



## Executive Director Report



**Patrick Reinhart,  
February 2-4, 2016 Council  
Meeting**



### Staff Update/Changes

- Welcome back to Rich Sanders, Planner
- Full staffing for the first time in 4 years
- Staff Retreat held in Girdwood in late October (Thanks Amy!)
- Employee evaluations caught up
- Budget wise (so far), good through FY 17



## Council Member Updates

- **6 New Council members appointed in October**
  - Sara Kveum, Juneau, primary consumer
  - Edna DeVries, Palmer, Older American's Act rep.
  - Sandra DeHart-Mayor, secondary consumer (parent)
  - Maggie Winston, Kenai, primary consumer
  - David Kohler, Anchorage, Special Education Rep
  - John Cannon, Juneau, Vocational Rehabilitation Rep
- **5 Council members reappointed**
  - Christine King, Higher Education Rep
  - Dean Gates, Anchorage, primary consumer
  - Amy Simpson, Chugiak, Non Profit Agency Rep
  - Margaret Kossler, Anchorage, secondary consumer (parent)
  - Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Kiana, secondary consumer (parent)
- **Total of 24, down from 28**



## Reports, Surveys etc.

- Autism 5 year plan (CR)
- State Plan, program performance, and consumer surveys distributed & analyzed (BH)
- Wrote and submitted Council comments to SDS:
  - General Relief Program Regulations
  - SDS transition plan on CMS settings rule
- Review of 2015 Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program Performance Report (CR/EIC)
- 2015 Federal DD Program Performance Report (PPR) submitted
- Legislative Positions Developed (RN/PR/LegCom)
- Comments on Regulations on FASD/OHI submitted to State Board of Education (CR/EdCom/FASD)



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- 2015 Annual Report (BH)
- Certificate of Employment Services training submitted to ACRE for approval (KV)
- Over 4,300 Get Ready Toolkits and 2,660 SKIP Kits (Safety Kept in Place) distributed last year (LM)
- Provided input to SDS as part of steering committee for Inclusive Community Choices, i.e. Medicaid 1915 i and k reforms (PR/BH)
- Provided final comments to Senator Murkowski and Senator Sullivan on Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Reauthorization, (CR/EdCom)
- Alaska Integrated Employment Initiative (AIEI) federal report submitted (KV)



## Trainings, Presentations & Important Meetings (Past)

- Two Council members attended “Zero to Three” conference in Seattle (Amy and Angie)
- Anchorage Film Festival *Autism in Love* showing
- Deaf Education Board Meeting (CR&EdCom)
- SESA Board Meeting and Holiday celebration (PR/AC/JG-C/DE/MW)
- Autism Screening and Diagnosis planning (CR)
- State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) Part C Planning (CR)



### **Trainings, Presentations & Important Meetings**

- 3 Medicaid Redesign and Reform Meetings (PR/BH)
- National Center for System Improvement Technical Assistance Meeting in Chicago (CR/Parent/ILP staff)
- Disability Benefits (DB) 101 stakeholder meetings (RS/KV/RN)
- Business Employment Services Team (BEST) Kick off event (KV)
- MicroEnterprise Proposal Review (KV)
- DD Mini Grant Proposal Review (CR)
- TBI Mini Grant Proposal Review (BH)
- State Plan Forums around the state



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- Medicaid Redesign and Reform Meetings – 3 (PR/BH)
- Alaska Mobility Coalition-AMC (PR)
- AADD meeting 10/22, face to face and monthly updates
- Key 2016 Planning and scholarships (RN)
- Aging and Disability Resource Center Steering Committee (PR)
- Alaska Coordinated Transportation Work Group (PR)
- Alaska Integrated Employment Initiative Advisory Board-AIEI (KV)



### **Trainings, Presentations & Important Meetings**

- Legislative Community forum on ABLE Act (PR/RS/BH)
- Governor's Housing Summit (PR/BH)
- Alaska Health Policy Summit (PR/BH)
- Statewide Independent Living Council- SILC (PR/RS)
- State Vocational Rehabilitation Council-SVRC (KV/RN)
- Attended Frontline Leadership Institute, Dec 1-3, Homer (BH)
- State Plan Community Forums in Soldotna, Sitka, MatSu, Kotzebue, Ketchikan, Homer, Fairbanks, Eagle River, Cordova, Bethel, Anchorage (all staff)



### **Upcoming Priorities (besides Legislative Session)**

- Complex Behavioral Solutions Group
- Trust Meetings
- Inclusive Communities (Medicaid Redesign)
- Disability Benefit 101 Design Group
- ASSEC Conference (2/6-12) and Inclusive Practice Award (2/9)
- Continue on DD and MEP mini grant reviews
- HB 161:Durable Medical Equipment ReUse Regulation Review and Comment
- Key Campaign and AADD Face to Face 2/17-19
- New "Aging and Disabilities Coalition" forming (BH/LM with Special O)



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- Stone Soup Conference, 2/13-14
- Council on Housing and Homelessness
- Project SEARCH expansion meetings (ANC/JNU)
- Full Lives Conference, 3/30-31 (KV/BH planning)
- BEST/OFCCP Agency Networking Event
- National PIE grantee meeting, 3/17-18
- SESA Board
- Next Council Meeting, May 3-4 (videoconference)
- Full Trust Meeting, May 5
- Five Year State Plan draft
- Restarting DDDR (waitlist) ad hoc Committee with SDS



## Questions??????

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