

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
Developmental Disabilities Committee Meeting

LOCATION  
Governor's Council Conference Room  
3601 C Street  
Anchorage, Alaska

Meeting Date  
October 25, 2010

Attendees:

Ric Nelson, Chair  
Emily Ennis  
Steve Lesko  
Kelly Donnelly  
Maureen Harwood  
Art Delaune  
Tara Horton  
Steve Williams  
Jennifer Jones

Guests:

Dayna McGuire

Staff:

Duane Mayes  
Carrie Predeger

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## Call to Order – 1:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

## INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR GOOD NEWS

Ric Nelson announced that he may have found someone to step in for Dayna. Dayna McGuire announced that she is having a girl.

Duane Mayes stated that Art Delaune is a Council member that has joined the DD Committee. Tara Horton has joined the DD Committee as an assignee from the commissioner's office.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Kelly Donnelly **MOVED** to approve the agenda. The approval of the agenda **PASSED**.

## APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Steve Lesko **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2010 meeting as presented. The approval of the minutes **PASSED**.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Ric Nelson stated that he received an e-mail from a gentleman who has a 12-year-old child with autism who would like to be an at-large member of the DD Committee. Ric Nelson stated that he wasn't sure how the Council would like to handle that. Duane Mayes stated that they can review the bylaws, but he doesn't believe there is a maximum of at-large members to serve on a committee. Duane noted that when he is approached for committee membership, he takes it to the chair of the Council, and then he also encourages interested parties to apply for membership to the Council. Ric noted that this gentleman has applied twice.

Kelly Donnelly suggested sharing the DD Committee teleconference call-in number with him so he can sit in and see what he can bring to the table. Duane Mayes reviewed the current membership of the 13 member DD Committee plus staff. Steve Lesko noted that 13 members is a large committee, and by adding many more, they would be stretching their limits.

## **REPORTS**

### **Executive Committee / Chair's Report**

Ric Nelson stated that the Council meeting went very well, and there was good turnout for public testimony.

Ric Nelson stated that Kathy Fitzgerald had travel approved to attend the National Association of Dually Diagnosed conference in Seattle. Emily Ennis commented on the conference as being very beneficial and worthwhile.

The Executive Committee has enlisted Tonja Updike as the new at-large member.

### **Division of Senior and Disability Services**

Maureen Harwood stated that they are still in the process of interviewing to fill the vacancies they have at DSDS.

Maureen stated that she will see if she can get Leanna Rein to attend the next DD Committee meeting to discuss assessments from the view of nursing facility level of care.

Duane Mayes shared with Maureen that the DD Committee is looking for a hard copy report from DSDS that includes: Waitlist numbers, average ages, scores, length of time from initial submission of an application to approval and actual service delivery.

Steve Lesko and Emily Ennis agreed that pulling numbers from the provider agencies regarding billing breakdown by service would not be too difficult.

Duane Mayes asked Maureen Harwood if there was a way to get some ongoing data as to how many people are out of state, how long they are out of state and what the annual cost is. Maureen Harwood stated that the annual cost is between \$180,000 to \$200,000 per person. Duane also noted that WICHE stated that there are 12 people out of state in ICF/MRs.

Maureen Harwood commented that some people also choose the option of ICF/MR when applying for services through DSDS.

Maureen stated that they did not make their October 1<sup>st</sup> date for the quarterly waitlist draws. The current waitlist is around 857, but she's not sure if that includes the current 50 in line for the quarterly draw.

Ric Nelson wanted to make the DD Committee aware that Kim Poppe-Smart stated that CMS is questioning the APD waiver and the hab services being two waivers in one. He asked Maureen Harwood to bring any additional information about that back to the DD Committee meetings.

## **AADD**

Emily Ennis stated that they are getting ready for their face-to-face meeting in Anchorage. She reviewed the current agenda for the meeting with the committee members.

## **Council Report**

Duane Mayes stated that he will be in Fairbanks November 15 and 16. On the 16<sup>th</sup>, First Lady Sandy Parnell wants to visit some of the programs in Fairbanks that offer services to people who are deaf. He stated that he would like to bring the First Lady to FRA.

