

Developmental Disabilities Committee Work Plan for FY17

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Alaska Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

GOAL # 1: Community Inclusion, Supports, and Services

Improve service delivery to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DDs) to live and thrive in their communities with formal and informal supports and services that promote independence.

Objectives:

- 1.1. Targeted Disparity Objective: Expand early identification of school age children (0-22 years) who experience Autism and/or FASD.
- 1.2. Increase person-centered practices for home and community-based service (HCBS) settings in the Alaskan service delivery system.
- 1.3. Expand the public's knowledge and awareness through outreach and community involvement on advocacy issues of importance to people who experience I/DDs.
- 1.4. Increase self-advocacy and self-advocacy leadership opportunities for individuals with I/DDs and their families in Alaska, including participation in coalitions and strengthening the state's self-advocacy organization.

GOAL # 5: Healthcare

Alaskans with disabilities and their families will receive the necessary employment services and supports needed to become competitively employed in an integrated setting.

Objective:

- 5.3. Improve the Alaska Medicaid system for individuals with disabilities through collaboration with partners and community workgroups.

1.1. Targeted Disparity Objective: Expand early identification of school age children (0-22 years) who experience Autism and/or FASD.

1.2.

Activities	Who	Target Date	Status
1. Collect, review and share prior and current data on the goals, objectives, and activities of the Council.	Kristin & Anne	Jan 2018	
2. Up to 3 Council members will serve on the Council’s Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders) Workgroup and meet at least 4 times per year.	Jeanne & Art (Lanny and Christie staff)	ongoing	
3. At least 3 Council members will serve on the Council’s Autism Ad Hoc Committee and meet at least 3 times a year.	Anthony, Jill, Mallory, & Margaret (Christie staff)	ongoing	
4. Research barriers that prevent working caregivers from maintaining other employment.	Jeanne, Lizette, Art, Mary, & Mallory (Workforce Work Group) (Anne, Kristin, & Lanny staff)	Jan 2019	
5. Partner to increase greater use of assistive technology, particularly to rural and remote Alaska.	Kristin, Anne, SDS, SAIL, SILC, ATLA, others	ongoing	
6. Conduct statutorily mandated responsibilities as a beneficiary board to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (The Trust).	Patrick, Kristin	ongoing	
7. Collaborate with the Alaska Mobility Coalition to enhance community transportation options statewide.	Patrick	ongoing	

1.3. Increase person-centered practices for home and community-based service (HCBS) settings in the Alaskan service delivery system.

Activities	Who	Target Date	Status
1. Monitor, review, comment, and raise awareness of statutory, regulatory and policy changes around the delivery of person-centered I/DD services in Alaska.	Kristin, Anne, all committee members	ongoing	
2. Monitor, review, comment, and raise awareness of the state's transition to person-centered conflict-free case management and transition to fully HCBS integrated settings	Kristin, Anne, all committee members	ongoing	
3. Monitor, review, comment on, and raise awareness of statutory, regulatory, and policy changes that facilitate Supported Decision Making Agreements (SDMAs) and other less-restrictive alternatives to full guardianships.	Anne	ongoing	

1.4. Expand the public's knowledge and awareness through outreach and community involvement on advocacy issues of importance to people who experience I/DDs.

Activities	Who	Target Date	Status
1. Review and share information to the general public on issues that affect the lives of individuals who experience I/DDs.	Kristin, Anne, & Lanny	Jan 2019	
2. Increase public communication on Council	Kristin, Anne, Lanny, Christie, Ric	ongoing	

activities at least 10 times per year through the use of social media (Facebook, twitter), website, radio, television and other means.			
3. Participate in community activities that increase our involvement and interaction with the public.	Committee members	ongoing	

1.4 Increase self-advocacy and self-advocacy leadership opportunities for individuals with I/DDs and their families in Alaska, including participation in coalitions and strengthening the state’s self-advocacy organization.

Activities	Who	Target Date	Status
1. Identify and recruit advocates and self-advocates for vacant Council seats.	Committee members	ongoing	
2. Provide leadership training and advocacy opportunities to at least 5 Council members, self-advocates, and family members annually.	Peer Power, Ric, Kristin, & Patrick	ongoing	
3. Continue to support statewide self-advocacy.	Peer Power, Ric, Kristin & Patrick	ongoing	
4. Increase communication, collaboration, and participation in the Key Campaign, an annual advocacy effort with the legislature led by the Key Coalition and fund travel for 5 individuals with developmental disabilities and/or family members to participate in the Key Campaign once a year by 2021.	Maggie, Ric, Patrick, & Kristin	ongoing	
5. Develop a mentorship program for new Council and committee members that will pair self-advocates with both staff and/or mentor council	Jeanne	ongoing	

members.			
6. Continue to offer Council members an annual legislative advocacy visit to the state capitol as part of the winter Council meeting to discuss issues impacting Alaskans with disabilities with the Alaska State Legislature.	Patrick, Kristin, Anne, all committee members	ongoing	

5.3. Improve the Alaska Medicaid system for individuals with disabilities through collaboration with partners and community workgroups.

Activities	Who	Target Date	Status
1. Ensure Medicaid billing for the remote (telehealth) delivery of waiver services to our rural and remote disparity population.	Kristin, Medicaid ad hoc members	ongoing	
2. Monitor, review, and comment on statutory changes and new laws that affect the Medicaid I/DD waiver.	Kristin, Medicaid ad hoc members	ongoing	
3. Monitor, review, and comment on regulations and regulatory changes that affect the Medicaid I/DD waiver.	Kristin, Medicaid ad hoc members	ongoing	
4. Monitor, review, and comment on policy changes and new policy development that affect the Medicaid I/DD waiver.	Kristin, Medicaid ad hoc members	ongoing	