

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES
AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**Developmental Disabilities Committee
Meeting Minutes**

LOCATION

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

Meeting Date

**November 1, 2017
1:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

Corey Gilmore
Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
Art Delaune
Mallory Hamilton
Mary Middleton
Lizette Stiehr
Maureen Harwood
Britteny Howell
Oscar Cedano
Kim Champney
Duane Mayes
Amanda Kulikov

Staff:

Kristin Vandagriff
Anne Applegate
Patrick Reinhart
Ric Nelson

Prepared by: Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

Call to Order – 1:00 p.m.
Roll Call

WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR

Corey Gilmore welcomed the committee members to the meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GOOD NEWS

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus expressed her appreciation to Access Alaska and Art Delaune in Fairbanks for the support that her daughter is getting through Access Alaska.

Amanda Kulikov joined the meeting for the first time and introduced herself as a UAA Lend Fellow.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was reported.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

No conflicts of interest were declared.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Art Delaune **MOVED** to approve the agenda, **SECONDED** by Mallory Hamilton. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the September 2017 meeting as written, **SECONDED** by Art Delaune. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

REPORTS

Chair's Report

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus thanked Corey Gilmore for serving as co-chair to the committee as it allows her to be able to focus on the FASD Workgroup and the Workforce Workgroup.

I/DD Unit

Duane Mayes reported that SDS will be working on a status update video related to the ongoing work of the Medicaid reform efforts specific to SDS.

Duane Mayes reported that SDS projects going live with the Community First Choice option (CFC) and the Individualized Supports Waiver (ISW) in March of 2018. The draft regulations for those two components are out for public comment, and SDS has scheduled a public hearing for November 15th to hear live testimony from the public.

Duane Mayes stated that the public forums they have done have been very productive and have been instrumental in gathering recommendations for improvement. Duane noted that although they go to great measures to reach recipients of services to gather feedback, they are having difficulty reaching their target audience. At the last meeting they had at Special Olympics, they had a great turnout, but very few recipients. Ric Nelson was in attendance and recommended that SDS partner with the Governor's Council and Peer Power as a vehicle to reach the intended audience. Duane stated that he was there to ask for help from the Governor's Council to figure out ways to reach recipients of services and gather their input on the draft regulations.

Patrick Reinhart asked about the Continuum of Care infographic, and Duane Mayes stated that it would be available once the data has been confirmed.

Duane Mayes reported that with regards to creating efficiencies and to drive down costs, SDS is exploring a reduction of human assistance and an increase of the use of technology. SDS was successful in getting funding from the Trust and the Rasmuson Foundation to pilot and demonstrate cost savings through use of technology. The goal would be to come up with evidence that would demonstrate the cost savings and be able to make the argument that they need to make a change to the waiver to add a technology component to it.

General Council and Executive Committee Update

Kristin Vandagriff reported that the Council staff will be busy with year-end federal reporting. She reported that the surveys the Council sends out to Council members will be done a little differently this year. They intend to send one e-mail with all of the surveys Council members are being asked to take according to their involvement on committees, so some members will receive multiple surveys. Kristin encouraged committee members to fill out and return the surveys because it is how they get their data for reporting purposes.

Kristin Vandagriff reported that the Council is busy preparing for the Juneau Council meeting and ensuring that they will be ready for the legislative visits.

Mental Health Trust Authority

A report from the Mental Health Trust Authority was not available for the meeting. Kristin Vandagriff shared the news that Mike Abbott has been hired to fill the CEO position at the Trust. She noted that she and Maggie Winston took part in the search for a CEO, and Maggie did an awesome job and represented the Council well.

AADD

Kim Champney reported that the AADD Hot Topics scheduled for November 30th will focus on the Individualized Supports Waiver.

Kim Champney reported that with regards to the DD Collaborative Shared Vision work, they are forming a project team called the Advocate Advisory Group that will kick off by hosting an advocates meeting in Juneau that she will facilitate on November 7th and an advocates meeting in Anchorage that Ric Nelson will facilitate on November 16th. The intention is to reach out to self-advocates to garner feedback on the plans that are being developed around the DD Vision.

Kim Champney reported that CHD's Karen Ward is going to be presenting to their Workforce Group November 2nd regarding the five courses they are

rolling out directed at DSPs.

Kim Champney reported that the Community Awareness Team is involved in developing a number of public relations campaigns. Kim noted that the legislative committee will be working on stories, in particular success stories highlighting technology, for their legislator outreach in collaboration with the Governor's Council and Key Campaign. Kim noted that the Projects Team will be meeting to look at information from the Council on quality leadership along with other measurements of success.

Housing

Oscar Cedano reported that the 811 Program is up and running and they will begin December 1st putting people into housing. Oscar gave a brief history of the program and encouraged the committee members to direct people to Lisa Rosay at DHSS to talk about the eligibility requirements.

