

DD Committee Update  
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### Staff

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## DD Committee

- Provided comment on the Revised State Transition Plan for Home and Community-Based Services Settings
- Commented on changes to DD Determinations Policies
- Provided feedback to the Medicaid ad hoc Committee on:
  - Waiver performance measures
  - Waitlist draw reductions
- Hosted guest speaker, Roy Scheller, PhD to speak about Hope's Intentional Communities

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- Met with Access Alaska representative and addressed initial steps to providing comment on the implementation of CSHB 161 (Reuse of Durable Medical Equipment)
- Worked with SDS to address I/DD eligibility, Waiver eligibility, TEFRA, and STAR Discretionary funds
- Wrote public comment on proposed General Relief Program waitlist
- Drafted objectives for the next 5-year state plan

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- Attended waiver rate-setting meeting/webinar on Dec 17 with ORR
- Attended Healthcare Policy Summit at Dena'ina, December 16
- Participated in worksessions at Governor's Housing Summit at UAA, January 6
- Contributed subject matter expertise to AHFC on their new 811 Program for permanent supportive housing for people with disabilities

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- Staffing Full Lives conference planning
- Staff membership on Hope Community Resources Research & Development Committee
- Participating in Medicaid Inclusive Communities Council, steering, and advisory committees
- Attending Council on Housing and Homelessness meetings

## FY16 Next Steps

- Work with the Telepractice Committee to increase availability of assessments and services conducted remotely
- Continue to monitor development of 1915i and 1915k options and provide comment with the Medicaid ad hoc
- Advocate to address other components of Medicaid expansion and reform

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- Provide comment to the Office of Rate Review on systems that support a “living wage” for DSPs and workforce development
- Continue to work with and provide recommendations to SDS on a waitlist solution
- Work on reuse and recycling program for durable medical equipment