

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES
AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Developmental Disabilities Committee
Meeting Minutes**

LOCATION

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

Meeting Date

**November 4, 2015
1:02 p.m.**

Attendees:

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
Art Delaune
Alex Gimarc
Dave Fleurant
Christine King
Don Enoch
Lizette Stiehr
Maureen Harwood
Mark Romick

Staff:

Britteny Howell
Rich Sanders
Ric Nelson

Prepared by: Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

Call to Order – 1:02 p.m.
Roll Call

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR
INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GOOD NEWS

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus welcomed the committee members to the meeting and recited the People First Language.

People First Language is an objective and respectful way to speak about people with disabilities by emphasizing the person first, rather than the disability. It acknowledges what a person has and recognizes that a person is not the disability. In putting the person before the disability, People First Language highlights a person's value, individuality, and capabilities. When referring to individuals with disabilities, be considerate when choosing your words. Focus on the person. Never use terms that label, generalize, stereotype, devalue, or discriminate. Unless it is relevant to the conversation, you don't even need to refer to or mention the disability.

Alex Gimarc expressed appreciation to Britteny Howell for her outstanding support of the committee during Rich Sanders' absence.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dave Fleurant **MOVED** to approve the agenda. The motion was **SECONDED** by Don Enoch. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Dave Fleurant **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the October meeting. The motion was **SECONDED** by Alex Gimarc. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was reported at this meeting.

REPORTS

Chair's Report Workgroup on FASD

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus reported that the FASD Workgroup will be meeting next week. They will continue to monitor the work of the FASD Partnership. She noted that the DD Committee members should be getting the e-alerts and encouraged them to participate in the public input as it is vital in shaping future plans.

Brittney Howell reported that the next FASD Workgroup meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th at 3 p.m. Art Delaune is scheduled to speak about legislation that may affect people with FASD in the criminal justice system.

I/DD Unit

Maureen Harwood reported that one of the big changes for the unit is the loss of Caroline Hogan, who has moved to SDS's Quality Assurance Unit. Maureen will be introducing new staff to the committee once they are identified.

Maureen Harwood shared the following activities:

- Change is continuing with regards to conflict-free care coordination, and they are beginning to see more independent care coordination businesses.
- SDS formed a group to look at quality of new conflict-free care coordination.
- The community forum held October 23rd yielded a lot of positive and constructive input on the proposed changes of the DD/RR.
- Work continues drawing people with the highest score.
- Current policy put out for public comment. The comment period closes November 30th.
- Work continues on new settings requirements, person-centered planning, and integrating.
- Work continues on the waiver application due to CMS July 1st.

Maureen Harwood reported the following data:

- People on the DD/RR 741
- Age range 1 to 68
- Score of 0 23%

Maureen Harwood spoke about the Complex Behavior Solutions group, which is a compliment to the Complex Behavior Collaborative that looks at the recommendations on how to assist individuals who might be struggling in their community placement. There were suggestions that the state may be interested in a model waiver, one where they look at the individuals with the most significant challenges and see what is missing in the state and how to create a program specific to that. She noted that the group meets every other month.

AADD

Lizette Stiehr reported that AADD met two weeks ago and had good attendance for the state's presentation.

Lizette Stiehr reported the following activities of AADD:

- AADD's annual meeting is set for next fall at the BP Energy Center November 3rd & 4th.
- Hot Topic teleconference is scheduled for November 12th from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. The hot topic is providers experience and questions about certification.
- Participating in the Medicaid redesign meeting Tuesday, November 10th
- Three AADD members will be participating in interviews with the legislative Audit and Budget Committee.

Lizette Stiehr reported that they have seen an increase in independent care coordinators, and they are beginning to see some issues regarding communications between the independent care coordinators and the programs. Lizette noted that AADD plans to ask the SDS if the prior extension of plans of care could be reinstated.

Housing

Mark Romick reported that the Moving Home voucher program is up and running and processing people relatively smoothly. He stated that people could contact DHSS for a referral for the program.

Mark Romick reported that a cooperative agreement has been signed with HUD related to the 811 program, which is a partnership between Alaska Housing and HUD. He expects to see an increase in activity in that program. Mark noted that there is a notice on the website for landlords who are interested in the 811 programs. They will be asked to respond to a statement of qualifications (SOQ), which is open until November 17th.