Stone Soup Group

Mary Middleton reported the following activities for Stone Soup Group:

- A training is scheduled for November 28th on challenging behaviors in young children. Registration is open online.
- The Santa Party is scheduled for December 9th. Registration is open online.
- The parent conference is scheduled for April 6-7. The focus of the conference is transition. There will also be a session with the Department of Public Safety on interactions with law enforcement and first responders.

Mary Middleton reported that she will be attending a training in Washington D.C. the week of November 13th put on by Family Voices, which is a national advocacy organization. Family Voices will be presenting an award to Senator Murkowski for her work over the past several months protecting healthcare for children and youth with disabilities and special healthcare needs.

ADRD Home and Hope Intentional Neighborhoods

Britteny Howell reported that since her last update on the ADRD home, they have two residents living in their home, and they have some that are waiting. They are currently orientating new staff experienced in dementia, and they will be able to accommodate the residents who are waiting once the new staff is trained.

Mallory Hamilton reported that with regards to the intentional neighborhood update, the roofs are being put on, and the interior work on the homes will be done over the next few months. She reported that they will be conducting meetings in Soldotna to finalize the philosophy and governance of the community. She anticipates the community to be up and running by late spring 2018.

ICC Update

Art Delaune briefly reported that the focus of the last meeting was the Individualized Supports Waiver and getting into the details of how that would work. He reported that there was a lot confusion on the part of the caregivers mainly because they have not seen the regulations, but now that they are out, they will have an opportunity to review them and clear up any confusion they may have had.

Key Coalition/Campaign

Kristin Vandagriff reported that the AADD face-to-face meeting will be held February 28th, 2018 in Juneau, and Key Campaign will be held March 1st and 2nd, 2018. She reported that the Key Campaign board is meeting to finalize the priorities they will take to Juneau and their overall planning efforts.

Diversity, Inclusion, and Cultural and Linguistic Competence Update

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus reported that the group has not met since spring. There is a meeting scheduled for December 15th, 2017, and she will have more to report after that meeting.

AD HOC WORK GROUPS

Medicaid Update

Kristin Vandagriff reported that they have not met since the last report. She noted that there is a package of regulations out regarding the CFC and ISW and workgroup members will be receiving e-mail alerts showing the online public notices and document packages. The Council staff is currently reviewing the proposed regulations and will develop a summary to present to the Medicaid Ad Hoc at their next meeting on November 13th.

Workforce Workgroup Update

Kristin Vandagriff reported that survey for caregivers of individuals with disabilities to gauge the barriers they might find in regards to obtaining and maintaining employment is nearly finalized and are expected to be disbursed in the near future.

FASD Workgroup Update

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus reported that the workgroup met October 4th and reviewed the draft plan to ensure completeness. They will meet again in January to develop plans to move forward. Jeanne reminded the committee of the priority areas: Prevention, screening, and diagnosis; early intervention and education; system transformation and navigation; community outreach and engagement; and workforce and network development.

Supported Decision Making Update

Anne Applegate reported that the first workgroup meeting is scheduled for November 3rd from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Ann reported the activities related to outreach included the following:

- They have held six trainings
- Presented at the AADD face-to-face meeting in October
- Worked with the Working Interdisciplinary Network of Guardianship Stakeholder (WINGS)
- Presented at the Governor's Council's Education Committee.

Anne Applegate reported that the upcoming activities include:

- Meeting with Hope staff
- Meeting with ADRC and STAR
- Presenting at ASSEC in February
- Develop a training for the Alaska Bar Association
- Reaching out to the DD Collaborative Shared Vision Committee
- Speaking to legislators.

NEW BUSINESS

Alaska Guardianship Update

Anne Applegate reported that she was approached by a public guardian after a session she presented at who indicated that the Office of Public Advocacy (OPA) reported in February to the legislature that they were currently at one guardian to 100 wards. The public guardian expressed that he felt like OPA was in a state of neglect with regards to guardianship. Anne stated that the national recommendation is one guardian to 40 wards, and OPA considers themselves fully staffed at a ratio of one to 90. Anne was bringing this to the attention of the DD Committee and proposed opening this up as an advocacy project to assist in educating the Governor's Office and the legislature about the failure to appropriately fund OPA and the potential harm of doing so.

DD Committee Work Plan FY18 Review FY19 and FY20 Draft Discussion

Kristin Vandagriff led the committee members through a review of the FY19 work plan and will send via e-mail the minor changes that were discussed for review. Kristin encouraged the committee members to continue to send their feedback on the work plan as they further review it.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

November 6 – 7, 2017
ADRC/STAR Conference

January 1, 2018
Federal Reporting and FY19/20 Work Plans Due

January 30 – February 1, 2018
Juneau Governor's Council Meeting

February 28, 2018
AADD Juneau Face-to-Face Meeting

March 1 – 2, 2018
Key Campaign

April 11 – 13, 2018
Connecting to Full Lives

TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular DD Committee is scheduled for December 6, 2017 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Art Delaune **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting, **SECONDED** by Mallory Hamilton. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**, and the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.