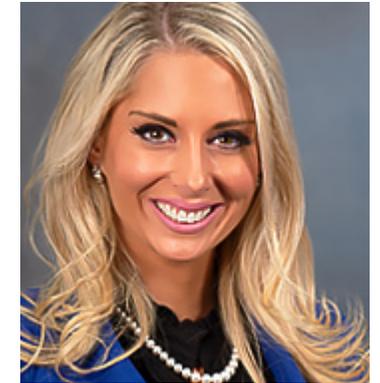


# Leadership Report

## Chair & Executive Director

### Winter Council Meeting - February 4, 2020



# Executive Director Highlight:

- Met monthly with DHSS Commissioner's Office staff
- Met monthly with DVR Director and Trust Program Officer, weekly with DSDS Director
- Presented to Trustees and Trust staff (Jan.)
- Administration on Disabilities for Projects of National Significance Performance Measure Development Workgroup
  - 1 of 12 workgroup members across the nation



# Executive Director Highlight:

- FY 21 Budget Process
- ACL Living Well federal grant semiannual reporting
- Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program Plan and score card efforts with the Trust, DHSS, & Advisory Boards
- Led high level employment policy meeting with Bobby Silverstein (SEED)
- State 5-Year Plan Preparation Efforts



# Annual Report: Oct. 2018-Sep. 2019

## COUNCIL STATE 5-YEAR PLAN

The Council is now in the 4th year of its 5-Year State Plan



**GOAL # 1 - Community Inclusion, Supports, and Services**  
Improve service delivery to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDDs) to live and thrive in their communities with formal and informal supports and services that promote independence.

**GOAL # 2 - Employment**  
Alaskans with disabilities and their families will receive the necessary employment services and supports needed to become competitively employed in an integrated setting.

**GOAL # 3 - Early Intervention**  
Strengthen policies and programs so that infants and toddlers with disabilities, their families, and caregivers receive appropriate early intervention services and supports.

**GOAL # 4 - Education**  
Participate in activities that lead to enhanced practices so that children and youth with disabilities have access to appropriate qualified professionals, curriculum, inclusion, support, and resources to ensure they have the skills they need for educational success and future independence.

**GOAL # 5 - Healthcare**  
Alaskans with disabilities will have greater access to needed health care services that will improve their quality of life.

### COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- Developmental Disabilities Committee
- Legislative Committee
- Education Committee (Special Education Advisory Panel - SEAP)
- Early Intervention Committee (Interagency Coordinating Council on Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities - ICC)
- Employment and Transportation Ad Hoc Committee
- Medicaid Ad Hoc Committee
- Autism Ad Hoc Committee
- FASD Workgroup

If you are interested in participating in the day-to-day work of the Council by becoming a public member on one of the Council's committees, please contact us: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/gcdse/Pages/contacts/>



## ADVOCACY AND LEADERSHIP

Advocacy on behalf of Alaskans with disabilities and their families is one of the primary responsibilities of the Council. The Council conducts its advocacy efforts on both state and federal levels due to its multiple roles.

### State Advocacy

- Annual meetings with Alaska legislators in collaboration with Key Coalition's Key Campaign as part of cost savings efforts
- Presented to the Senate Health and Social Services Committee
- Presented priorities to Governor Michael J. Dunleavy and several members of the Governor's cabinet



*The Alaska Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education (GCDSE) serves as Alaska's Developmental Disabilities Council, a federally required role of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act (DD Act) which includes a unique responsibility to engage in "advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities" without interference by the State (42 USC 15024(c)(5)(L)).*

### 2019 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

1. Alaska Work Matters: Employment for Individuals with Disabilities
2. Developmental Disabilities Shared Vision
3. Reduce Waitlist for Developmental Disabilities Services
4. SDS Medicaid Funding

### Key Campaign

The Council and Key Campaign continued to provide information to state legislators on both the importance of Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), as well as the cost savings when compared with institutional care.

Currently, **2,048** individuals receive HCBS /DD waiver services at a total cost of just under **\$182 million annually**. If these 2,048 individuals were in an institution (ICF/IID), at an average cost of \$214,423 per person annually, the total cost for serving these individuals could be around **\$439 million annually**.



# Upcoming Priorities

- Follow up after advocacy visits
- Monitor session bills and budget activity
- Submit carryover amendment for ACL Living Well federal grant
- Alaska Project SEARCH technical assistance training
- ACL Living Well Semiannual Reporting (April)
- New ED orientation training with NACDD (April)



# Questions?

