

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION

Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes

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

Teleconference
Meeting Date
March 8, 2016
12:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Lucy Odden – Vice-Chair
Art Delaune
Angie Fraize
Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
Mallory Hamilton
David Kohler
Amy Simpson, Chair

Staff:

Patrick Reinhart, Executive Director
Rich Sanders

Minutes prepared by: Jeannette Rice, Peninsula Reporting

Call to Order –12:02 p.m.
Roll Call

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR
INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GOOD NEWS

Patrick Reinhart announced that the ABLE Act would be up for a hearing the day after this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mallory Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the agenda, **SECONDED** by Art Delaune. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

David Kohler **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the January 12th, 2016 meeting, **SECONDED** by Mallory Hamilton. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**.

CORRESPONDENCE

Patrick Reinhart included numerous pieces of correspondence in the meeting packet:

- A letter on the I/DD waiver renewal application was sent on March 7.
- Comment on the proposed changes to regulations regarding waiver provider certification was submitted by the Medicaid Ad Hoc Committee.
- A letter was sent to Sean O'Brien, director of Public Assistance, about needs to update the Medicaid buy-in program and websites.
- Comment on the House Finance Committee recommendations on grants was submitted for the state budget hearings last week.
- A letter of support on the Alaska Care Act went to Senator Giessel.

- Patrick and other DD Council directors nationwide drafted an action alert to senators asking them to support an increased appropriation for DD Act funding, with examples of the good it does in various states.

Patrick added that the Medicaid Ad Hoc Committee has been hard at work on some very detailed and comprehensive comments on regulations, and he expects to see a lot more regulation changes coming up with the Medicaid reform work going on. Patrick suggested that the Council may need to restructure how they do comments so the work doesn't burden just a few people.

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Patrick Reinhart directed committee members to a spreadsheet in the meeting packet that shows year-to-date expenditure percentages. He noted that 45 percent of the budget is expended and the year is about 66 percent through, so the Council is well under budget. However, they will be spending a significant amount soon to set up a videoconference facility at the Anchorage office. Rich Sanders is working on the procurement, and the May Council meeting will be done by videoconference.

Patrick explained that he and Kristin are going to a meeting of the AIEI grantees to argue for a one-year, no-cost extension to that grant, since there is enough money left over to fund an additional year. That would extend it until 2018, and certain staff are funded by the AIEI grant.

Patrick also noted that he and Kristin would be traveling to Virginia and Washington, D.C. for the AIEI grantee meeting. While there, they also plan to talk to the Alaska senators about the DD Act funding and the national restraint and seclusion legislation. They will also visit the NACDD home office and the Community Transit Association of America.

Patrick discussed proposed changes to the funding formula for DD programs, explaining that Alaska is a minimum-allotment state. Patrick

ADJOURNMENT

Mallory Hamilton **MOVED** for adjournment. **SECONDED** by Art Delaune.
With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.