Duane Mayes stated that the Council is doing community forums throughout the state in preparation for writing the new five-year state plan. They have been to Southeast and will be going to Nome and Barrow within the next few weeks.

## **Key Coalition**

Steve Lesko stated that they will be scheduling a teleconference in November to finalize their Key XXIV platform. The heart of Key will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. Ideas they are looking to consolidate a platform around include:

- Waivers and the waitlist draws being in danger with potential reductions to Medicaid.
- When are the rate methodologies going to be applied because programs are frozen?
- What was the \$18 million fiscal note attached to last year's SB 32?

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **FY'11 Work Plan Review**

#### ***Goal 3 - Housing***

Duane Mayes discussed activity one and stated that he meets regularly with the team reviewing intentional communities, and he noted that Nancy Burke from the Trust mentioned five or ten acres of land near the new Eagle River High School that could possibly be used for an intentional community.

Kelly Donnelly asked if they could put on the work plan an update from this team by February 2011.

The “who” for activity two is the Housing Technical Assistance Team, and the target date is ongoing.

The “who” for activity three are the Council and the Trust and a variety of other stakeholders.

Duane Mayes stated that Nancy Burke is in agreement that they need to convene a team of people to go to Indiana and visit the Rest Assured headquarters in spring or early summer of next year. The DD Committee may need to begin to identify who that group might be.

#### ***Goal 4 - ISIS***

Steve Williams suggested renaming goal four “Alaska Complex Behaviors Collaborative”. Under the short-term goal description, he suggested that it should read:

*Establish and implement an FY'11 and '12 hub component of the Alaska Complex Behaviors Collaborative.*

Steve Williams further explained that the planning portion of it should be taking place starting in FY'11. There is a GF/MH funding request for the operations for the hub in FY'12.

Duane Mayes explained that they have gathered all the data for the position paper and the legislative session.

## ***Goal 5 – Rate Methodology***

Duane Mayes explained that this could look a little bit different as they get closer to the session.

Kelly Donnelly **MOVED** to approve the work plan as amended. The motion to approve the work plan as amended **PASSED**.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Standards for Supported Employment**

Jennifer Jones stated that she recently started doing some training with DSDS, and she's been working with Kara, their main training person. Kara has been doing some advanced care coordinator training, and she has added Jennifer Jones and supported employment to the ongoing webinars. Many care coordinators have sent her e-mails commenting that they had not considered employment for many of their folks, but now they're going to start thinking about it.

Jennifer Jones stated that she has been doing a lot of research around supported employment, and she stated that she has found some good materials that are a great opportunity for them to develop best practices.

Jennifer explained that at their task force meeting in June, they decided they need to update the working agreement between the Department of Education and DSDS as well as DVR and DSDS.

Kelly Donnelly invited Jennifer Jones to come talk to the people at Stone Soup Group who are working on some projects that have supported employment and transitional elements.

Duane Mayes suggested also collaborating with The Arc. Steve Lesko mentioned Hope as well. Duane Mayes also noted that DVR doesn't spend all of their supported employment dollars and perhaps work can be done with them as well.

## **WICHE Report Update**

Duane Mayes stated that the report is final. Steve Williams added that there is about \$1.1 million of funding targeted for the Division of Behavioral Health for FY'12. He also noted that Melissa Stone believes there may be some existing funding that could be used to jump start some of the activities outlined in the report.

Steve Williams further explained that the next step will be for the Department and the Division to convene the work group to develop the plan for the next steps between now and the new fiscal year as well as a plan for how to get the word out that the report is complete. He also noted that the report is just recommendations, but it doesn't say how those recommendations are to be implemented or how they should look or who they should serve.

Steve Williams also stressed that this is a Department-lead initiative, not a Trust-lead initiative, although the Trust is supportive of it.

## **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next teleconference is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00.

## **ADJOURN**

The DD Committee adjourned at 2:30 p.m.