

**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

**March 2, 2016
1:01 p.m.**

Attendees:

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
Art Delaune
Christine King
Mallory Hamilton
Mary Elam
Lizette Stiehr
Amanda Lofgren
P.J. Hatfield-Bauer
Oscar Cedano

Staff:

Rich Sanders
Patrick Reinhart

Prepared by: Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

Call to Order – 1:01 p.m.
Roll Call

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR
INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GOOD NEWS

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus welcomed the committee members to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mallory Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the agenda, **SECONDED** by Christine King. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Art Delaune **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the February 10th meeting, **SECONDED** by Christine King. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

REPORTS

Chair's Report
Workgroup on FASD

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus reported that the work continues on comment letters related to regulation changes. The areas the Council will comment on are the provider certification, the transition plan, and waiver renewals.

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus reported that the FASD Center for Excellence will not be funded by SAMHSA in the future, and the workgroup will be focused on looking for a service home for that population.

I/DD Unit

Maureen Harwood was unable to attend the meeting and asked Amanda Lofgren to speak to the committee about the National Core Indicators. Amanda explained that Alaska has not been involved in the documentation of national trends except for an unsuccessful attempt at doing the adult survey this year. With funding from the Trust through the Governor's

Council, the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Director Services, and SDS, the Center for Human Development will be managing the implementation of the National Core Indicators survey. Amanda outlined the timeline for the implementation as follows:

March

- E-alert
- Mail out surveys to participants

June 30th

- Surveys completed and returned
- Send to Human Services Research Institute (HRSI)

July

- Completion

AADD

Lizette Stiehr reported that AADD's membership teleconference will be held March 10th at 11:00 a.m. where they will work on their strategic plan. She noted that AADD is involved in commenting on regulations, and they are working to involve their rural sites in the process. There is also a focus on comments on Senate Bill 74, which is related to the language in the False Claims Act.

Lizette Stiehr reported that AADD's last face-to-face meeting was very good. There were good discussions on provider issues. Lizette noted that the system is becoming increasingly fragile with the new regulations, massive changes, and reimbursement difficulties, and AADD is looking at prioritizing the key issues for their organization.

Rich Sanders reported that Assets has transitioned completely out of subminimum wage, and he has been meeting with them to see what the impact has been. Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus recommended writing a letter from the DD Committee commending Assets for their action.

Housing

Oscar Cedano reported they have a signed MOA with HUD for the 811 Project, which means they can start working on the requirements to get the program up and running.

Oscar Cedano reminded the committee that the Action Plan for Housing and Community Development will be posted for public comment on the 17th of March, and included is the compilation plan for the National Housing Trust Fund. Amanda Lofgren requested that Oscar send the PowerPoint that contains details of the plan to the DD Committee.

Peer Power & Key Campaign

Rich Sanders reported that he attended Key Campaign and thought it was very successful.

Rich Sanders reported that the Peer Power board is scheduled to meet in March. He noted that Peer Power has an opportunity to get funds from the EPIC grant to purchase technology to better connect Peer Power to its members and coordinate activities statewide. Rich stated that Peer Power is moving from a focus on employment to all aspects of life. Peer Power has entered into an agreement with Special Olympics to conduct Peer Power meetings at the Special Olympics facility. Peer Power is planning a retreat in May as an outreach to people across the state.

Mental Health Trust Authority

Amanda Lofgren reported that the Trust is busy tracking all of the Medicaid Reform activities. The Trust's two main priorities are Medicaid Reform and criminal justice reinvestment and reform. There is also a focus to look at the way the Trust does business as an organization by taking a hard look at how the Trust's activities align with their priorities. Amanda noted that the Trust is embarking on the time of year that they look at their two-year budget cycle with regards to '18-'19.

Council and Executive/Legislative Committee Update

Patrick Reinhart reported that the Executive Committee has not met since the last report. The next meeting is scheduled for March 8th at noon where they will be looking at the committees and functions of the Council and making plans for the May Council meeting.

Patrick Reinhart stated that he attended the Complex Behavior Solutions

Group meeting in Anchorage and reported that Hope has stepped up in terms of looking at some of their facilities as being transitional living arrangements with more intensive services available.

Community First Council Update Medicaid Update

Art Delaune stated that the Council has not met since the last report. He reported that he received the message that the Council is looking at moving behavioral health from 1915(i) to the 1115 demonstration waiver. The Council meeting has been moved to Friday, March 11th so that Dr. Burns can address the Council regarding the demonstration waiver.

OLD BUSINESS

Completion of Document on DD Committee Objectives 2017-2021

Rich Sanders led the committee members through a review of the DD Committee's goals and objectives. The committee made minor revisions to the language of the goals and objectives based on the discussions.

Work on Goals, Objectives, and Activities of the Two-Year Plan Progress on Housing and Barrier Crimes Comment Letter Progress on Medicaid Ad Hoc Public Comment Letters on CFCC and Draft Transition Plan on Settings

The above agenda items had to be tabled due to time constraints. Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus recommended an interim DD Committee meeting be held on March 10th from 1:00 to 3:00 to complete the above agenda items because some are time sensitive.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

- **March 3** – Telepractice Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
- **March 8** – Executive Committee Meeting
- **March 8** – Business Employment Supports Team OFCCP training for federal contractors
- **March 9** – Anchorage Project SEARCH Expo “Reverse Job Fair”

- **March 10** – Alaska Integrated Employment Initiative Management Team Meeting
- **March 11-13** – Alaska Special Olympics Winter Games
- **March 15** – Employment & Transportation Committee Meeting
- **March 17** – Education Committee Meeting
- **March 22-23** – Reducing Recidivism Conference
- **March 29** – Alaska Integrated Employment Initiative Policy & Regs Committee Meeting
- **March 30-31** – Full Lives Conference
- **April 17** – End of Alaska Legislative Session

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING/ ADJOURNMENT

The next regular DD Committee is scheduled for April 6, 2016, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Christine King **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting, **SECONDED** by Mallory Hamilton. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**, and the meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.