

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION**

Education Committee

LOCATION

**Governor's Council Conference Room
3601 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska
Teleconference**

**Meeting Date
April 24, 2014
1:30 p.m.**

Attendees:

Taylor Gregg – chair
Kim McNamara
Angie Fraize
Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
Heidi Haas
Terese Kashi
Justine Sheehan

Community Members:

Breanna Brian
Jim Kreatschman
Kathleen Yarr

Staff:

Christie Reinhardt

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CALL TO ORDER – 1:30 p.m.
ROLL CALL

Welcome from the Chair
Announcements and Good News

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus announced the personal good news that her daughters had very good quarterly reports.

Christie Reinhardt announced the personal good news that her son accompanied her on a trip and was successful in managing himself quite well at the hotel café having lunch by himself without assistance.

Approval of the Agenda and Past Meeting Minutes

Justine Sheehan **MOVED** to approve the agenda. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

Justine Sheehan **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2014 meeting as written. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to report at this meeting.

Reports

Chair's Report

Taylor Gregg reported that she attended the Full Lives Conference and attended two sessions that she found very interesting.

SESA Report

There was no SESA report available for this meeting.

EED Report

Kim McNamara reported on the activities of Department as follows:

- Attended the stakeholder's meeting in Juneau focused on their new federal reporting requirements.
- They are training new staff members. They've hired a 619 program manager and one support staff, and have a vacancy for one more support staff.

Upcoming meetings and conferences:

- Governor's Council meeting in April.
- Capacity Building Institute for Secondary Transition National Meeting in North Carolina in May.
- Employment Initiative Planning Meeting in Anchorage in May.
- State Vocational Rehabilitation Committee meeting in Kodiak in May.

Ongoing activities:

- Reviews for the alternate assessment with the dynamic learning map.
- Updating the handbook.
- GAINS annual continuation report.
- Fiscal monitoring with the Office of Special Education Programs.

DEED has completed monitoring of the following school districts:

Kenai	Iditarod	North Slope
Denali	Unalaska	Kashunamiut
Sitka	Juneau	Southeast Island
Skagway	Haines	Anchorage
Petersburg	Pelican	Fairbanks
Mat-Su		

The following districts are scheduled for monitoring next year:

Yukon	Bristol Bay	Aleutians East
Pribilof	Klawock	Delta-Greeley
Ketchikan	Wrangell	Lower Kuskokwim
Fairbanks	Anchorage	Mat-Su
Chatham	Annette Island	Lake & Peninsula
Kuspuk	Dillingham	

Alaska FASD Work Group Update

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus reported that the FASD work group has set its monthly meeting schedule as the first Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. The work group has established the overall focus is FASD informed care with three priorities:

- DD eligibility
- Self-advocacy
- Prevention of secondary effects

Old Business

HB 210 Update

Christie Reinhardt reported the good news that HB 210 unanimously passed the House and Senate and is waiting for Governor Parnell's signature. She noted that there were a few minor changes made to the bill, but nothing significant. She commented that the public testimony from parents was powerful, and the passage of the legislation was a great success.

HB 361 Update

Christie Reinhardt reported that HB 361, which is legislation that relates to the licensing of behavior analysts, passed this week. This will allow licensed behavior analysts to bill Medicaid for services.

HSGQE Update

Christie Reinhardt reported that the omnibus bill that would repeal the HSGQE requirement is headed to the Senate and House floors for approval.

New Business

Discussion of Graduation Rates and Barriers

Christie Reinhardt opened the floor for committee members to begin the discussion of graduation rates and barriers to graduation for students with disabilities. Christie noted that this is the beginning of the work the committee will be doing in the next year. The four areas they will focus on are as follows:

- Improvement and alternative routes.
- Research and advocate teaching transition beginning in 9th grade.
- Improved transition.
- Investigation of suspension and expulsion rates for students with disabilities.

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

April 28th – 30th, 2014

Governor's Council Meeting

Special Olympics Building - Anchorage

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Education Committee is scheduled for May 15th, 2014 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Other Information for the Good of the Order and Adjournment

Christie Reinhardt mentioned that there is a fundraiser for Adam's Camp Alaska at the Snow Goose Café in Anchorage April 24th, 2014, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Adam's Camp Alaska is a week-long camp held at Alyeska for children with autism. She noted that Margaret Kossler is the person to contact for more information regarding Adam's Camp.

Terese Kashi **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**, and the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.