

Developmental Disabilities Committee Work Plan for FY19

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.

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	Annually, ongoing	
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, utilizing developed 5-year strategic FASD plan.	Jeanne, Meghan, & 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 utilizing developed 5-year strategic Autism plan.	Anthony, Mallory (Christie staff)	ongoing	

1.2 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-directed I/DD	Kristin, Anne, all committee members, DD Collaborative	ongoing	

<p>services in Alaska.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Person-centered = services centered around the individual - Person-directed = services directed by the individual (the next progression of person-centered services) 			
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, HOPE, WINGS	ongoing	
4. Use barriers report regarding working caregiver challenges to maintaining and/or obtaining employment to make recommendations for change.	Jeanne, Lizette, Art, Mary, & Mallory (Workforce Work Group) (Anne, Kristin, & Lanny staff)	Jan 2019	
5. Conduct statutorily mandated responsibilities as a beneficiary board to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (The Trust).	Patrick, Kristin	ongoing	
6. Collaborate with the Alaska Mobility Coalition to enhance community transportation options statewide.	Patrick, AMC	ongoing	

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.

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, DD Collaborative Community Awareness Project Team	ongoing	
2. Increase public communication on Council activities at least 15 times per year through the use of social media (Facebook, twitter), website, radio, television and other means.	Kristin, Anne, Lanny, Christie, Ric	ongoing	
3. Participate in community activities that increase our involvement and interaction with the public with at least 3 events yearly.	Committee members, DD Collaborative Community Awareness Project Team	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, including an annual statewide self-advocacy summit.	Peer Power, Ric, Kristin, & Patrick, Trust	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	Maggie, Ric, Patrick, & Kristin	ongoing	

advocacy effort with the legislature led by the Key Coalition and fund Council members to participate in the Key Campaign.			
5. Continue mentorship for new Council and committee members that will pair new members with both staff and mentor council members.	Jeanne, Corey, Kristin (staff)	ongoing	
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, Ric, 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. Monitor and support Medicaid billing for the telehealth delivery of waiver services to our rural and remote regions. Partner to increase greater use of enabling technology.	Kristin, Medicaid ad hoc members, SDS	ongoing	
2. Monitor, review, and comment on state and federal changes that affect Medicaid, including the I/DD Waiver and Individualized Supports Waiver.	Kristin, Medicaid ad hoc members	ongoing	