

Developmental Disabilities Committee Work Plan for FY15

Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education

A. Advocacy & Leadership

Priority	Activities	Partners	Timeline
1. Ongoing support of Peer Power.	Monitor and receive quarterly updates. See Peer Power Workplan.	Tracy Golly, Peer Power Advisor Ric Nelson	Ongoing Monthly Updates
2. Continue to support and participate in the Key Campaign.			Ongoing
3. Continue to support Partners in Policymaking (CHD).		Stephanie George, Lynne Kenney	Ongoing

B. Community Inclusion & Supports

Priority	Activities	Partners	Timeline
1. Ensure that direct service professionals (DSPs) receive living wages and benefits.	a) Council staff and members to participate in Livable Wage 2020-DSP work group b) Provide research support and studies to workgroup c) Put in request to NACDD and other state DD Council Directors re: DSP living wage advocacy d) Ask Division of Senior and Disability Services (SDS) director to “State Directors” listserv to see what other states have re: DSP living wage initiatives.	Livable Wage 2020-DSP Workgroup (Kathy Craft)	a) Monthly or as needed b) As needed c) By October, 2014 d) By October, 2014

2. Explore the use of technology and tele-practice as a way to increase services in rural communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Research current tele-practice in state. b) Identify barriers in terms of infrastructure; bandwidth, equipment, technical support, funding, etc. c) Participate in an intra-committee group (Education Committee, DD Committee). 	<p>Entire Council</p> <p>Dave Fleurant (DD Committee Point Person)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) By November, 2014 b) By November, 2014 c) Monthly, starting in November, 2014
3. Review the process of the I/DD Registration and Review through the I/DD Registration and Review Workgroup (including FASD eligibility).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Participate in the I/DD R&R Workgroup meetings with SDS b) Research other states work in this area c) Develop recommendations for change to SDS d) Review Draft regulations on changes and provide further recommendations 	I/DD Registration and Review Workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) By November, 2014 b) By November, 2014 c) Monthly, starting in November, 2014
4. Review the CMS guidelines for HCBS Settings and Other Requirements (issued by CMS on 1/13/2014) and comment on SDS's implementation plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Participate in any SDS sponsored workgroups and public input processes before plan is developed b) Review draft plan, comment and provide recommendations 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) By November 2014 b) By January, 2015

C. Housing

Priority	Activities	Partners	Timeline
1. Define the use of assistive home technology that increases the independence of individuals with disabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Review information on technology and housing b) Make recommendations to Trust regarding the use of technology to increase independence c) Fund pilot projects utilizing \$50,000 in capital funding from the Trust 	Trust Housing Workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) By October, 2014 b) By October, 2014 c) By January each year
2. Identify availability of supported housing for individuals with co-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Research issue by meeting with housing providers, I/DD providers and 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) By March, 2015 b) By May, 2015

occurring disorders (identify best practices...fact finding).	Trust Housing Work group b) Write report and present to Council and partners		
3. Conduct survey of providers, self-advocates and families on housing barriers and issues that affect person with I/DD	a) Define scope of survey and design b) Conduct survey c) Analyze data and report back to Council and share with partners		a) By October, 2014 b) By February, 2015 c) By May, 2015

D. Monitoring and Ongoing Activities

Activity	Partners	Timeline
1. Review quarterly data on the number of individuals waiting for services, expenditures of Home and Community-Based Services waivers (average score of individuals coming off of the waitlist, number of individuals being served out of state, number of individuals with DD in a long-term nursing home, number of families who choose not to use HCBS when offered, etc.) and the expenditures of state grant-funded services.	Senior and Disabilities Services	Monthly and Quarterly Ongoing
2. Rate Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor implementation of the new rate methodology for community disability programs. Acuity rate. 	AADD	Monitoring
3. Coordinate advocacy efforts with Key Coalition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council staff and members sit on Key Coalition Board. Council members can attend Key Campaign. Provide \$5,000 annual stipend for non-Council member self-advocates to attend the Campaign. 	Key Coalition	Ongoing
4. Review proposed regulations that may affect the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and provide comment as necessary.	Disability Law Center	Ongoing