

# Executive Director Report

2024 Spring Council Meeting

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## Topics Addressed

- ED Projects/Issues since February
- Administrative Updates
- Council Budget and Grant Updates
- Upcoming Events/Issues
- Future Council Meeting



A person with a prosthetic leg is shown from the back, in a starting crouch on a blue track. They are wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt, a teal athletic skirt, and black prosthetic legs. The background is a blurred outdoor track setting.

## Projects/Issues Since Mid-February

- Legislative hearings and meetings (40% of my time)
- NACDD –bi-weekly touch ins with staff and fellow ED’s; board treasurer; hired new E.D.—Jill Jacobs; attend monthly policy calls
- Trust Meetings, including several related to support of a large provider that was struggling
- CHD IDD/Mental Health Advisory Board
- Comp Plan Advisory Group
- Project SEARCH National TA Visit, March 4-6
- Funding to send Jena, Rich and Caitlin to National Disability Policy Seminar, April 8-10 in DC and helped with training on issues for whole group
- Helped Special O CEO on a legislative funding request

# Projects/Issues Cont.

- Supported Full Lives Conference, April 10-11
- Supported Peer Power Summit April 26-28-Sam
- Invited to participate in Commissioner's group on Medicaid in the schools-Me
- Invited to Governor's Task Force on Childcare to talk about issues around accessibility-Rich
- Met with DOT Commissioner Anderson to discuss transportation issues-Me
- Met with Alaska Hospital and Health Association (AHHA) regarding ASL interpreter service for patients who use ASL for communication-Rich, Jamie and me
- Met with Legislative staff about lack of access for deaf persons and followed up with letter to legislative leadership-Rich, Jamie and me





# Administrative Updates

- Federal Program Performance Report review is done—good marks from ACL
- Recruited for HHS Planner III position and filled—Welcome Chelsea!!!
- Living Well Grant Closeout-few extra dollars
- Public Health Covid funding plan; Get Ready Tool Kit update; spend by 9/30
- Contracts with CHD, Peer Power and Project SEARCH
- Every other week sit downs with Tony
- Frequent budget sit downs with SDS admin
- Attended DOH Supervisory Practices and Management Course

# Budget and Grant Updates

- FY 25 Budget Gap closed
- Signed MOU with DEED on Disability Innovation Fund grant work and writing new one to submit by July 8
- Alaska Mental Health Trust Grant (SOI) for FY 25 same and plans for FY 26
- Reinstated \$50 K in GFMH to Council
- Looking for an applying for other grants that fit our State Plan Goals and Activities





# Upcoming Events



- **Trust Improving Lives Conference 9/17-18;** proposals due May 31.
- **Disability Pride Events - 7/20** at Soldotna City Park; 7/27 Anchorage park strip
- **Project SEARCH National Conference** mid July, New Mexico (Sam going)
- **NACDD National Conference and TA Institute,** July, D.C. (Jena, Sabrina and Patrick)
- Possible table at **Alaska State Fair** for the Get Ready Took Kit distribution
- **Key Campaign,** March 18-19, 2025 Juneau
- **Council Meetings Scheduled:**
  - ✓ Sept. 19-20, 2024 Anchorage
  - ✓ February 10-13, 2025 Juneau

# ED Upcoming Events/News

- Budget Tracking
- NACDD Board
  - ✓ Attendance of NACDD Conference with Chair and Vice-Chair in July
  - ✓ Bi-Weekly ED meetings and monthly Policy calls
- Onboarding HSS Planner III
- Trust Improving Lives Conference Planning
- Dr. Karen Ward Retirement Party 6/27
- Writing new DIF grant by 7/8
- Personal time off June 12-21





# Questions?



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