Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education
January 2018 Trust Meeting
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Topics Addressed

• Overview of the FY 19 Governor’s budget and potential impacts on the I/DD beneficiary group
• Council’s priorities for 2018 legislative session
• General Comments/GCDSE News
Early Intervention/Infant Learning Programs (EI/ILP) Budget

$10,041.7 ($1859.1 Fed, $758.1 I/A Rcps, $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
- High risk because of $7.42 M of GF/MH, but federal Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements mitigate this
- Council gets $110.0 to support work as the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)

Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education Budget

Current Year $1,829.2 ($1,110 Fed, $314.7 I/A Rcps, $25 GFMH, $378.7 MHTAAR) – Down $300 K from prior years

- Down to 7 positions from 10 three years ago. Transferred one admin position to SDS (3 PWD’s, 2 sibling, 1 parent)
- $360 K annual federal employment grant ends Sept. 30, with nothing new to replace it, but looking. Only have $570.0 of federal funding identified
- IA receipts: $210.0 Identified
- GFMH: $25 K used to be match to ME
- MHTARR: $127.4 RA3, and $100 BEE in SOI’s, leaves room for increasing BEE up to $151.3.
- Significant funding was RSA’d to Center for Human Development (CHD) but no longer able to afford this
Community Developmental Disabilities Grants

Current Year $7.3M ($57.8 IA Rcpts, $6.7M, GFMH)
- Was supposed to go through Dec. 31, but now extended to end of year but transition of most folks to ISW by March 31.

FY 19 – elimination of program in favor of Individual Supports Waiver (ISW)
- Some funds held back for contingencies but now under a combing Senior and Disabilities Community Based Grants Component

UAA Center for Human Development (CHD) & Misc

- $984.0 (MHTARR) Alaska Training Cooperative
- $80.0 (MHTARR) Interpersonal Violence Prevention for Beneficiaries-Justice
- $65.0 (MHTARR) Supported Employment Infrastructure and Capacity (Beneficiary Engagement & Employment)
- $50.0 (MHTARR) Autism Resource Center at Special Education Service Agency
Overview of FY 19 Budget Capital

- $1,000.0 (UGF) Public and Community Transportation State Match is in Governor’s Budget – same as FY 18
- $1,300 ($800GFMH/$300MHTARR) Coordinated Transportation funding in budget – increase of $250.0
- $500.0 ($250GFMH/$250 MHTARR) Essential Program Equipment
- $1,050.0 ($750 GFMH/$300 MHTARR) Home Mods & Upgrades
- $3,700.0 ($1,750 AHFC/$1,750 GFMH/$300 MHTARR) Special Needs Housing Grants

Legislative Priorities

- Developmental Disability Vision and Values Codified in State Law
  - Senate Bill? Sponsored by Senator Micciche
- Supported Decision Making Agreements
  - House Bill? Sponsored by Reps________
    - Makes agreements legal as alternative to full guardianship
    - Takes pressure off overburdened Office of Public Advocacy (OPA)
- Bills that increase revenues that contribute to a stable government and state economy
Other Legislation We Support

- **HB 106**: Civil Legal Services Fund
- **HB 202/SB 80**: Telecommunications for Disabled Subscribers
- **HJR 20**: Maintain Health Insurance for Medicaid Expansion Group
- **HB: 258**: Establish Commission on Deaf and Hard of Hearing & Deaf Bill of Rights
- **Trust Revenue Restructuring bill**

Legislation We are Not Sure of at this Point

- **HB 54**: Voluntary Termination of Life
- **SB127**: Repeal of SB 91?
Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Impacts on Persons w/Disabilities

- Individual Mandate under Affordable Care Act (ACA) – repealed
- Disabled Access Credit – kept
- Work Opportunity Tax Credit - kept
- Orphan Drug credit - reduced to 25%
- Impacts on discretionary and non-discretionary funding could be massive down the road
- ABLE: 529 College Savings Plan Rollover and ABLE to Work Amendments passed through this act

General Comments & GCDSE News

- Council Meeting Jan.30-Feb 2 in Juneau (EPH)
- Inclusive Practice Award (Special Ed. Conference) Feb.6 Anchorage (Hilton)
- FASD 5 Year Plan Finished
- Key Campaign, March 1-2 in Juneau
- Full Lives Conference, April 12-13, Anchorage; New this year is a combined effort with SDS to make this also their statewide Care Coordinators Conference; & Direct Service Awards.
- National Disability Policy Seminar, April 23-25
Education Committee

- Review and response to Annual Performance Review/SSIP reports from DEED
- Developed SEAP training on statutory authority/best practices
- Advised Legislative Committee - need for legislation to clarify district responsibilities to students during short term out-of-district residential psychiatric treatment; draft bill started
- Advised Commissioner on possible obstacles for students with disabilities regarding the Alaska Performance Scholarship
- Participate in Monthly Leadership Council with Commissioner Johnson
- Proposed legislation affecting education of children who are deaf or hard of hearing

DD Committee and Medicaid Ad Hoc Committee

- Public comment given to SDS on new regulation package around Community First Choice (CFC - 1915k state plan option) and the Individualized Support Waiver (ISW)
- Supported Decision Making Work Group begun
  - Proposed legislation for SDMAs, coordinating pilot project, creating training module on SDMAs for private attorneys, researching full guardianship in senior population
- The Workforce Work Group survey to caregivers to ascertain barriers of obtaining and maintaining employment was completed and will go out soon
I/DD Waiver vs. ISW
Offered Services:

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*Care Coordination on the ISW is in addition to the individuals cost limit.
**IAT will serve all ages until it becomes a Medicaid State Plan Service for children under age 21.

Early Intervention Committee

- Universal Developmental Screening Taskforce
- Currently conducting annual review of the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR)
- Beginning a review of EI/ILP workforce needs to gather information on strengths, challenges and gaps in filling programs with highly qualified professionals.
- Staff and the EIC chair are participating in a Fiscal Action Planning Group that is reviewing a fiscal tool in preparation for a monitoring visit from OSEP in March.
Employment First Progress Reporting

- Repeal of subminimum wage in Alaska (DOLWD)
- Transition handbook launched
- MOU with Employment First Philosophy (DHSS & DOLWD)
- Employment First Job Fair entering 4th year (DHSS & DOLWD)
- Business Employment Services Team (BEST) continued joint employer engagement efforts (DOLWD & DHSS)
- Increased focus on transition through Jobz Clubs, Transition Camps, and summer work experiences (DOLWD & DEED)
- Alaska Interagency Transition Council (DEED & DOLWD)
- Regulation changes - integrated settings regulation package included employment first language of “employment and work in competitive, integrated settings” (DHSS)

Alaska ABLE Update

- Currently Alaska has:
  - 94 funded ABLE Accounts
  - $395,771 in funds
- The Council worked with DOR on reporting to the Alaska Legislature
- Continued Outreach for 2018:
  - Individuals with disabilities & families
  - Service providers
  - State agencies
Questions?

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