



GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

FASD Workgroup

LOCATION

Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education
3601 C Street, Suite 740
Anchorage, Alaska

December 9, 2014
3-4:30pm

CALL TO ORDER

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus called the meeting to order at 3:07pm..

ROLL CALL

Aileen McInnis, Alex Edwards, Jill Burkert, Barb Chambers, Art Delaune, Deb Evensen, Michael Baldwin, Laura Baez, Teri Tibbett, Trish Smith, Jeanne Gerhart-Cyrus, Britteny Howell, Staff - Christie Reinhart.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

Jeanne welcomed the group and announced that her son has received an IDD waiver. Barb won compensatory measures from ASD. Christie reports that Adrian made the honor roll again. Teri reports that Family Voice conference is Feb 4-7 in Juneau. Tracey Weise wants to be added to the group, she has been invited.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Discussion on Medicaid expansion**
 - Roadblocks include Xerox problems and Medicaid eligibility system. Have appointed a Medicaid expansion director, Kris Ashenbrenner.
- **DD Eligibility**

Teri - Billy Williams, lawyer, coming up for conference. Trainings to expand DD eligibility. Not IQ, functioning instead. Says FAS is already in the regs. Jan 9 he is doing a training at the DLC in anchorage.

- **Educational Services**

State board of Ed meeting and testimony. Spoke to chair, Esther Cox, who said may need to go to Ed commissioner. Spoke to Ed commissioner about expanding the definition of “physician” for Other Health Impairment on the IEP, and he said he would support effort if we’re expanding the definition, rather than contracting it. We need to write the regulation wording, where it goes in the regs, and send to him to change. The Ed board will likely help us get it through.

Clayton Holland – CASE (Council of Administrators for Special Education) meets quarterly. Taking position in support of our OHI efforts. Meet in February, can get letter of support from them.

State board of Ed meets in March, can we get it in place by then? Britteny to help Christie write this up. May be available elsewhere in other regs to borrow. Similar reg changes to define autism diagnoses and physicians? Reg changes need to go through FASD workgroup and the Education committee.

- **Birth through Life Supports, Accommodations and Services**

Jeanne to co-present @ FASD conference in Juneau. Teri is looking for presenters at the Family Voice Forum. May not be 4 days long due to restricted funding. Feb 3-5 with some funding for advocacy training on day 1. Forum on day 2 includes lawyers, special educators, social services professionals to learn from families. Day 3 Into Action training with Jeanne. Also go into meetings with legislators. Sent apps out last week, closes end of this week. Funding app sent out by Christie, will do so again today. FASD Partnership steering committee tomorrow.

Christie trying to get Arc to reinstate program for substance abuse treatment among individuals with FASD. They have no funding, not on their current strategic plan. Jeanne – can we get other programs to join our calls to talk about what is available to whom? NCADD in Juneau. Jeanne also has contacts to pass to Christie.

- **Self-Advocacy**

FASD Family Camp Feb 13-16. Trish says funding is limited by important to people. Training, peer support. Maybe families can get DD mini-grants? Must be DD eligible and have case mgr to apply. Camp is in Wasilla. State grants are not available for it anymore. Last year had DBH funding. Before that there was federal FAS money. Then DBH prevention grants until last year. Also get small fees from families.

Christie – SAFA chapter meeting Jan 15 @5:30?? At the Arc. ZA, WI SAFAs doing well. Have an outline from them about how to succeed. Must be 16+ yrs old to join. Have mapped out training topics and speakers for monthly mtgs. Need to give themselves a name, logo,

statement, and goals. The Arc will design fliers for us. Cami Donohue @ Arc is the SAFA contact. May be include statewide and conference all meetings or else a model to send to communities. No idea how many people will join. List of where to advertise fliers. Costco may donate pizza. Moose's Tooth?

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The next meeting to be held the first Tuesday in January.

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