

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
May 10, 2016
12:00 p.m.

Attendees:

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

Staff:

Patrick Reinhart, Executive Director
Kristin Vandagriff

Minutes prepared by: Paula DiPaolo, Peninsula Reporting

REPORTS

Executive Director's Report

Patrick Reinhart reported that Britteny Howell's last day will be June 15th. The planner position has moved forward a bit, but it is a ways from being done.

OLD BUSINESS

State Plan Development

Patrick Reinhart stated that the staff worked on making the changes to the State Plan that were discussed in the previous week's Council meeting. What he would like the Executive Committee to do today is approve this draft so they can reformat it and put it out for the first phase of public comment. He noted that further work will be done on the objectives to make them standard and measurable.

Mallory Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the draft with the guidance to staff to create more measurable objectives, **SECONDED** by Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

National DD Conference, July 5 – 8, Washington, D.C.

Patrick Reinhart stated that Amy Simpson has volunteered to attend this conference again, and he is considering Ian Miner as staff to attend. Patrick mentioned that Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus will be on the East Coast at the time, and the Council may possibly be able to get a portion of that travel reimbursed to her for costs incurred to attend the conference. This is all dependent on prior approval.

Mallory Hamilton stated that this committee had previously discussed the vice chair attending this conference, because they will be taking over position of chair the following year. Patrick noted that the new vice chair, Maggie Winston, will become chair of the Council just prior to this conference next year, and she will be able to attend at that time. Patrick

stated that he will discuss this with Maggie to determine her availability and then will bring further information back before this committee.

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus stated that it would be nice to know which conferences were available to attend and who would be eligible to attend them on behalf of the Council. Patrick commented that there is an old list at the Council of all the things that used to be dealt with by the Executive Committee, one of them being approving the travel budget for all the different conferences. He stated that with all the travel restrictions within the State now, every travel memo that gets approved is a blessing. Amy Simpson suggested that each committee put together a couple of conference suggestions that are core to that committee. Patrick stated that he asked committees for that information, and he will put together a list of suggestions offered for the Executive Committee to review.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Budget

The FY17 budget was approved during the full Council meeting.

Other Business From the Floor

Lucy Odden stated that at yesterday's APSE committee meeting, they are considering have a "Take Your Legislator to Work Day" on the same day they hold a celebration of the second year anniversary of Employment First. They are considering hosting this in October to kick off National Disability Month.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

- May 11, 10:00 – 11:30 – EIC meeting
- May 12, 11:00 – 12:00 – AADD meeting
- May 12, 12:00 – 1:00 – NACDD Public Policy meeting
- May 12, 1:00 – 2:00 – AIEI Management Team
- May 13, 1:00 – 3:30 – Inclusive Community Choices Council
- May 17, 1:00 – 2:30 – E&T Committee
- May 18, 8:30 – 10:30, Staff meeting

