

Developmental Disabilities Committee Work Plan for FY15

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Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

Objectives

1.2.2 Continue to support and participate in the Key Campaign, an annual advocacy effort with the Legislature led by the Key Coalition.

1.2.3 Continue to support Partners in Policymaking (PIP) at the Center for Human Development (CHD).

2.1.1 Advocate for a "living wage" for Direct Service Professionals (DSPs).

2.1.2 Explore the use of technology and tele-practice as a way to increase services in rural communities.

2.1.3 Review the process of SDS's Registration and Review (i.e. "I/DD Waitlist") through the I/DD Registration and Review Workgroup (including FASD eligibility) and make recommendations for changes.

2.1.5 Review the CMS guidelines for HCBS Settings and Other Requirements (issued by CMS on 1/13/2014) and comment on SDS's implementation plan.

3.1.1 Increase the use of assistive technology that allows individuals with disabilities to live in independently in the community.

3.1.2 Conduct survey of providers, self-advocates and families on housing barriers and issues that affect person with I/DD.

8.1.1 Develop and advocate for recommendations for Medicaid reform.

1.2.2 Continue to support and participate in the Key Campaign, an annual advocacy effort with the Legislature led by the Key Coalition.

| Activities | Who | Target Date | Status |
|--|------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Participate in Key Coalition planning meetings. | Rich Sanders | Quarterly, or as needed | Ongoing |
| 2. Provide limited funding for self-advocates and family members to participate in Key Campaign. | DD committee | February 2015 | Completed |
| 3. Provide Council staff support to the Key Campaign. | Patrick Reinhart | February 2015 | Completed |

1.2.3 Continue to support Partners in Policymaking (PiP) at the Center for Human Development (CHD).

| Activities | Who | Target Date | Status |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Participate in PiP planning meetings. | Patrick Reinhart, Lynne Kenney | Quarterly, or as needed | Ongoing |
| 2. Support self-advocates to participate in PiP trainings as trainers and trainees. | Patrick Reinhart | For each scheduled PiP training | Ongoing |

2.1.1 Advocate for a “living wage” for Direct Service Professionals (DSPs).

| Activities | Who | Target Date | Status |
|---|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Council staff and members to participate in Livable Wage 2020-DSP work group. | Livable Wage 2020-DSP Workgroup, Kathy Craft | Monthly or as needed | Hiatus – group has not been meeting |
| 2. Provide research support and studies to workgroup. | Brittney Howell | As needed | Not started |
| 3. Research other state DSP living wage initiatives (NACDD, UCEDD, etc). | Brittney Howell | October 2014 | Not started |
| 4. Ask Division of Senior and Disability Services (SDS) director to research other state DSP living wage initiatives. | Patrick Reinhart | October 2014 | Not started |

2.1.2 Explore the use of technology and tele-practice as a way to increase services in rural communities.

| Activities | Who | Target Date | Status |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Research current telepractice in state. | Entire Council, Brittney Howell | November 2016 | Ongoing |
| 2. Identify barriers in terms of infrastructure; bandwidth, equipment, technical support, funding, etc. | Entire Council, Brittney Howell | November 2016 | Ongoing |

2.1.3 Review the process of SDS’s Registration and Review (i.e. “I/DD Waitlist”) through the I/DD Registration and Review Workgroup (including FASD eligibility) and make recommendations for changes.

| Activities | Who | Target Date | Status |
|---|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Participate in the I/DD R&R Workgroup meetings with SDS. | I/DD Registration and Review Workgroup | November 2014 | Hiatus – group is not meeting |
| 2. Research other states work in this area. | Brittney Howell | November 2014 | Hiatus |
| 3. Develop recommendations for change. | DD committee | | Hiatus |
| 4. Review draft regulations on changes and provide further recommendations. | DD committee | | -- |

2.1.5 Review the CMS guidelines for HCBS Settings and Other Requirements (issued by CMS on 1/13/2014) and comment on SDS’s implementation plan.

| Activities | Who | Target Date | Status |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Participate in any SDS sponsored workgroups and public input processes before plan is developed. | Brittney Howell | November 2014 | Completed |
| 2. Review draft plan, comment, and provide recommendations. | DD committee | December 2016 | Ongoing |

3.1.1 Increase the use of assistive technology that allows individuals with disabilities to live in independently in the community.

| Activities | Who | Target Date | Status |
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| 1. Research information on technology that increases independence for individuals with disabilities to live more independently in the community. | Trust Housing Workgroup | October 2014 | Completed |
| 2. Make recommendations to Trust regarding the use of technology to increase independence. | Trust Housing Workgroup | October 2014 | Completed |
| 3. Fund pilot projects utilizing \$50,000 in capital funding from the Trust. | Trust Housing Workgroup | January 2015 | Completed |

3.1.2 Conduct survey of providers, self-advocates and families on housing barriers and issues that affect person with I/DD.

| Activities | Who | Target Date | Status |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. Define scope of survey and design including identifying the availability of supported housing for individuals with I/DD and co-occurring disorders. | DD committee | March 2015 | Completed |
| 2. Conduct survey. | Britteny Howell | April 2015 | Ongoing |

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| 3. Analyze data and report back to Council and share with partners. | Brittney Howell | May 2015 | Ongoing |
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8.1.1 Develop and advocate for recommendations for Medicaid reform.

| Activity | Who | Target Date | Status |
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| 1) Research and make recommendations to the State of Alaska on the re-use and recycling of durable medical equipment and assistive technologies purchased by state entities such as Medicaid, DVR, the Trust, AHFC and Special Education. | DD Committee, Council, Key Campaign | March 2015 | Completed |
| 2) Research reasons for increasing I/DD waiver costs and develop recommendations to present to SDS. | | May 2015 | Not started |
| 3) Research streamlining Medicare and Medicaid prior authorization processes. | | December 2015 | Not started |
| 4) Research Medicaid options for individuals using chiropractic care. | | December 2015 | Not started |