

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL  
EDUCATION

Developmental Disabilities Committee Meeting

LOCATION

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

Meeting Date

January 18, 2012  
2:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Kathy Fitzgerald, Chair  
Art Delaune  
Kelly Donnelly  
Kaleene Lamb  
Steve Lesko  
Ric Nelson  
Sean O'Brien  
Missy Williams

Guests:

Dayna McGuire

Staff:

Teresa Holt  
Carrie Predeger

Prepared by:

Jeannette Rice, Peninsula Reporting

## Call to Order – 2:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

### READING OF THE COUNCIL MISSION

Lucy Odden recited the Council's mission statement: Creating change that improves the lives of people with disabilities.

### INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR GOOD NEWS

Lucy Odden reported that her mother has shingles and is taking a long time to get better. Lucy also got a new car with a car starter.

Kaleene Lamb stated that there will be a meeting of APSE, Association for Persons in Supported Employment, in Arlington, Virginia in June.

Kelly Donnelly announced that Stone Soup Group is having its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and there will be a reception/open house on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, either 4 to 6 p.m. or 5 to 7 p.m.; she'll notify Council members soon. They are currently highlighting parent navigation and Cheri Scott's contributions in that area over the past year, and are also preparing a scrapbook for Cheri's retirement. If anyone would like to do a scrapbook page, let Kelly know.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as written.

### APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Steve Lesko **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the December 5th, 2011 meeting. The motion **PASSED**.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Teresa Holt stated that the only correspondence was a notice that the new DD waiver regulation comment period has been extended for 30 days until February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *Discussion of HCBS Proposed Regulations*

The DD Committee met all day before this meeting to review the changes to the regulations. Council staff prioritized the issues and identified the top nine based on comments received from committee members:

- Residential habilitation services
- Supported employment services
- Intensive active treatment services
- Transportation services
- Nursing oversight and care management services
- Day habilitation services
- Recipient disenrollment
- Recipient safeguards
- Provider termination of services to a recipient

Teresa Holt and others who were present for the review summarized the discussion from earlier in the day on each of these topics. Kathy Fitzgerald stated that the committee is continuing to work on preparing recommendations in response, and awaits the input of the AADD as well. Kathy noted that a tenth topic which they did not even begin to address is the standards of care which are adopted by reference, and they will need another special meeting to do that, for which Teresa will send a Doodle. Kathy Fitzgerald encouraged people to continue to spread the word to others to read the proposed regulations and give comment.

Kathy Fitzgerald noted that one of the most critical recommendations was that the State needs to give notice to recipients, not just agencies, about these changes, because they will result in some significant impacts and reductions in services. After the DD Committee gets the first draft written, it will be sent out to committee members for additional review and comments before it is submitted by 4:30 p.m. on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *Date and Time of Next Meeting*

The next DD Committee teleconference is scheduled for Monday, February

6th, 2012, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

## **Reports**

### **Disability Program Updates**

Missy Williams reported that everyone should have received an alert that it is now federally required to put the ICD-9 code on the qualifying diagnosis certification (QDC) forms. The form can be found online, but a qualified physician must fill it out. Ric Nelson asked if this was for all waivers or only the DD waiver, and Missy replied that it's for all of them. The others use the verification of diagnosis (VOD) form instead of the QDC, but they will also require the ICD-9 code. The forms have been revised to include a space for the code.

Missy Williams reviewed the I/DD registry report. Currently there are 848 people in the wait list registry with an average age of 19. Steve Lesko asked about the regional percentage breakdown on the paper provided, because the numbers shown only add up to 72 percent. Missy explained that the information is missing for the remainder. Kathy Fitzgerald requested that Missy get clarification on that and also find out how many people are currently in service with an ID/DD waiver and a CCMC waiver before the Council meeting next week. Teresa Holt noted that SDS just put out a nice quarterly report that breaks it all down, which is on the SDS website.

Steve Lesko inquired about the wait list status report that is sent to the legislature every year, and Missy Williams replied that she completed it a couple of weeks ago and thinks it has been distributed to the legislature. Kathy Fitzgerald asked that Missy make sure the DD Committee receives a copy as soon as possible.

### **AADD**

Teresa Holt noted that AADD will meet face to face in Juneau on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Key Coalition

Steve Lesko stated the 25th Key Campaign is February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon at Centennial Hall. The platform has four components:

- The Complex Behavior Collaborative (the Hub)
- Autism insurance
- Continued reduction of the wait list
- ILP increment

Steve Lesko also noted a recent idea that if it doesn't appear that there will be much support for the Hub, they might propose it as a three-year pilot project, which worked for adult dental in the past. He noted that the Key Coalition board was dissatisfied that now the Hub is only for adults, not people under age 18.

### Executive Committee Update

Teresa Holt reported that at the last Executive Committee meeting most of the time was spent going over the plans for the January Council meeting in Juneau. Teresa also noted that the bylaws are out, and Council members should read them and prepare for a review and vote at the meeting in Juneau.

### Council

Teresa Holt stated that Council staff has been preparing legislative packets, position papers, talking points, etc., to ship to Juneau by tomorrow.

### Upcoming Meetings

- Trust Advocacy Summit  
January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, Juneau
- The Trust meets February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Juneau

Teresa Holt noted that many Council members will be traveling or in Juneau and will be hard to get ahold of for a ten-day period in late January/early February.

*Other Information for the Good of the Order*

Lucy Odden reported that she and Millie Ryan and Josie attended Peer Power in Fairbanks on December 10<sup>th</sup>, and Josie and Millie both did a great job.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.