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GCDSE 2024 Fall Council Meeting

550 W 7th Ave, Suite 102/104, Anchorage, AK 99501

Day 1: Thursday, September 19 | 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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To Join the Day 1 – Zoom Webinar

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9:00 AM Call to Order, Business and Announcements

- Call to Order & Mindfulness/Movement | Jena Crafton, Chair
- Roll Call and ZOOM Reminders | Michael Stevenson, Business Services Project Manager
- Approval of the Agenda
- Approval of the May 30-31 Meeting Minutes
- Conflict of Interest Declarations
- Announcements & Introductions
- Council Chair Report | Jena Crafton
- Executive Director Report | Patrick Reinhart

9:30 AM Committee and Other Reports (approx. 10 mins each)

- Employment | Anna Attla & Samantha Vetter
- Community Inclusion Support Services (CISS) | Corey Gilmore & Chelsea Burke
- Self-Advocacy & Leadership (SAL) | Christine Bohan & Lanny Mommsen
- Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) | Sabrina Richmond & Chelsea Burke

Division of Public Assistance (DPA) | Deb Etheridge, Director 10:10 AM

Discussion with Council regarding Medicaid Buy-in Program and DPA updates.

10:30 AM Break (15 minutes)

10:45 AM MapHabit Presentation | Kelly Griffon, Director of Business Development & Contracting

Share information about MapHabit tool for persons with developmental disabilities and report on Trust funded pilot project

12:15 PM Lunch (1 hour 15 minutes--on your own)

- 1:30 PM Program, Project, and Partner Reports (approx. 10 mins each)
 - Peer Power | Ric Nelson, Executive Director
 - State Independent Living Council, Michael Christian, Executive Director
 - Key Coalition | Michele Girault, Executive Director
 - Center for Human Development | Ken Hamrick
 - Disability Law Center | Dave Berube
 - Stone Soup Group | Mary Middleton
 - Alaska Association of Developmental Disabilities | Kim Champney, Executive Director
 - Access Alaska | Eric Gurley, Executive Director

3:00 PM Break (15 minutes)

3:15 PM Voting Accessibility Presentation | Dave Berube, Disability Law Center (DLC)

4:00 PM Public Testimony (3 minutes per speaker)

- The Council welcomes testimony on any subject that impacts the lives of Alaskans with disabilities, but we are very interested in hearing if persons with disabilities have experienced issues with exercising your right to vote in the past
- Please share your stories with us so together we can make a difference!

To Join the Zoom Meeting for Public Testimony

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Testimony will be limited to 3 minutes per testimonial

4:30 PM Recess for the Day (later if public testimony goes long)

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Day 2: Friday, September 20 | 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

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To Join the Day 2 – Zoom Webinar

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9:00 AM Council Business

- Call to Order | Jena Crafton
- Roll Call and ZOOM Reminders | Michael Stevenson
- Mindfulness and Movement | Jena Crafton
- Council Budget Approval | Patrick Reinhart & Nicole Wery-Tagaban, DSDS
 - FY 25 Budget Approval & Discussion of FY 26 Budget
- 9:30 AM Self-Directed Services Presentation | Kate Murray, Applied Self Direction
 - Preliminary report to Council on how to implement Self-Directed Services in Alaska

10:00 AM Committee and Other Reports (approx. 10 mins each)

- Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP) | Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich & Jamie Kokoszka
- Special Education Services Agency | Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus & Olivia Yancey

10:25 AM Break (15 minutes)

- **10:40 AM** State Agency Reports & Dialogue (approx. 25 mins each)
 - Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) | Kate Duder, Director & Mariah Krueger, Chief of Services
 - Discussion with Council regarding services for persons with IDD and DVR updates

- Division of Senior and Disability Services (DSDS) | Tony Newman, Director
 - Discussion with Council on self-directed services and environmental modifications and SDS Updates
- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA), Allison Biastock, Interim CEO
 - Discussion with the Council on the statutory requirements of an Advisory Board to the Trust Authority and Trust Updates

12:00 PM Lunch Provided: Executive Session Lunch for Executive Director Evaluation

- 1:30 PM Legislative Update | Caitlin Poindexter, Jamie Kokoszka, Patrick Reinhart
 - Discussion with Council regarding 2025/26 Legislative Advocacy Agenda, thoughts and ideas from members
- 2:00 PM FY 27-32 Five Year State Plan Development | Chelsea Burke, HHS Planner III
 - Discussion with Council on our new five-year state plan process, including getting some preliminary input from council members on potential goals and priorities
- 3:00 PM Round Robin and Wrap-up
 - Council member and staff will be asked to share thoughts on the meeting, any takeaways, and final comments

3:45 PM Adjournment

The next full Council meeting is scheduled for February 11-13 in Juneau.

However, there will be a lot of committee and subgroup meetings between now and then so please make sure you attend the committee meeting you signed up for, and if you have not declared, be prepared to do so by the end of this meeting. One committee is required, two is preferred, and three or four is too many for most persons.