




**Governor's Council
on Disabilities and
Special Education**

**January 2017
Trust Meeting
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Topics Addressed

- 1) Review FY17 budget reductions and impact
- 2) Overview of the FY 18 Governor's budget and potential impacts on the I/DD beneficiary group
- 3) Council's priorities for 2017 legislative session
- 4) General Comments/GCDSE News

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FY 17 Budget Impact


FY 17 GF cuts:

- ✓ \$26 million to Medicaid Waiver Costs had to be absorbed by SDS across all waivers. SDS Workgroups with Stakeholders:
 - Enabling technologies (smart home and assistive tech)
 - Transportation
 - Residential Services
 - Greater scrutiny of Care Plans across the board

Its working –tracking toward reduced costs at this point in time

- ✓ \$50 K in GF to the Council (ILP professional development)
- ✓ SDS has reduced the number of draws from the Developmental Disability Registration and Review (Waitlist), from 200 consumers per year to 50.
- ✓ *Yet, with clean up of waitlist, the number as of January 1, was 520, with ¼ having scores of “zero”, meaning they are not in need of services at this time –this is lowest its been for more than a decade*
- ✓ *Also, each unit having to absorb more shared service costs too*


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Overview of FY 17 Budget Impact Capital

- ✓ \$1,000.0 (UGF) Public and Community Transportation State Match was in Governor’s Budget, then removed by the Legislature, and put back in and stayed in
- ✓ \$1,050 (\$800 UGF/\$250 MHTAAR) Coordinated Transportation funding
- ✓ No change from FY 17 to FY 18 now

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Overview of FY 18 Budget Impact Operating


Early Intervention/Infant Learning Programs (EI/ILP)

\$10,041.7 (\$1859.1 Fed, \$758.1 I/A Rcpts, \$7,425.5 GFMH)

- ✓ Serves Children 0-3 with developmental disabilities with a 50% delay or more (25% in many other states)
- ✓ Provides specialized services for infants and toddlers to increase functional abilities
- ✓ Transfer from OCS to SDS went smoothly and SDS doing a great job managing the program. Our Early Intervention Committee and staff help as much as possible
- ✓ High risk because of \$7.4 M of GF/MH, but federal Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements could mitigate this
- ✓ Council provides \$247 K of GF/MH to SDS for professional development to support highly trained workforce in this critical area



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Overview of FY 18 Budget Impact Operating

Community Developmental Disabilities Grants


Current Year \$13.1 M (\$57.8 K IA Rcpts, \$12.5M, GFMH)

- ✓ In 2016, 26 agencies served 969 individuals at an average cost of \$12 K each. SDS says less than 650 now but budget docs

FY 18 – Reduction of \$5.8 Mil to \$7.3 M and complete elimination of grant program by Jan. 2018

- ✓ Amount in the budget is prorated amount to carry the program to this date
- ✓ SDS working on new “supports waiver” under 1915 C that would replace the program
- ✓ 78% Medicaid eligible
- ✓ 20% undetermined
- ✓ 2% over resourced
- ✓ 66 persons do not have active determination of an developmental disability, a requirement of the program

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Overview of FY 18 Budget Impact Operating

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\$2,146.1 (\$994.6 Fed, \$353.9 I/A Rcpts, \$272 GFMH, \$525.6 MHTAAR)

- ✓ \$100 K decrement in MHTARR from BEE initiative as Trust will direct fund some of the components listed in GCDSE budget
- ✓ \$272 GFMH is \$247 K is pass through to ILP program for professional development
- ✓ \$150 K is MHTAAR pass thru for Microenterprise Program
- ✓ Losing 1 of 9 position at end of this year
- ✓ \$360 K annual federal employment grant ends Sept. 30, but we save enough over 5 years to get full 1 year no cost extension (thru 9/30/18)

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Legislative Priority


Developmental Disability Vision and Values Codified in State Law

- ✓ Unifies our vision guiding us in good and bad fiscal times
- ✓ Anchors our person centered HCBS waiver in law (used to be Medical Model)
- ✓ Establishes common ground in which all of us view services, i.e. person receiving services, agencies providing services direct support professionals, and agencies funding services

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Legislative Priority




☐ HB:16 Disability Training and ID


- ✓ Rep. Steve Thompson's bill
- ✓ Requires 8 hour Disability Awareness training for all police academies
- ✓ Educates the public their responsibilities when interacting with law enforcement
- ✓ Allows for voluntary placement of icon on ID for persons who have hidden disabilities or difficulty answering a police officers questions or demands.



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Legislative Priority





☐ ABLE Accounts (ABLE Act)

- ✓ ABLE is up and going and families are signing up. It really is going to allow people to save money for their own disability expenses, and maintain their public benefits.
- ✓ Following up with Senators and Representatives with information about ABLE Accounts and asking them to share it with their constituents through their newsletters and such



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Legislative Priority

- ❑ **“Two for Transit” or “My Two Cents? Public Transit!”**
 - ✓ Our constituencies, across all the beneficiary groups, are very dependent on public transit and community transportation programs
 - ✓ We spend over \$120 million on Medicaid funded transportation
 - Better public transit for all could reduce this number
 - ✓ Governor has proposed an \$.08 raise on gasoline tax next year (\$.08 now), and another \$.08 the following year
 - ✓ Add 1 cent this year and next and specify, to degree possible, to public and community transportation programs
 - ✓ Would raise just over \$4 M next year, and \$8 M following year


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Legislative Priority

- ❑ **SB 10 : Adult Foster Care**
 - ✓ Senator Dunleavy’s bill
 - ✓ Provides for seamless transition from child foster care to and adult foster care license for individuals who meet nursing home level of care and/or medical fragility
 - ✓ Family foster home must switch to assisted living or group homes when the individual turns 18– some families just want to stay in tact


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General Comments & GCDSE News

- ✓ Council Meeting next week in Juneau, joint with SILC
-Movie called "Bottom Line" in Juneau
- ✓ Inclusive Practice Award (SPED), Feb.7 Anchorage (Hilton)
- ✓ Key Campaign, March 2-3 in Juneau
- ✓ National Disability Policy Seminar, March 20-22
- ✓ Full Lives Conference, March 22-23 in Anchorage; also Direct Service Awards
- ✓ Wrightslaw (SpEd) Training March 23-24
- ✓ Reuse of Durable medical Equipment and Assistive Technology –*Regs are Out!!!!!!*
- ✓ Received permission to fill our Research Analyst III position and our Program Coordinator II
- ✓ Disability Rights Activist Judy Heumann May17-19

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Questions

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