

Developmental Disabilities Committee



Chair: *Alex Gimarc*

Acting Chair: *Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus*

Staff: *Kristin Vandagriff, Anne Applegate*

Council Meeting

February 4, 2020

Committee Membership:

Chair: Alex Gimarc

Council members:

- Art Delaune
- Dave Fleurant
- Anna Attla
- Maureen Harwood
- Elizabeth Joseph
- Heidi Lieb-Williams
- Margaret Evans
- Sydney Krebsbach
- Corey Gilmore
- Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus (Acting Chair)
- Charlene Tautfest
- Lyle Downing

Other Attendees:

- Jimael Johnson
- Kate Foster
- Caitlyn Rogers
- Oscar Cedano/Vinera Erickson
- Alex Fogarty/Mary Middleton
- Karen Ward
- Kim Champney
- Lizette Stiehr
- Lyle Downing

- **Staff:** Kristin Vandagriff
Anne Applegate



DD Committee Meeting Discussions:

- I/DD Registry = 730 people (Jan. 2020)
- 8 people on Safety Net Fund
 - In-process to actualize being on waiver
- Individualized Supports Waiver (ISW) (Jan. 2020)
 - 600 slots available on the waiver
 - 339 individuals fully approved
 - 364 plans of care have been received for approval



Program Performance Report & State Plan Update

- Reports: 2019 DONE!
 - FFY19 PPR
 - State Plan Update
- NEXT STATE PLAN, 2022-2026
 - Due August 15, 2021
 - Step 1: Review of progress; done
 - Step 2: Comprehensive Research and Analysis until March 30, 2020

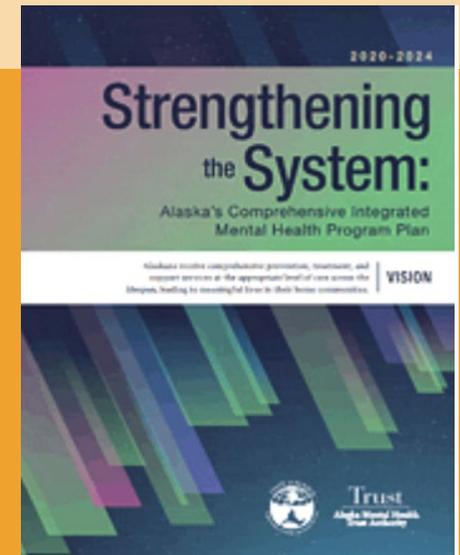
Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program Plan

Vision:

- *Alaskans receive comprehensive prevention, treatment, and support services at the appropriate level of care across the lifespan to lead to meaningful lives in their home communities*

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/Commissioner/Pages/MentalHealth/default.aspx>

- **Action Plan building from Comp Plan**
- **Global survey of activities, tactics, and contacts**
 - **Advisory Boards, State Agencies, Partners**





Supported Decision Making Agreements (SDMA)

- More completed SDMAs (11 or 12)
- SDMA Symposium – Nov. 15
 - judges, lawyers, and agency professionals
 - 71 attendees; some in D.C. and Nevada!
 - Overwhelmingly positive surveys





Supported Decision Making Agreements (SDMA)

- Trainings:
 - School district
 - Agency staff
 - Train the Trainers





Supported Decision Making Agreements (SDMA)

- Upcoming new website content
 - PSA video with older adults
 - Adding to Educators, Students, Parents section

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Locations

Supported Decision-Making Agreement (SDMA)

Students, Parents and Educators

SDMA Home Page
Decision Makers, Supporters, and Family Guardians
Lawyers, Paralegals and Non-Lawyer Advocates
Policy Makers and the Alaska Court System
Public Guardians and Court Visitors
Service Providers and Care Coordinators
Students, Parents and Educators
SDMA Overview
Step-By-Step Training Videos
Contact Information

What is Supported Decision Making for students?

Supported decision-making (SDM) is the process of empowering individuals with disabilities to make decisions on their own as an alternative to guardianship or as a tool within guardianship when they reach turn 18 years old. Students who want to have a good understanding of their educational choices may need support from others to make informed, decisions about their future. A supported decision-making arrangement would be useful students who face complex decisions, students whose first language is not English and students with disabilities. — Read more about SDMA for Students



Supported Decision Making Agreements (SDMA)

- Demonstration project on using SDMA's and Assistive Technology for communication
 - With Adult Protective Services, the Arc of Anchorage, and ATLA

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Upcoming Activities:

- Developmental Disabilities Registration and Review (DDRR) workgroup meetings
 - Focused on Registry (waitlist) question review (wording and weighting of score)
- Gearing up for session (HCBS Awareness and Efficiencies)
- March = DD Awareness Month
- Exploring Budget Authority
- Promoting Companion Services
- Understanding Day Habilitation Utilization Rules

Questions?

