

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

Employment & Transportation Committee

LOCATION

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

**Meeting Date
April 21, 2015
1:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Lucy Odden, Chair
Alexis Henning
Dave Fleurant
Erin Atwood

Guest Speakers:

Dan Palmer
Jacob Aguilar

Staff:

Kristin Vandagriff

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CALL TO ORDER – 1:06 p.m.
ROLL CALL

Welcome from the Chair

Lucy Odden welcomed the committee members to the meeting.

Announcements and Good News

There were no announcements or good news reported at the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

There was not a quorum assembled at this meeting. Approval of the previous meeting minutes was tabled until the June meeting.

Reports

TSA Presentation

Dan Palmer, TSA's Alaska program analyst, gave a presentation on TSA's history and operations. He reported that TSA was formed post 9/11, and shortly thereafter fell under the Department of Homeland Security. Their operations include security for roadways, rail systems, ports, pipelines, and airport security screening. The largest portion of their workforce is deployed in airports for screening passengers and cargo. He described the screening technologies that are being used in airport security and screening and the process that is available for passengers to acquire a pre-check status in order to expedite passenger screening.

Dan Palmer was joined by Jacob Aguilar, who is a program assistant with TSA and primarily manages workforce activities. Jacob described the methods of screening and the accommodations available for passengers who need modifications in the standard screening processes. Jacob expressed that communication with the TSA officers either before travel or at the time of screening is imperative so the officers have the opportunity to have an understanding of the particular needs of a passenger with respect

to individual screening barriers or accommodations that can be utilized in order to make the screening process efficient, safe, and comfortable for the traveler. He described different methods of screening for medical equipment, medications, prosthetics, wheelchairs, assistive devices, services animals, and other deviations from the standard screening process.

The E&T Committee expressed their interested in looking at the policies and training materials TSA provides to its screening officers in relation to interacting with people with disabilities, but Dan Palmer stated that since TSA is a security administrator, that type of specific information would not be available for public consumption. He also stated that their new hire officers go through a half day of individuals with disabilities training, and there is quarterly recurring training, and then the passenger support specialists go through additional training and periodic refresher training on different subject matters the come up.

Kristin Vandagriff thanked Dan Palmer and Jacob Aguilar for presenting and invited them to be on the panel at a transportation community conversation that is being planned for the future.

Old Business

Council Employment Programs Update

Alaska Integrated Employment Initiative

Kristin Vandagriff reported the following AIEI activities:

- Presentation of the Microenterprise Program at Full Lives focused on providers.
- Scheduled a Microenterprise Program open house for individuals and families for May 19, 2015.
- Collaborating with DOL, DVR, and the Alaska Job Center Network on future OFCCP workshops and Q&As.
- Preparing the semi-annual reports for AIEI.
- Preparing for the AIEI Advisory Board meeting scheduled for May 11 – 12, 2015.

- Preparing for Project SEARCH technical assistance visit May 18 – 19, 2015.

Trust Beneficiary Employment & Engagement Initiative

There was no report available at this meeting.

Employment First

Rich Sanders was not available to make a full Employment First report, but Lucy Odden reported that she attended the Employment First presentation that Rich conducted at the Full Lives Conference and stated that he did three presentations and videos on people with disabilities and Employment First. Kristin Vandagriff stated that they also had many breakout sessions around employment that focused on customized employment, financial literacy and Microenterprises, and had a resource table with information on different employment topics and workplace incentive information.

Kristin Vandagriff reported that the University of Washington employment services trainers were in Alaska in April to provide training to approximately 20 people so they could be trained as employment service providers with DVR, and they are working on a distance delivery model of the training to be able to reach rural providers.

AK APSE Chapter Update

Lucy Odden reported that the Alaska APSE chapter is gearing up to attend the national conference in Philadelphia. Lucy noted that she is very excited to be part of the CinemAbility showing and events on May 11, 2015.

Alaska Mobility Coalition

There was no report from AMC available for the meeting.

New Business

E&T Committee FY16 Priorities and Work Plan

Kristin Vandagriff led the committee members through a review of the current work plan. She highlighted the completed activities and reviewed the recommended additions to the work plan. The recommendations with respect to employment were as follows:

- 5.1.1 (1) – Change the target date to December 2015.
- 5.1.1 (3) – Meet with Employment First leaders designated by the Department commissioners (DEED, DHSS & DOLWD).
- 5.1.1 (5) – Change the target date to December 2015.
- 5.1.1 (2) – Change the target date to ongoing.
- 5.1.2 (4) – Support discovery class pilot sites in curriculum development, teacher and paraprofessional training, class startup, and post-class outcome data analysis.
- 5.1.3 (6) – Explore options for providers to bill Medicaid for training where the federal government provides federal match dollars.
- 5.1.3 (7) – Partner with the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Project (CHD) to oversee the integrations of the newly developed two-tiered system of benefits planning for Alaska into the state system.
- 5.1.4 (1) – Change target date to 2015.
- 5.1.4 (3) – Provide feedback to DSDS regarding transition plan implementation with respect to supported employment services in integrated and competitive settings.
- 5.1.5 (4) – Change target date to quarterly.
- 5.1.6 (9) – Collaborate with DOL on the annual Diversity Job Fair as well as federal contractor and state agency networking events.
- 5.1.7 (7) – Hold at least two open house events with specific marketing to the DD community.
- 5.1.8 (8) – Hold at least one informational webinar with rural DD communities as the target attendees.

The recommendations with respect to transportation were as follows:

- 4.1.1 (5) – Provide feedback to DSDS regarding transition plan implementation with respect to the integrated settings, ensuring that the current services that include transportation are being fully utilized.

- 4.1.3 (5b) – Change the target date to June 2016; (5c) – change the target date to June 2016; (5d) – change the target date to June 2016.
- 4.1.3 (7) – Hold a transportation community conversation with transportation panel.
- 4.1.3 (8) – Develop, disseminate, and analyze a transportation survey for individuals with disabilities to determine transportation gaps and needs with respect to employment.

Dave Fleurant suggested broadening the scope of exploration for funding for training with respect to 5.1.3 (6). He also suggested extending the target date of 5.1.6 to 2017. The committee members agreed with the additions to the work plan and will forward the amended work plan at the Governor's Council meeting in May.

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

May 5 – 6, 2015

Governor's Council Meeting

May 11 – 12, 2015

CinemAbility Showing Event

May 11 – 12, 2015

AIEI Advisory Board Meeting

May 14, 2015

OFCP Workshop and State Agency Networking Session

May 18 – 19, 2015

TA Visit with Project SEARCH National Director

May 19, 2015

Microenterprise Open House for Individuals and Families

Time and Date of Next Meeting

The next Employment & Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2015, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.