



GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL
ON DISABILITIES &
SPECIAL EDUCATION

Executive Director's Report

**Juneau 2018
Council Meeting
Patrick Reinhart**



Staff Update/Changes

- Transition to one Admin staff going well. Thanks Ian!
- Christie Reinhardt promoted to new state position at Public Health, Women's, Children's and Family Health (WCFH)
- Program Coordinator position in support of EIC and Autism open



Council Member Updates

- New appointment by Governor Walker/Boards and Commission staff
 - Heidi Kelly, self advocate and parent, newest member (replaces Margaret Kossler)
- Still need at least one more person to sit on SESA Board, preferably someone from outside of Anchorage

FY 18 Budget Impact (Cont.)

Governor's Council

Current Year \$1,829.2M (\$1,110 FedM, \$314.7K I/A Rcpts, \$25K GFMH, \$378.7K MHTAAR)--Down \$300K from prior years

- ✓ Down to 7 positions from 10 three years ago).
Transferred one admin position to SDS (3 PWD's, 2 sibling, 1 parent)
- ✓ \$360K annual federal employment grant ends Sept. 30, with nothing new to replace it, but looking. Only have \$570K of federal funding identified
- ✓ IA receipts: \$210K Identified
- ✓ GFMH: \$25K used to be match to ME
- ✓ MHTARR: \$127.4K RA3, and \$100K BEE in SOI's, leaves room for increasing BEE up to \$151.3K.
- ✓ Significant funding was RSA'd to Center for Human Development (CHD) but no longer able to afford this

Overview of FY 18 Budget Impact Operating

Early Intervention/Infant Learning Programs (EI/ILP)

\$10,041.7M (\$1859.1M Fed, \$758.1K I/A Rcpts, \$7,425.5M GFMH)

- ✓ Serves Children 0-3 with developmental disabilities with a 50% delay or more (25% in many other states)
- ✓ Provides specialized services for infants and toddlers to increase functional abilities
- ✓ Transfer from OCS to SDS went smoothly and SDS doing a great job managing the program. Our Early Intervention Committee and staff help as much as possible
- ✓ High risk because of \$7.4 M of GF/MH, but federal Maintenance of Effort required to mitigate this



Overview of FY 19 Budget Impact Governor's Council

Community Developmental Disabilities Grants

- Current Year \$7.3M (\$57.8K IA Rcpts, \$6.7M, GFMH)
- Was supposed to go through Dec. 31, but now extended to end of year but transition of most folks to ISW by March 31. (400)
- FY 19 – elimination of program in favor of Individual Supports Waiver (ISW)
- Some funds held back for contingencies but now under a combined Senior and Disabilities Community Based Grants Component



Overview of FY 18 Budget Impact Misc. Items of Interest

- **\$984K** (MHTARR) Alaska Training Cooperative
- **\$80K** (MHTARR) Interpersonal Violence Prevention for Beneficiaries-Justice
- **\$65K** (MHTARR) Supported Employment Infrastructure and Capacity (Beneficiary Engagement & Employment)
- **\$50K** (MHTARR) Autism Resource Center at Special Education Service Agency

Overview of FY 18 Budget Impact Capital Items of Interest

- **\$1.0M** (UGF) Public and Community Transportation State Match is in Governor's Budget – same as FY 18
- **\$1.3M** (\$800K GFMH/\$300K MHTAAR) Coordinated Transportation funding in budget – increase of \$250.0
- **\$500K** (\$250K GFMH/\$250K MHTARR) Essential Program Equipment
- **\$1.050M** (\$750K GFMH/\$300K MHTARR) Home Mods & Upgrades
- **\$3.7M** (\$1,750K AHFC/\$1,750K GFMH/\$300K MHTARR) Special Needs Housing Grants



Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Impacts on Persons w/Disabilities

- ✓ Individual Mandate under Affordable Care Act (ACA) – repealed
- ✓ Disabled Access Credit – kept
- ✓ Work Opportunity Tax Credit - kept
- ✓ Orphan Drug credit - reduced to 25%
- ✓ Impacts on discretionary and non-discretionary funding could be massive down the road



Alaska ABLE Update

- Currently Alaska has:
 - ❑ 94 funded ABLE Accounts
 - ❑ \$395,771 in funds
- The Council worked with DOR on reporting to the Alaska Legislature
- Continued Outreach for 2018:
 - ❑ Individuals with disabilities & families
 - ❑ Service providers
 - ❑ State agencies



Upcoming Priorities/Events

- ✓ Council Meeting Jan.30-Feb 2 in Juneau
- ✓ Inclusive Practice Award (Special Ed. Conference) Feb.6 Anchorage
- ✓ FASD 5 Year Plan Finished
- ✓ Key Campaign, March 1-2 in Juneau
- ✓ Full Lives Conference, April 12-13, Anchorage; combined effort statewide Care Coordinators Conference; & Direct Service Professionals.
- ✓ National Disability Policy Seminar, April 23-25



Questions



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