First Lady Donna Walker
 - ❖ Mayor Ethan Berkowitz
 - ❖ 6 self-advocates and 4 parent speakers
 - ❖ 4 provider/administrator speakers
 - ❖ 23 informational tables
 - ❖ Nearly 170 attendees!



FY15 Ongoing Work Activities

- ✓ Definition of physician in Department of Education regulations, so that advanced nurse practitioners can diagnose FASD on Individualized Education Program (IEPs), with Education Committee
- ✓ Review Medicaid changes to 1915 i and k in order to expand DD eligibility to individuals with FASD



Questions?



**Medicaid Reform
ad hoc Committee**

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FY15 Accomplishments

- ✓ Started meeting more regularly:
 - ❖ Held meetings in August, September, October
- ✓ Submitted Council comment on changes to the waiver performance measures
- ✓ Submitted Council comment on SDS's proposed reductions in DDRR "waitlist" draws (from 200 to 50 per year)



FY15 Ongoing Work Activities

- ✓ Crafting Council comment on SDS's revised transition plan on settings, which was rejected by CMS, from March 2014 final rule
- ✓ Members participating in SDS's "Implementation Council" to design the system change from 1915 c to 1915 i and k plans
- ✓ Will write Council comment, with input from DD committee, on SDS's conflict-free case management system and other waiver renewal changes (due to CMS on April 20, 2016)



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