

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

September 10, 2012
10:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Kathy Fitzgerald, Chair
Ric Nelson, Chair
Kaleene Lamb
Steve Lesko
Maureen Harwood
Summer Wheeler
Sean O'Brien
James Wiedle
Jessie Hill
Steve Williams

Staff:

Carrie Predeger
Teresa Holt

Prepared by:

Sheryl Cobb, Administrative Assistant

Call To Order – 10:09 a.m.

Roll Call

READING OF THE COUNCIL MISSION

Steve Lesko read the Council's mission statement: Creating change that improves the lives of people with disabilities.

INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR GOOD NEWS

Ric Nelson has started back to school.

Teresa announced that we have 4 new Council members. They are Karli Lopez, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Terese Kashi and Susan Kaplan. Several existing Council members have been re-appointed.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ric moved that the agenda be approved as read. Steve Lesko asked that Regulations be added to old businesses. Agenda was approved as amended.

MINUTES

Kathy Fitzgerald suggested that since the minutes were so long that they be tabled until the next meeting. There were no objections.

Correspondence

Teresa commented that DHSS responded to the regulations. New regulations had been released from DHSS Hearings and Appeals. She had just received them prior to this meeting, so she had not gotten a chance to look at them yet. She said that anybody who wanted to look at them, she would send the documents to them.

OLD BUSINESS

Regulations

Steve asked if we know where the State is concerning reviewing or finalizing the regulations. Maureen said that they were going through every comment that had been made.

NEW BUSINESS

Workplan

Priorities

- Living wage for Direct Service workforce.
 - Teresa is going to check with Tom on the status of these changes.
- Alaska Complex Behaviors Collaborative (HUB)
 - We are to have an update to present at the Council meeting.
 - There are currently 11 folks being served.
 - We need to have a monthly update for the group
 - We need to update the position paper
 - We need a new face
- Supported Employment
 - Employment First Legislation – work with Legislative Committee
 - Local Peer Power
 - Waiver Changes from CMS memo
 - Project SEARCH – New site, Kenai
 - State as a Model Employer
- Housing
 - Assistive Technology Support
 - Intentional Communities – create advocacy planning
 - Collaborate with AADD
 - Join the Moving to Work Plan committee with AK Housing
 - Buying your own home
- Level of Care Assessment
 - Comments have been provided
 - Teresa will follow up with Duane
 - Develop work group to look at levels of care
- Transportation
 - Issues are covered in the Waiver regulations

Ongoing and Monthly Activities

- Rate Review
 - Ongoing Monitoring
- Review Quarterly Data on the Numbers of Individuals Waiting for Service
 - Individuals being served out of state
 - Individuals with Developmental Disabilities who are in nursing homes
 - Continue to advocate efforts with Key Coalition - we have our new Legislative Intern, Kalyssa Maile
 - Review proposed regulation changes

REPORTS

Because of the committee's changing schedule, the committee is meeting before the Executive Committee, so you will be a month behind on what is happening with the Executive Committee.

Maureen reported that they drew 50 for the quarter plus 40 additional previously unfilled positions filled on the wait list.

Steve Lesko reported that Key will get together in the next 30-45 days to work on its new platform for the upcoming legislative session. He also commented on the SB 73 celebration which was shared by over 300 people.

NEXT MEETING

Will be October 1st at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:57 p.m.