

**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

**August 3, 2016
1:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
Dave Fleurant
Anthony Cravalho
Cassidy Jones
Maggie Winston
Lizette Stiehr
Alison Seymour
Oscar Cedano
Brittney Howell
Grace Gray

Staff:

Ric Nelson
Patrick Reinhart

Prepared by: Paula DiPaolo, Peninsula Reporting

Call to Order – 1:00 p.m.
Roll Call

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR
INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GOOD NEWS

Patrick Reinhart announced that Kristin Vandagriff is now the planner to the Council.

Patrick also announced that the new Council members are Elizabeth Joseph, Ursula Jones, and Shelley Vendetti-Vuckovich. Maureen Harwood's name has been put forward as the Department representative to replace Tara Horton.

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus announced that she believes Elizabeth Joseph is interested in being on this committee, so she should be added to the e-mail list.

Patrick Reinhart stated that he has put a memo in to have the October Council meeting be a face-to-face meeting, but the Commissioner is currently out of the office and will not be able to look at it until she comes back.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

There were no declared conflicts of interest at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Dave Fleurant **MOVED** to approve the agenda as written, **SECONDED** by Anthony Cravalho. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Maggie Winston **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the June 2016 meeting as written, **SECONDED** by Anthony Cravalho. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

REPORTS

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus stated that the intention is to do written partner reports that can be distributed to committee members prior to the meetings for review. Spending less time doing these reports orally during the meeting will allow committee members more time to attend to other topics that need to be addressed. She thanked Lizette Stiehr for submitting her report.

SDS

Alison Seymour stated that Maureen Harwood e-mailed her some figures related to the DDRR as follows:

- Age groups:
 - 0 – 3, 23 people
 - 4 – 12, 171 people
 - 13 – 21, 173 people
 - 22 – 40, 131 people
 - 41 – 65, 32 people
 - 66 and older, 2 people
 - Total of 535.
- Regions:
 - 45 percent, Anchorage
 - 10 percent, Interior
 - 27 percent, Southcentral
 - 3 percent, Northwest
 - 4 percent, Southeast
 - 9 percent, Southwest
 - 1 percent, unknown region.

Additionally, there are 28 percent of the people on the waitlist with a score of zero. Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus questioned whether or not this percentage was inflated because of people not making comments on their online application. Alison Seymour noted that it can account for some, but others are that people score themselves differently than the assessor does upon review. Jeanne asked if additional information other than the comments could be submitted, and Alison noted that this is not her area, but she will

find out the answer and let the committee know.

Committee members requested a hard copy of the DRRR report be submitted to the committee for their review at the monthly meetings.

AHFC

Oscar Cedano reported that the State received 3 million dollars from the National Housing Trust Fund for the production of rental units targeted towards extremely low-income people. They will probably receive the funding in a month or two, and it will go into the GOAL program, which is a funding program for rental housing developers.

Oscar stated that another program with Alaska Housing is Teacher Housing, which is actually for teachers, health professionals, and firefighters in rural areas. It is funding for the production of rental units for these types of professionals so they can live and work in the small communities or villages. The notice of intent is going out this month, so if there is anyone in rural areas that would like to apply for the funding, the application period will be open from now until November. Oscar stated that he will e-mail Anthony Cravalho the notice of intent when it comes out.

In terms of the 811 Program, Oscar stated that DHSS and AHFC are still trying to identify the clients and units for this program, so there has been no change since the last DD Committee meeting.

Alaska FASD Partnership

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus stated that there will be a group of people through the FASD Partnership that will be meeting with Stacy Toner, who will be replacing Diane Casto with Behavioral Health, and they will discuss issues related to FASD.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Gun Ownership Issue and Comment Letter

Ric Nelson stated that the Council developed a comment letter and submitted it about a month ago.

RevUp Disability Voter Registration

Ric Nelson stated RevUp is a campaign for people with disabilities to become educated on broad political issues. The purpose is to ensure people know their voting rights, what locations they can vote at, and how to get assistance if they need help with voting. Peer Power has taken the lead on this campaign, and they will be working on it next month. Britteny Howell requested any materials for providers and support staff to assist in supporting individuals with their voting rights. Ric Nelson will also send the link to the website to the DD Committee members.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed PCA Regulation Changes

Ric Nelson led committee members through a thorough discussion of the proposed PCA regulation changes. Committee members discussed changes they support as well as changes they felt they needed some clarification on. Ric Nelson will compose a response letter on behalf of the Council and will distribute it to DD Committee members for further review and feedback.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

- TBA – Medicaid Ad Hoc Committee 11 – 12:30
- August 8, 12 – 1:30 Executive Committee
- August 11, 11 – 12:00, AADD teleconference
- August 15, Council State Plan is due.

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular DD Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Maggie Winston **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting, **SECONDED** by Anthony Cravalho. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**, and the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.