

**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  
March 5, 2014  
1:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

Art Delaune – chair  
Alex Gimarc  
Kaleene Lamb  
Ric Nelson  
Sharon Miranda  
Susan Kaplan  
Christine King  
Mary Elam  
Kim Champney  
Steve Lesko  
Maureen Harwood

**Staff:**

Carrie Predeger

Prepared by: Sheila Garrant,  
Peninsula Reporting

**Call to Order – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Roll Call**

**WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR**  
**INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GOOD NEWS**

There were no introductions, announcements, or good news reported.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Ric Nelson **MOVED** to approve the agenda as written. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Ric Nelson **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Carrie Predeger reported that the Council wrote a letter of support for a grant for traumatic brain injury implementation through the Health Resources Services Administration. That grant went to the Senior and Disability Services TBI Program. Carrie reported that a letter of support was also written for a capital grant request from the Alaska Brain Injury Network for technology upgrades.

**REPORTS**

***Chair's Report***

Art Delaune stated that he attended the AADD meeting February 9<sup>th</sup> in Juneau where he, Teresa Holt, and Ric Nelson did a presentation on the Council's activities, and Ric Nelson recommended that the Governor's Council and AADD strengthen their partnership, both of which were well received. Art reported that he was also in Juneau for Key Campaign where he participated in public testimony and legislative visits. Art reported that Employment First has passed the House and is now on the Senate side. He noted concern for the cuts in the budget that affect programs like Youth

First, which deals specifically with youth ages 14 to 22 in transition, and he recommended that the DD Committee be aware of changes related to that. Art noted that his local Key group will meet in November to discuss overall issues and prepare for the next session.

### ***I/DD Unit***

Maureen Harwood reported that the first phase of their automated service plan has been begun. It not only includes the service plan, but it includes all Senior and Disability services, which is going to be very useful in tracking information. Maureen stated that March 11<sup>th</sup> begins the first meeting in a series of meetings on updating the registration and review. A group of partners, including the Governor's Council, will meet next week to discuss automated service and work toward a better automated system.

Maureen Harwood reported that the DDDR report that was slated to be ready February 21<sup>st</sup> was pulled back for additional editing. Maureen noted that she will forward the report to Carrie Predeger as soon as it is available.

Maureen Harwood reported that currently there are 675 individuals on the registration and review, and they expect that number to increase because they are in the process of doing a query to families to update their registration. Maureen reported that the average score in the last draw was 70, and the average age since July 1 has been approximately 18. In response to a question about how many draws are made a month, Maureen explained that the mandate is 200 a year, and SDS averaged that out to 16 a month, but they do between 20 and 25 a month.

### ***AADD***

Kim Champney stated that the presentation from the Council at their last meeting was well received. The group came up with recommendations to strengthen the partnership with the Council, including AADD participating as a partner in the quarterly Council meetings, AADD participating on relevant Governor's Council committees, and also to look for opportunities for individuals associated with provider agencies to apply to become Council members.

Kim Champney reported that AADD has three priorities:

1. To continue to focus on developing and maintaining relationships with the State and the staff at SDS.
2. Build partnerships with other groups, including Key Coalition and Community Care Coalition.
3. Hire an executive director.

Kim Champney reported that they have hired Lizette Stiehr as their executive director, and she will start March 18<sup>th</sup>.

Kim Champney shared AADD's list of current issues as follows:

- MMIS issues, identifying the problems and moving towards a fix.
- Changes in federal regulations regarding Medicaid waivers relating to care coordination.
- High cost of waivers and steps the State needs providers to take in order to address concerns around high cost waivers.

### ***Key Coalition***

Steve Lesko spoke to one of the five priorities in Key's platform, which was a request that the legislature charge and participate in a task force to study direct service professional wages and benefits. After a meeting with Governor Parnell, the Governor agreed to have a special assistant look at the feasibility of having the Governor charge a task force to study DSP wages and benefits.

Steve Lesko noted that he thought it was a good Key Campaign even with the challenges of schedules and meetings and dates.

### ***Council and Executive Committee Update***

Ric Nelson reported that at the last Executive Committee meeting they discussed the Governor's Council meeting in Juneau.

Carrie Predeger forwarded a request from Council staff that if anyone on the DD Committee was interested in attending the Full Lives Conference April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 that they contact the Council as soon as possible, and at the latest by next Friday.

Carrie Predeger reported that Key Campaign presented the Golden Key Award to the Council's legislative liaison, Representative Millett.

### ***Peer Power***

Ric Nelson reported that Peer Power's General Membership meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Peer Power's Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. Ric noted that Peer Power participated in one job fair last month, and they will be participating in six job fairs in the next month. He noted that Peer Power is looking for board members to complete their board, and they are looking to recruit new members from across the state for their general membership.

### ***FASD***

Art Delaune reported that the Trust is under the impression that the FASD work group may be doing the same work as the FASD statewide steering committee, and so the FASD work group will meet with Teri Tibbett to discuss the focus of each group. Based on the information the work group has, it appears that the statewide committee's focus is prevention, and the work group plans to propose intervention as their work group's focus. Art noted that the work group could work under the statewide steering committee as a work group or they could partner with them and ensure they are move along the same lines.

### ***Housing***

Carrie Predeger received a written report from Mark Romick with two points of interest to the DD Committee. First, the Municipality of Anchorage postponed the release of the draft support of the housing ordinance because they received quite a number of comments and needed to go back for a rewrite. Secondly, the draft of the FY15 Housing and Community

Development Plan will be available March 21<sup>st</sup>, followed by a public comment period. Carrie noted that the Council usually comments on the plan and they will get feedback from the DD Committee members when the plan becomes available.

### ***Rural Issues***

Carrie Predeger reported that she forwarded an e-mail to the committee members with a link to a training guide for people with disabilities who live in rural areas titled, “*Disability in Rural Communities: Making a Difference in Small Towns.*”

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### ***//DD Registration and Review***

Carrie Predeger reminded the committee members that she sent an e-mail February 7<sup>th</sup> asking for feedback on the DD registry; what is working, what is not, and she has not received any responses from the committee members. She also sent the request for feedback to AADD and SDS and has received a couple comments. The meeting to discuss the registration and review is scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. She encouraged the committee members to submit comments to her before the 11<sup>th</sup> and she will take those to the meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### ***Review Progress from FY14 Work Plan – Develop Recommendations for FY15 Priorities***

Carrie Predeger and Art Delaune led the committee members through a review of the FY14 work plan and a discussion of changes the committee wanted to make on the DD Committee’s FY15 priorities. Carrie noted the amendments to the work plan and will make those changes to present at the next DD Committee meeting in April. At that meeting, the DD Committee will finalize their proposed priorities and work plan that they will submit to the Council for approval.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES**

March 11, 2014  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
IDDRR Meeting

March 21, 2014  
3:00 p.m.  
Medicaid Reuse Meeting

## **TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next DD Committee meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER AND ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.