



Community Inclusion Supports and Services (CISS) Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, December 13th, 2023
11:00am – 12:30pm

TO JOIN THE MEETING:

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82405125692?pwd=ZmM5M1dUbnB5dE1vN0dpWFppS0hsZz09>

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Meeting ID: 824 0512 5692 Passcode: 277252

Call to Order:

Corey Gilmore, CISS Committee Chair; Robert Tasso, GCDSE Staff

Roll Call / Begin ZOOM Recording:

Committee Members: Corey Gilmore, Art Delaune, Margaret Evans, Dave Fleurant, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Ken Hamrick, Elizabeth Joseph, Nona Safra, Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich
(Quorum is defined as 5 Committee Members).

Welcome from the Chair:

Introductions, announcements, and/or good news (Corey Gilmore).

Conflict of Interest Declarations:

This is an opportunity for committee members to declare if they have a conflict with any item on the agenda, financial or otherwise.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes and Agenda:

- Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

- *SAMPLE MOTION: I make a motion to approve the XXXX meeting minutes as presented.*
- Approval of Agenda
 - *SAMPLE MOTION: I make a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented.*

Motion must be made by a committee member who was present at the meeting.

Reports:

- Chair - Corey Gilmore
 - Rep. Peltola and Sen. Murkowski supported Recognizing the Role of Direct Support Professionals Act (OMB revising standard occupational code for DSPs). Thank you letters sent to both.
 - Planning for February advocacy visit to Juneau!
 - New DDDR workgroup resuming efforts to recommend updates to SDS form, utilizing Council's previous recommendations.
 - Other
- GCDSE Staff - Robert
 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act comments submitted (HHS proposing to amend the regulations to update them and ensure greater protections).
 - App K flexibilities to continue until proposed waiver amendments and subsequent regulation changes are finalized (anticipated date is July 1, 2024).
 - Trust seeking "success stories" for their quarterly newsletter (e.g. MicroEnterprise Grant, Project Search, SDMA, etc.), something positive to share.
 - Digital Equity Plan comments submitted via Rasmuson Foundation re Fed's broadband buildout and coverage in AK.
 - Disability Policy Seminar (DPS) not offering virtual option for 2024.
 - Other

Business:

- Discussion on Legislative Updates (Caitlin/Art/Rob/Corey)
 - Submit comments on HCBS Relief Act of 2023 recently introduced in Congress by Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), aimed at increasing DSP compensation, decreasing waitlists, and facilitating greater community integration.
- **HCBS Position Paper (Corey)**
- CISS Plan Objectives and Activities for years 3 and 4
 - Survey on Housing & PSA - Vote to utilize existing NCI survey data previously shared w/committee and host "listening session" to inform PSA.
 - Rural vs. urban, being relocated for services, DD Shared Vision and housing choice, etc.
 - National Core Indicators Survey (housing data)

- Section 8 housing for home ownership (AHFC) vs. rental assistance (Bridger, Senator Gray-Jackson, Patrick discussions update)
- Committee to invite AHFC rep to attend upcoming meetings and have dialogue about housing opportunities (a CISS activity this next year)
- Facilitate a working group between DOH/SDS, AHFC and Trust on any housing related issues in standing up Adult Host Home Care (with SDS permission of course)
- Organize a field trip of agency reps to see some high quality, easy to ship wheelchair ramps with discussion on scaling up to statewide effort
- Facilitate meeting to discuss Section 8 homeownership idea and broaden to include Sect. 8 vouchers in general (specific to persons w/DD)
- Introduction to director of the statewide housing authority association
- Other
- Training Opportunities
 - Empower Hour (Corey)
 - AKTC December offerings
 - UAA Family ECHO (I/DD/Mental Health Advisory Council – CHD’s 5-year ACL grant)
- Partner Updates / General Announcements

Time and Date of Next Meeting:

- CISS: Mid-January, date to be determined.

Good of the Order and Adjournment:

- 12:30pm - Motion to Adjourn