

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION

Rural Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

LOCATION

3601 C Street
Anchorage, Alaska
Teleconference

Meeting Date

August 9, 2010

Attendees:

Anna Attla, Co-Chair
Holli Yancey, Co-Chair
Tom Cyrus
Taylor Gregg
Pam Curns
Belinda Burns

Community Members/Guests:

Steve Williams

Staff:

Duane Mayes
Teresa Holt

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Call to Order – 1:30 p.m.
Roll Call

ANNOUNCEMENTS OR GOOD NEWS

Duane Mayes stated that they have finished making the RFR recommendations to the Trust.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Tom Cyrus **MOVED** to approve the agenda. The motion to approve the agenda **PASSED**.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Tom Cyrus **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2010 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes **PASSED**.

SUMMARY ON TELESYSTEMS FOR RURAL ALASKA AND NEXT STEPS

Duane Mayes stated that there has been stimulus dollars coming into the state. TCC received some funding to apply towards the expansion of the broadband capacity in their 60 plus villages. There has also been stimulus funding in Southwest and Barrow.

Telesystems Summit

- Meeting with Rebecca Madison with the e-Health Network on August 24,
- Scheduled a meeting with Ron Adler with API,
- Meeting scheduled with Jeff Jesse and Steve Williams August 26,
- Met with Tiffany Zulkosky, rural director for Senator Begich, who would be supportive of having a preliminary roundtable discussion in October to explore the idea of having a summit,
- Met with both GCI and ACS regarding attending the summit. Both were in support of attending,

- Received information about Chariot Group in Anchorage who sets up videoconferencing systems.

Duane Mayes commented that the creation of the summit will work towards the goals in their work plan.

Duane mentioned that it may be valuable to get another party involved in sponsoring the summit so there is no misconception that this is strictly a disability generated or State organized summit, but rather show that it is a partnership bringing together multiple entities.

Belinda Burns suggested that the Alaska Speech and Hearing Association might be interested in partnering.

Duane noted that they are looking towards having the summit this next spring.

In addition to the meetings already scheduled, other next steps include:

- Contact Stewart Ferguson regarding the summit,
- Schedule the roundtable discussion for October and include staff from all members of the congressional delegation,
- See if there is any interest from local legislators.

SUMMARY ON RFR RECOMMENDATIONS TIED TO RURAL ALASKA

Duane Mayes stated that this year is an MHTAAR funding year through the Trust. The Council made approximately \$1 million dollars of MHTAAR recommendations to the Trust. They are also making GF/MH recommendations of up to \$1.5 million dollars. He stated that the Council made 12 recommendations to the Trust, and they will present those recommendations to the Trust finance committee.

Duane stated that the recommendations that are tied to rural Alaska include:

- Secondary transition camp capacity building program (rural transition camps) - \$150,000 GF/MH.
- SESA - \$350,000 GF/MH to address funding cut from low incidence disability services,
- Alaska Transition Training Initiative, ATTI Project – transition from birth to three instruction to transitioning to school.

Steve Williams clarified that the Trust approval is a two-part process, and the final approval of the recommendations will take place after September 13th.

UPDATE ON FASD INITIATIVE

Duane Mayes stated that he will e-mail committee members the notes from the last FASD meeting.

He noted that the legislature approved a \$400,000 increment for FASD diagnosis and services and now this group has come together, through the leadership of the Alaska Mental Health Board, to develop a clear initiative and identify stakeholders.

Belinda Burns stated that she would be interested in representing the Rural Ad Hoc Committee on that board. Duane will e-mail the meeting notes to Belinda for her to decide whether or not she would like to sit on that group.

Anna Attla also volunteered to participate in the FASD group.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled teleconference is September 13 at 1:30 p.m.

Face-to-Face Meeting in Spring

Teresa Holt and Duane Mayes will investigate the best dates to do their face-to-face meeting in Cordova.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.