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## GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

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### Early Intervention Committee Agenda

Tuesday April 12, 2011

9:00-10:30 am

Teleconference 1-800-315-6338 code 342#

*Voting Members:* Mary Deitz, Dorothy Erickson, Heidi Haas, Debbie Kitelinger, Margaret Kossler, Diana Marsh, Tracey Thomas, Erin Kinavey/Linda Borghols, Amy Simpson, Lizette Stiehr, Elizabeth Tracy

*Community Members, Staff and Guests:* Geri Benshoof, Belinda Burns, Carolyn Coe, Amanda Faulkner, Melora Gaber, A'lise Havemeister, Beth Kaplan/ Stephanie Birch, Patrick Pillai, Mahala, Teresa Holt, Jennifer Jones, and Guests. *Transcriptionist-*Lenny DiPaolo

#### 9:00 Welcome and Celebrations-Amy Simpson, Chair

- Roll Call
- Announcements
- Upcoming Trainings
- Next meeting date: **May 17th at 9 am**

#### 9:10 Committee Business- Amy Simpson, Chair

- Approval agenda
- Approval of past minutes:
- Correspondence/legislative update
- Set priority recommendations for Council meeting

#### 9:25 Partner Reports- Amy Simpson, Chair

- OCS/ILP-Linda Borghols
- AILPA- Lizette Stiehr
- EED-Tracey Thomas

#### 9:40 Committee Main Topic-Work on Priority 4 activities Workforce Development

4. **Workforce Development Long Term Goal:** Increase EC qualified workforce and increase ILP staff recruitment and retention

A. **Workforce Development Short Term Goal:** Advocate for UA to create a recruitment program for scholarship students

- Advocate for cultural competencies to be embedded in SEED module trainings
- Review and advise State on SEED training structure
- Survey current providers as to their path to becoming an ILP provider.

- Ask AILPA for suggestions on grow your own ILP
- Talk with Future Teachers of Alaska programs to present on Early Childhood Education and ILP
- Create a map/chart to show pathway to EC degree
- Create a statewide internship program for therapists

**B. Workforce Development Short Term Goal:** Advocate for a forgiveness of students loans to support staff recruitment and retention

- Expansion of Alaska Teacher Loan Program (TEL) early childhood educators
- Expansion of State Loan Repayment Program for Alaska to include OT/PT/SLP

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