

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION

Executive Committee Meeting

LOCATION

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

Teleconference

Meeting Date

October 29, 2014
1:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Ric Nelson – Chair
Art Delaune
Dean Gates
Taylor Gregg
Karli Lopez
Amy Simpson

Staff:

Patrick Reinhart, Executive Director
Brittney Howell

Minutes prepared by: Jeannette Rice, Peninsula Reporting

Call to Order –1:00 p.m.
Roll Call

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR
INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GOOD NEWS

Karli Lopez announced that she has a new job as the director of development for the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation.

Patrick Reinhart announced that Ric had just delivered the Council's testimony to the Medicaid Reform Advisory Group, which was meeting in the same building as the Executive Committee today. Patrick noted that there were so many people calling in to testify telephonically that the system had gone down a couple of times.

Dean Gates announced that he had met Don Young's staff member who is deaf, Eleanor Mullen, and she will be visiting Anchorage over the next few days. Dean explained that the deaf community and the Alaska School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing had prepared some events and site visits for Eleanor.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Amy Simpson **MOVED** to approve the agenda. The motion **PASSED**.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Amy Simpson **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2014 meeting. The motion **PASSED**.

CORRESPONDENCE

Patrick Reinhart stated that the only correspondence was the letter to the Medicaid Reform Advisory Group, which Ric had used in his testimony today. Patrick said that he would send each committee member a copy of the letter. Patrick noted that the Council has offered to fill the required advisory role if the program goes to a 1915(k) waiver plan.

REPORTS

Chair's Report

Ric Nelson reported that the NACDD is looking for members to help with a new strategic plan, and he is interested in doing it. Ric said that Patrick agreed, and he asked for feedback from the Executive Committee. It would not involve any additional travel, and it was decided that Ric should volunteer.

Ric also reported that he and Patrick are going to present on home and community-based regulations at the next Trust meeting, and they are attending the Medicaid meeting all day today.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Patrick Reinhart reported that he started in his new position as ED last week, and spent half the time at the Alaska Brain Injury Network board meeting. Patrick said that he would like to shorten the reports in the Executive Committee meetings by having prepared lists of bulleted points to cover. Patrick explained that he envisions staff preparing the reports and having the committee chairs approve them before they are submitted to be included with the meeting materials.

Patrick pointed out that there have been major revisions to the website, and he urged everyone to have a look and to let him know if they wanted anything changed or added.

Patrick noted that Britteny Howell had contacted those who are on the bylaws committee, and there will be a meeting soon.

Patrick Reinhart stated that his planner position would be vacant for about six weeks, and the Council is also preparing to hire an intern. Patrick also noted that he is starting to have regular weekly meetings with the budget person from SDS, and will also be meeting once a month with Duane Mayes and Bill Streur. Finally, Patrick commented that Teresa had prepared all the reports that were due before she left, and he thanked her for doing that.

Patrick added that the deadline is approaching for non-Council members to apply for the Key Campaign scholarship to pay for airfare to Key Campaign, and he urged committee members to inform people who might be interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee reports will be sent out to committee members before the meeting in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

October Council Meeting Review

Patrick remarked that he thought having the meeting in just two days worked well, and he asked for feedback. Amy Simpson agreed that the shorter meeting was good, and Karli Lopez suggested trying to increase participation from some Council members. Committee members discussed having some kind of closing comments, and having an intern follow up to ask Council members for thoughts and ideas in the days after the meeting.

Employment First Policy for Governor's Council

Patrick commented that people were making revisions to the wording that was presented at the Council meeting, and it needs to be finished and brought back to the Executive Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

January Council Meeting Agenda

Patrick said that he would send out last year's agenda to help people's memories, and he requested that people inform him of anything they want to have put on the agenda for the January meeting. Patrick and Ric will work on a draft of the agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting.

Patrick added that the Council is planning to use REACH's art studio as a staging place for their visits to legislators, as they are not allowed to use the constituent lounge.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Medicaid Ad Hoc Committee:** October 30, 1:00 – 3:00
- **Developmental Disabilities Committee:** 11/5 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- **Employment & Transportation Committee:** 11/21, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
- **Peer Power:** November 12, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m.
- **Early Intervention Committee:** 11/12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.
- **Education Committee:** 11/20 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- **Legislative Committee:** 11/25 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

- **Rich Sander's presentation to Anchorage Chamber on Employment First:** 11/12, 11:30 – 1:00
- **APICC Conference:** 11/14 (Rich and Kristin)
- **AIEI Advisory Board:** 11/17-18 at Special Olympics Campus
- **Trust Board Meeting:** 11/20 (Ric, Patrick, and Britteny)
- **SESA Board Meeting:** 12/4 – 12/5 at Hotel Captain Cook

TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for December 4th, 2014 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Amy Simpson **MOVED** for adjournment. The motion **PASSED** and the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.