

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

**Employment & Transportation Committee
Minutes**

LOCATION

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

Meeting Date

**October 20, 2015
1:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Lucy Odden, Chair
Dave Fleurant
Amy Simpson
Alexis Henning
Erin Atwood
Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
Christine Inglet

Guest:

Eric Musser

Staff:

Kristin Vandagriff
Ric Nelson

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CALL TO ORDER – 1:02 p.m.
ROLL CALL

Welcome from the Chair

Lucy Odden welcomed committee members to the meeting.

Announcements and Good News

Kristin Vandagriff announced that Ric Nelson has joined the staff at the Governor's Council and will be working with the committee on employment.

Lucy Odden shared that while she was attending the AFN Convention, she talked with Lt. Governor Mallot about the E&T Committee and their activities and the Employment First legislation. Lucy reported that Lt. Governor Mallot was supportive of employment for people with disabilities.

Approval of Agenda

Amy Simpson **MOVED** to approve the agenda. The motion was **SECONDED** by Alexis Henning. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Amy Simpson **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the August meeting. The motion was **SECONDED** by Alexis Henning. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**.

Reports

Eric Musser – Municipality of Anchorage Transportation Inspector

Eric Musser, the Transportation Inspector for the Municipality of Anchorage, joined the meeting to present a PowerPoint titled "Disability Transportation Overview 2014." Eric stated that the data used in the presentation was collected in 2014, which was the first year of data collection. He represented that the region he is responsible for spans from

Eklutna to the north side of the Whitter cutoff, including the Municipality of Anchorage. He reported that prior to 2014, there were five accessible cabs licensed to provide service in the Municipality of Anchorage. In 2013, there were five more permits issued, and the data is based on ten accessible transportation vehicles. Eric highlighted the following data:

- Peak hours for demand are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- The average call per hour ranges from 16 to 19 calls.
- The average wait time is 15 minutes, and average trip time is 25 minutes.
- The average calls per hour are 11.67, and the average cabs operated per hour is 5.63.

Eric Musser stated that the data demonstrates that there is a shortfall of accessible cabs. He stated that the data has been forwarded to the Anchorage Transportation Commission, and they are considering issuing another ten permits.

Eric Musser reported that one of the issues they have gleaned from the data is that there are no requirements for the permit holders to operate in the peak demand hours, and he believes intention was to have service through the peak hours of demand.

Eric Musser explained that the enforcement of the regulations related to service is complaint driven. He encouraged the committee members to relate that to the people they know so proper enforcement can be obtained and people are being treated in a respectful manner.

Old Business

Council Employment Programs Updates

Alaska Integrated Employment Initiative

Kristin Vandagriff reported the following activities for AIEI:

- The transition handbook's timeline has been constructed, and they are beginning to gather feedback from stakeholder groups.

- Project SEARCH's Erin Riehle was in Alaska doing technical assistance with the four sites and employer engagement with a focus on expansion.
- Continued work with the Employment Services Team looking at employment and workforce needs.
- Planning for a breakfast event in December focused on the State of Alaska hiring managers and providing them with DVR provisional hiring information.
- Working with APIC on how to get involved with Project SEARCH.
- Developing a training with OFCCP for federal contractors.
- Planning for job fairs.
- Planning for the next AIEI Advisory Board meeting in November.

Trust Beneficiary Employment & Engagement Initiative

Kristin Vandagriff reported the following activities with regards to the Trust Beneficiary Employment & Engagement Initiative including working on scheduling behavioral health workgroups to focus on data pulls and beginning planning for a stakeholder meeting in the spring of 2016.

Employment First

Kristin Vandagriff reported that with regards to Employment First, the next step is to bring together the department champions for Employment First and look at common progress measurement tools, as well as the State Plan to unify efforts.

AK APSE Chapter Update

Lucy Odden reported that the Alaska APSE Chapter is focused on school transition. Lucy stated that along with AIEI, the chapter is looking forward to celebrating the second year anniversary of Employment First and are planning fundraising events to help with the Employment First celebration.

Kristin Vandagriff reported that the Alaska APSE Chapter will be offering the Certified Employment Support Professionals (CESP) exam for providers who have been in the supported employment field for at least a year.

Kristin Vandagriff reported that the Alaska APSE Chapter is collaborating with the Alaska Peer Support Consortium on the Employment Conference scheduled for November 9th and 10th, 2015.

Alaska Mobility Coalition

There was no report from AMC available for the meeting.

New Business

Five-Year State Planning Update

Kristin Vandagriff reported that with regards to the progress of the Five-Year State Plan, the staff has been reviewing the long-term goals of employment and fleshing out the objectives from the Council meeting. Community forums are continuing, and when they are completed, Britteny Howell plans to examine the feedback and construct a document of key points for the Council to review.

Review Revised E&T Committee FY16 Work Plan

Kristin Vandagriff directed the committee members' attention to the revised committee work plan contained in the meeting packet. After a review of the activities, Kristin opened the floor for other areas of interest committee members might have. Lucy Odden expressed an interest of developing a partnership with the Alaska Native Federation to work on employment for people with disabilities. Erin Atwood expressed the concern that parents have when it comes to navigating the transition to work and the overwhelming amount of details for people with disabilities and their parents and family members have to consider before supporting the changes, and she would like to see information resources for parents somewhere in the process.

Planning for Transportation Community Conversation

Planning for a transportation community conversation was tabled until the next meeting.

E&T Committee Member Recruitment

The E&T Committee member recruitment discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- **OCTOBER:** National Disability Employment Awareness Month
<http://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/ndeam/>
- **October 21:** BEST Employer Kickoff Event
- **October 23:** APICC Annual Conference
- **November 9 & 10:** Alaska Peer Support Employment Conference
- **November 13:** Veteran's Job Fair
- **November 16 & 17:** AIEI Advisory Board Meeting
- **November 18:** BEST Employer Event

Time and Date of Next Meeting

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

Alexis Henning **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. The motion was **SECONDED** by Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**, and the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.