

**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

**January 4, 2017
1:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
Mallory Hamilton
Colleen Gabriel
Annette Blanas
Alex Fogarty
Art Delaune
Dave Fleurant
Maggie Winston
Lizette Stiehr
P.J. Hatfield-Bauer
Caitlyn Rogers
Brittney Howell

Staff:

Ric Nelson
Patrick Reinhart

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Call to Order – 1:00 p.m.
Roll Call

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR
INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GOOD NEWS

Mallory Hamilton, acting chair, welcomed the committee members to the meeting.

Patrick Reinhart announced that the Council sponsors a keynote speaker for the statewide Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Conference, and this year Judy Heuman, who is the undersecretary of state under President Obama, has agreed to be the keynote speaker at the conference, which is scheduled for May 18th and 19th. The Council will also provide an opportunity for her to speak to self-advocates and families. Patrick noted that Judy is involved on an international level with disability rights.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

No conflicts of interest were reported at the meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The approval of the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting was tabled due to lack of quorum.

REPORTS

Chair Report

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus followed up with a request for hard copies of the DDRR report from SDS for review at monthly meetings.

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus stated that the FASD Workgroup welcomed Annette Blanas from CHD to their membership. The FASD Workgroup has begun to pull together various stakeholders to assist in developing a five-year plan for the workgroup.

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus mentioned that the Kotzebue region is going forward with planning for a brain conference to be held in early September in conjunction with International FASD Awareness Day. She noted that the conference is going to have two strands, one on traumatic and acquired brain injuries and one on FASD.

Patrick Reinhart reported that the Council received an opportunity from the National Association on DD Councils inviting the Council to apply for a Leadership Institute activity related to disparity populations. The Council's State Plan includes FASD/autism as the disparity population. The opportunity is an intensive online course followed up with a four-day face-to-face meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico in June. The National Association of DD Councils will choose eight states to participate.

I/DD Unit Report

Caitlyn Rogers reported that with respect to the DDDR, there are currently 520 individuals on the registry, with 26 to 28 percent of individuals having a score of zero. Caitlyn noted that they are seeing an encouraging trend of being able to draw individuals from the registry that score down in the 80s. Art Delaune asked if there was data available related to the number of people on the waitlist that aren't eligible for waivers once they are drawn, to which Caitlyn answered that there is not a data point that specifically targets that for a variety of reasons, including individuals who decline the waiver, individuals who do not meet level of care, or individuals who don't have a qualifying diagnosis.

Caitlyn Rogers reported that the unit is currently addressing changes to the CDDG grants that were identified as part of the Governor's budget, and they are doing an in-depth analysis of those receiving grant resources. They will be working with management to look at all other available supports and will consider the best options with regards to that analysis. Patrick Reinhart requested that the unit share information related to the analysis when it becomes available.

Caitlyn Rogers reported that there have been staffing changes at the unit, and currently they have a vacancy for an ICAP assessor.

Mental Health Trust Authority Report

A report from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority was not available for the meeting.

AADD Report

Lizette Stiehr reported that AADD asked the Trust to do an I/DD system analysis to essentially go through the vision statement and gather input from focus groups in seven different communities. Working with Effective Health Design, they will develop a one-page visual representation of the I/DD system as an infographic that could be used in AADD's advocacy at the legislative level. Lizette stated that a final copy of the media is expected before the end of January.

Lizette Stiehr shared that the AADD teleconference is scheduled for the second Thursday of each month, and the hot topics meeting scheduled for January 26th will be focused on guardianship.

Housing Report

A regular housing report was not available for the meeting.

Patrick Reinhart reported that the Council finished a review of the Municipality's housing report regarding housing for people with disabilities. The Council will be preparing comments on the report and intend to share the report that Britteny Howell worked on last year with regards to housing.

Executive Committee & Complex Behavior Solutions Report

Patrick Reinhardt reported that the Complex Behavior Collaborative has not met in some time, and it may be time to ask for an update from that group.

Patrick Reinhart stated that the Executive Committee met and was focused on planning for the Juneau Council meeting. He noted that the Trust is having a meeting on January 25th and 26th in Juneau, with the advisory board meeting on January 24th.

Key Coalition/Campaign Report

Ric Nelson reported that Key Campaign is scheduled for March 2nd and 3rd, 2017. The Council had 20 people apply for stipends for Key this year, which is the largest amount of applications they've had in the last ten years. Patrick Reinhart reported that the Council approached the Key Coalition about doing a presentation related to the ABLE Act

Medicaid Update

Art Delaune reported that the ICC Council meetings have been sporadic. The last meeting was December 2nd and the next meeting is scheduled for February. They have been working on the recommendations from the contractor who reported to the group last July. Art reported that specific to the 1915 (i) plan for the I/DD population, the ICC Council declined that plan and are looking at what's being called mini (c) waivers. They have asked for more information on exactly what the mini (c) waivers include. Art reported that for the ADRD population, the Council declined the 1915 (i) option, and they are looking to try to achieve the same options through other available programs to include the probability of a separate 1915 (c) ADRD waiver, and again, they do not know exactly what that includes. Art reported that for the TBI population, it was decided that the 1915 (i) would not work for that group and instead they are looking at the 1115 demonstration waiver for that population.

Art Delaune stated that overall it seems as though the 1915 (i) plans were too expensive and not practical for most groups. He noted that he feels they are going to lose services for the populations that are not eligible for mini (c) waivers.

NEW BUSINESS

2017/2018 DD Work Plan

Ric Nelson led the DD Committee members through the committee's work plan and gave the members an opportunity to choose which activities they would like to be involved with and identify other stakeholders who could be included in the work.

Durable Medical Equipment

Patrick Reinhart reported that after a long period of time, the Department of Health and Social Services issued draft regulations that included changes to durable medical equipment, and added to the regulations was the opportunity for the Department to purchase used durable medical equipment when it is appropriate. Patrick stated that the Council will look to recalling the workgroup that had been formed that included ATLA, Access Alaska, and other stakeholders to begin to look over the regulation changes and develop comments. Patrick provided a link to the regulations and noted that the comment period on the regulations is open from December 19th through February 7th. Patrick noted that these regulation changes present opportunities in a variety of ways from cost savings for the state and individuals to perhaps providing employment opportunities.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

January 18 – 19, 2017

2017 Care Coordination Conference

January 31 – February 2, 2017

Juneau Governor's Council Meeting

March 1 – 3, 2017

AADD/Key Campaign

March 22 – 23, 2017

Full Lives Conference
Captain Cook Hotel

TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next DD Committee meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2017, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.