

# Developmental Disabilities Committee

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**Staff:** *Kristin Vandagriff*

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**February 2019**

**Juneau Council Meeting**



# Developmental Disability Committee Membership:

- **Co-Chairs: Corey Gilmore and Mallory Hamilton**
- Art Delaune
- Dave Fleurant
- Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
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- Sydney Krebsbach
- Jimael Johnson
- Kristin Riall/Grace Gray
- Caitlyn Rogers
- Oscar Cedano
- Mary Middleton
- Karen Ward
- Kim Champney
- **Staff:** Kristin Vandagriff  
Anne Applegate



# DD Committee Meeting

## Discussions:

- I/DD Registry = Approx. 982 individuals - *Jan. 2019*
  - Registry clean up underway – early 2019
- Individualized Supports Waiver (ISW) - *Jan. 2019*
  - 123 Plans of Care (36 fully active)
  - 371 Levels of Care
  - 245 non responsive or on another waiver
- Safety Net Funds:
  - For: Individuals on the Registry/Waitlist who are Medicaid eligible but do not meet waiver Level of Care
  - Initially capped at \$10,000 (with some flexibility)
  - 4 individuals utilizing this fund – *Jan. 2019*
    - Referred to Stone Soup Group



# DD Committee Meeting Discussions:

- DD Grant Transition to ISW:
  - DD Grants expiration date of 12/31/18
  - Senior & Disabilities Services (SDS) e-alert (12/24/18)
    - Requests to SDS for additional grant funding availability to address needs past expiration date
      - SDS identified funding option using existing resources
        - » Avoid disruption in supports (for those actively engaged in ISW transition process)
        - » Funds are time-limited and conditional
        - » Funds will only be approved to support the short-term needs of people actively in the waiver application process
  - DD Committee concerns over future individuals who become DD eligible, but do not meet institutional level of care (potential future gap population)



# DD Committee Meeting Discussions:

- Companion Services Exploration Small Group
  - SDS white paper – group feedback given
  - SDS report to the legislature on next steps
- FY21 Work Plan discussion
- Full Lives Conference Planning Committee
- ACL Living Well grant implementation
  - Several large project management team meetings
  - Small working groups formed

# State Plan Update

- January 2019: Completed
- No substantive changes requiring amendment
- Fiscal year 2021 work plan uploaded
- State Plan Updates included:
  - Council members
  - Council staff
  - Direct Services Agency info (new DHSS Commissioner)
  - Projected budget

# Workforce Work Group

## Caregivers and Employment Survey Launched

- Available until 2/26/2019 (*please share*) 😊
- Target audience: parents and family caregivers for children and adults with disabilities
- Goal: obtain insights into system challenges
- What's Next:
  - Analyze survey data
  - Compile systems recommendations

# DD Shared Vision: The Journey to Making it Real



*“Alaskans share a vision of a flexible system in which each person directs their own supports, based on their strengths and abilities, toward a meaningful life in their home, their job and their community. Our vision includes supported families, professional staff and services available throughout the state now and into the future.”*

Logo design by: *Corey Gilmore*



# Alaska DD Collaborative

## Implementing the Shared DD Vision:

### 1. Culture Change

- Pledge and self-advocacy toolkit

### 2. Direct Service Professional Workforce Development

- Statewide direct support professional organization

### 3. Legislative Engagement

- Legislative visits DD vision folder

### 4. Community Awareness

Intelligent Lives statewide screenings

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Disability Pride Awareness Day (July 20)

Marketing materials

### 5. Resource Development

Welcome video

DD shared vision website (host by the Council website)

### 6. Measuring Success

Technical assistance from Univ. of Minnesota Research & Training Center

### 7. Self Advocacy Advisory

# Supported Decision Making Agreements (SDMA)

- SDMA Law became effective December 26, 2018
- Hope SDMA Pilot:
  - 1 SDMA almost complete
  - 5 more SDMA requests



**\*Drum roll please\***



- SDMA Website Launched in November...



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## Supported Decision-Making Agreement (SDMA)



### SDMA Links & Resources

- > [SDMA Home Page](#)
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**Supported Decision-Making Agreements** are written agreements that give people the help they need to make choices about their lives. These choices could be about where to live, what to do during the day, how to spend money, or when to see a doctor.

If you have an agreement, supporters can help you find out what choices you have and help you learn more about the choices you have made. They can find ways for you to try out different choices, to see how you feel and which ones you like. If you want them to, supporters can remind you of important dates and come with you to meetings or appointments. — [Read more about SDMA](#)



Service Providers  
and Care  
Coordinators



Decision-Makers,  
Supporters, and  
Family Guardians



Lawyers, Paralegals  
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# Supported Decision Making Agreements (SDMA)

## November 15<sup>th</sup> SDMA Summit:

- Attendance at capacity
- Robert Fleischner, J.D. guest presenter
  - SDMA Around the Nation and the World
- Breakout sessions for:
  - Decision Makers and Supporters
  - Lawyers, Paralegals, & Public Guardians
  - Service Professionals and Care Coordinator



*The Council presented former Representative Charisse Millett with the Council Mission Award for her work on supporting Supported Decision Making Agreements in Alaska*

# March is DD Awareness Month!

For resources on how you  
can participate, visit:  
<https://nacdd.org/ddam/>

*We will again be requesting a  
Gubernatorial proclamation  
for Alaska!*



**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
AWARENESS MONTH**

#ddawareness18



# Upcoming Activities:

- FY18 & FY 17 Program Performance Reports (PPR) – entered into ACL reporting system
- Cultural and Linguistic Competency Plan
- Caregiver Barriers Survey Report
- Full Lives Conference (April 10-12)
- Stone Soup Group Parent Conference (March 22-23)
- ACL Living Well grant work/reporting

# Questions?

