

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL
EDUCATION

Rural Services Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

LOCATION

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

Meeting Date

January 11, 2012
1:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Anna Attla, Chair
Laurie Cooper
Pam Curns
Tom Cyrus
Kris Green
Taylor Gregg
Banarsi Lal
Justine Sheehan
Holli Yancey, Chair

Community Members:

Lisa Balivet

Staff:

Teresa Holt

Prepared by:

Jeannette Rice, Peninsula Reporting

Call to Order – 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call

READING OF THE COUNCIL MISSION

Anna Attla read the Council's mission: Improving the lives of people with disabilities.

INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS OR GOOD NEWS

Teresa Holt announced that three of the Governor's Council recommendations made it into the budget:

Alaska Transition Outcomes Project, \$100,000

Project SEARCH, \$100,000

Services for the deaf

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Anna Attla **MOVED** to approve the agenda. The motion **PASSED**.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Holli Yancey **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the October 12th, 2011 meeting. The motion **PASSED**.

CORRESPONDENCE AND COUNCIL UPDATE

Teresa Holt reported that the federal report to the Administration on Developmental Disabilities was submitted.

Teresa stated that the Council meeting is in Juneau January 24th, 25th, and 26th, with three major priorities:

- Autism insurance reform
- Change funding for SESA and remove sunset provision
- Permanent annual funding for the Complex Behavior Collaborative Consultation and Training (the Hub)

Teresa also reminded the committee about the waiver regulation

changes through SDS, and urged committee members to look through them and give public comments.

Teresa Holt reported that she is arranging a practice TSA full-body scan run-through at the airport either the Friday or the Monday before Key Campaign for people who want to try it out before they travel.

UPDATE ON TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

Teresa Holt reported on the Committee's four goals for transition activities from the last meeting:

Advocate for a system of memorandum of agreements between schools, DD providers, and TVR.

Teresa stated that she, Pam Curns, and Tom Cyrus had met with Art Arnold about this, and the response was that it would be difficult except at the local level, but there is an MOA between DVR and the Department of Education at the State level; Teresa is planning to contact Joanne Gibbens to find out more about that agreement. Teresa said that she also contacted Don Enoch about the Department of Education's revision of the special ed handbook, and he agreed to give the entire section on transitions to this committee to review before they put it out.

Advocate for best practice presentations at DVR, TVR, and ASSEC conferences and Full Lives.

Teresa Holt reported that the committee is arranging to do a transition presentation at the Statewide Special Ed Conference, and someone from DVR is going to participate. They are also planning one for Full Lives, with a DD provider person leading.

Advocate for training on the DVR and TVR referral process for school district staff.

Teresa Holt reported that Art Arnold is working on this. He has created some information cards which haven't been printed yet, and they've done some work on their website.

Teresa added that the committee's fourth idea, asking DVR and the Department of Ed to create a statewide referral form, was nixed by both of those agencies.

IN-DEPTH DISCUSSION OF TELEPRACTICE AND SDS SERVICES

Holli Yancey stated that the committee is working on three goals:

- *Advocate for the use of technology in hiring*
- *Advocate for the use of technology to provide training for direct service professionals*
- *Advocate for the use of technology to provide training information to parents and self-advocates*

The Committee brainstormed about what to do, who is going to help, and how they are going to do it. Discussion ensued about why agencies, particularly their legal departments, might be resistant to using technology, and how to overcome those concerns. Holli Yancey suggested doing a survey about what technology is or is not used and why, and what training needs could be met with technology. Laurie Cooper, Emily Ennis, Kris Green, and Anna Attla will draft some questions for the committee to review at the next meeting. Teresa Holt added that she and Holli Yancey would be attending an update meeting on the Online With Libraries project, and that might lead to more information and ideas.

The group developed a list of a few basic questions:

- What are you using technology for? (Include a list of possible responses.)
- How do you use technology?
- What types of technology do you use?
- What are your concerns about using technology?
- Do you have sufficient bandwidth?
- Where is online access available in your community?
- Do you have access to assistance if it isn't working?

Teresa said that they will draft a survey and send it out for committee

members to look at before the next meeting.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next Rural Services Ad Hoc Committee teleconference is scheduled for February 8th, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.