



Executive Director Report



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October 2015 Council Meeting

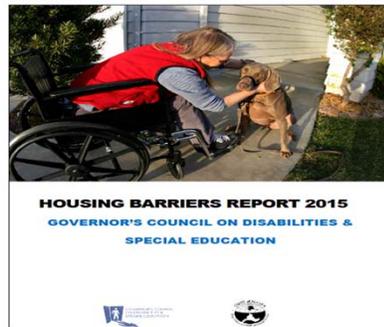


Staff Update/Changes

- Tragic loss of our colleague, Marilee Rivas
- Kristin Vandagriff promoted to Program Coordinator II and lead for all Council Employment efforts. Also participated in National Leadership Consortium in DD training
- Ric Nelson hired as Program Coordinator I, assisting Kristin in Employment, plus Peer Power and legislative advocacy (no intern)
- Rich Sanders on long term leave. Back 10/12
- HalleliYah Yisra'el hired as our new Admin II
- Goodbye to Tracy Golly as Peer Power Advisor

Reports, Surveys, etc.

- Published the GCDSE Housing Barriers Report (BH)
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/gcdse/Documents/Publications/HousingBarriers2015.pdf>



Reports, Surveys, etc.

- Revised Certificate of Employment Services Training with CHD (from WA) and started in Alaska (KV)
- Assisted SDS with conflict free case management survey of providers (BH)
- Wrote and submitted Council comment on SDS's (on website):
 - Waiver Performance Measures (BH/MedAdHoc=MA)
 - Changes in DD Determination Policies (BH/MA)
 - Proposed Waitlist Draw reductions (BH,PR/MA)
- Created Council Policies and Procedures Manual (BH/ExCom)
- Wrote and submitted Council comments on AHFC Consolidated Housing and Development Plan (BH)



Reports, Surveys, etc.

- Submitted Statement of Intent documents for Trust grants
- Prepared materials on Council for Commissioner Davidson (PR)
- Bylaws Work Group Report (BH)
- DEED/FASD– Wrote definition and comments regarding definition of physician (BH/CR).
- Trust Report for August meeting including Capital requests (PR)
- Provided input on SDSs RFP for Medicaid 1915 I and k plan contractor (BH/PR)
- Provided final comments to Senator Murkowski and Senator Sullivan on Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Reauthorization, (CR/EdCom)



Reports, Surveys, etc.

- Worked on curriculum on Discovery Class Pilot in collaboration with CHD, DVR and ASD (KV)
- Comments to State Board of Education regarding proposed change in definition of physician (CR)
- Prepared, submitted and got approved Alaska APSE Chapter paperwork as fully chartered chapter (KV)
- Began work on Transition Handbook (CR/KV)
- Added Department of Education and Early Development transition services narrative to employment matrix document (KV)



Trainings and Presentations

- Emergency Preparedness presentations at Hope and Senior Center (LM)
- AIEI Grant Meeting, July 28-30, Alexandria, VA (KV)
- Nutrition and Healthy Eating, Hope (LM)
- Trust Meeting, Aug. 26-27, Anchorage (PR/Amy)
- SHRM Conference, Sept. 29-30, Anchorage- (KV/PR/RN/Erin Riehle/John Cannon/Duane Mayes)
- APSE Conference, June 22-23, Philadelphia (KV/PR Lucy and Rep. Millett –Kristin spoke 2 X, Lucy national award winner! and Rep. Millett too)



Trainings and Presentations (Cont'd)

- NACDD National Conference, July 20-24, Sparks, NV (BH/Amy)
- 25 Year ADA Anniversary Celebration, July 26 – PR and RN Spoke, BH organized)
- Presentation at Aging and Disability Summit (KV)
- Office of Federal Compliance and Control (OFCC) presentation to federal contractors (KV and Peer Power)
- Developing Emergency Operating Plans Train-the-trainer (LM) Now able to provide TA to school districts
- SESA Board meetings (PR/CR, Anthony, Terese, Taylor)



Trainings and Presentations (Cont'd)

- Project Search Interviews for KTUU, KTBY and Peninsula Clarion (KV/Erin Riehle)
- Guest Chamber of Commerce or community presentations on Project Search in Anchorage, Palmer and Kenai (KV/Erin Riehle)
- AIEI Advisory Board meeting in May and letters to Emp1st departments on data needs (KV)
- Office of SpEd Programs technical assistance meeting in Chicago on social-emotional indicators (CR)
- LEND fellow presentations on SpEd (CR)
- Autism Ad Hoc Meeting in June and Oct. 6 and follow up on Five Year Plan (CR)



Trainings and Presentations (Cont'd)

- State Plan Community Forums in Fairbanks, Sitka, Ketchikan, Kenai and Cordova (BH/KV/CR/LM/PR)
- Organized FASD Awareness Day Activities in Anchorage on 9/9 with First Lady and Mayor (BH)
- DD, Traumatic Brain Injury and MicroEnterprise Minigrant reviews and award recommendations (KV, BH/CR)
- Planning of Alaska Leadership Consortium (BH)
- AHFC new 811 housing program for people with disabilities (BH)
- CinAbility Event (KV/Lucy, and more)



Upcoming Priorities

- HalleliYah oriented and trained
- Complex Behavioral Solutions Group continues to meet regularly
- Medicaid Redesign Work Group and Steering Committee
- Disability Benefit 101 Design Group 10/13-14
- All Trust funded program annual reports due 10/15
- Comment due 10/15 on SDS transition plan on CMS settings rule
- Continue on DD, TABI and MEP minigrant reviews



Upcoming Priorities

- Set up legislative and telepractice committees (PR/RS)
- State Plan Forums continue, data analysis, and plan writing (All)
- Annual federal report on DD due in December (RS/BH)
- Homelessness Conference (BH)
- Help facilitate new home for Infant Learning Program (CR/PR/Amy)
- Peer Support Employment Conference (KV)
- Plan large Transition Fair (KV/RN)
- Veterans Job Fair (KV)



Upcoming Priorities

- AIEI Advisory Board meeting in November (KV/RN)
- AADD meeting 10/22 and meeting with SDS on 10/23
- Key 2016 Planning and scholarships (RN)
- Alaska Brain Injury Network (ABIN) and Alaska Mobility Coalition (AMC) Board Meetings (PR)
- Aging and Disability Resource Center Steering Committee (PR)
- Snapshot presentation to Association of School Boards (CR)
- Semi Annual AIEI report due 10/31 (KV)



Questions??????