Mark Romick shared the news that Governor Walker has announced that a housing summit is scheduled for January 6th in Anchorage. He noted Alaska Housing is looking forward to the summit and stated that it has been a very long time since a Governor has made housing in Alaska a major part of their administration's efforts.

Council and Executive Committee Update

The Council and Executive Committee update was unavailable.

Peer Power and Key Campaign

Ric Nelson reported that Peer Power is working on reorganizing and looking towards becoming an all-encompassing advocacy organization. Peer Power scheduled their membership meeting for December 12th at the BP Energy Center 1:00 pm to 3:00 p.m. Peer Power's next board meeting is scheduled for November 10th at 5:30

Ric Nelson reported that the Council sent out applications for an airfare stipend for Key Campaign, which is scheduled for February 18th and 19th, 2016. The Key Coalition will be working on prioritizing their priorities over the next two months.

Medicaid Ad Hoc Committee

Art Delaune reported that he sits on the Development and Implementation Council for 1915(i) and (k). At the meeting on October 29th, most of the work done related to the organization's housekeeping, and the members were given an overview of 1915(i) and (k). The Council will be meeting once a month through next July. They have hired Health Management Associates as the facilitator. The Council plans to gather input through community forums in Barrow, Bethel, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Nome, and Mat-Su Valley. The next community forum will be in Fairbanks November 10th.

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus asked if the rural communities are being reached for input, and Art Delaune will ask for that information at the next meeting. Jeanne brought up her concern that the e-alerts that are sent out don't list FASD, and she thinks it may not be clear that FASD is an area that people can give input and comment on. The e-alert names I/DD, SMI, TBI, and seniors.

Art Delaune reported that the target dates are as follows: The implementation plan has to be done on 7/31/2016, and between 7/31/2016 and CMS approval on 6/30/2017, there will be service design, system input, implementation, state progress, tribal codes and consultation, regulatory process, public comment, and staff training. The go-live date will be 7/1/2017.

Lizette Stiehr added that it was interesting to hear about the deliverables on the part of the contractors. There are ten deliverables that include figuring out the eligibility, the number of people that would be served, cost and cost savings, and five different assessment evaluation tools.

Brittney Howell noted that there is a Home and Community-Based Services steering committee that she participates on, and they share the same information. Brittney stated that when the Development and Implementation Council's website goes live, it will have a link for their meeting minutes and other informational updates.

Brittney Howell reported that as it relates to Medicaid, SDS is making more changes to their policy which includes the scoring and the prioritization of

individuals on the DD/RR. The next Medicaid Ad Hoc Committee meeting is November 12th from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. to review new policy.

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA)

A Mental Health Trust Authority report was not available.

Alex Gimarc shared that the State Department of Natural Resources issued a decision regarding water reservations for the Chuitna watershed, and the AMHTA is the leaseholder to the area, so if the mine did proceed, they will be paying leases to the AMHTA.

OLD BUSINESS

Continued Work on DD Committee Objectives

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus led the committee through a review of the committee objectives and worked through the objectives to wordsmith the language to better reflect the future work of the DD Committee.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

November 4, 2015
EIC meeting, 10-11:30 a.m.

November 11, 2015
Veterans Day

November 4, 2015
DD meeting, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

November 12, 2015
AADD Meeting

November 6, 2015
Autism Diagnosis meeting

November 13, 2015
Veterans Job Fair

November 9-10, 2015
Trust sponsored Peer Support
Conference

November 16-17, 2015
AIEI Advisory Board Statewide
Videoconference

November 10, 2015
Medicaid Redesign Work-session

November 17, 2015
ABIN Board meeting

November 10, 2015
Peer Power Board

November 17, 2015
Accessible Outdoor Recreation
Webinar

November 18, 2015

Trust meeting

November 19, 2015

ADRD Road Map Stakeholder
meeting

November 19, 2015

Education Committee

November 19, 2015

Eagle River Community Forum

November 23, 2015

Complex Behavior Solutions Group

November 23, 2015

APSE Board

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next DD Committee meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2015,
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

GOOD OF THE ORDER AND ADJOURNMENT

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. The motion was **SECONDED** by Christine King. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**, and the meeting ended at 3:00 p.m.