

# AADD ALASKA

## January/February 2018

From the AADD President ...Michael Bailey



### SHARING THE VISION!



A new year, a new legislative session, a new vision for meaningful lives to be embraced...



In early January 2018, I accompanied Dr. Roy Scheller to visit with Governor Bill Walker in Anchorage. When Harborview was closing, Governor Walker was guardian ad litem for some individuals being transitioned to home and community based services. He has seen the contrast of life quality and speaks appreciatively of community based services. We took the opportunity to thank the Governor for his proclamation of disability awareness month last year, and recognizing Steve Lesko, an AADD founder. I had a chance to describe the work of AADD across the State, and the quality working partnerships across many stakeholders, including leadership of State administration (naming Duane Mayes & Margaret Brodie). Note that the Governor's budget does not have proposed reductions for DD services.

The Shared Vision is an extremely important mantra to embrace and share as we interface with State legislators and administrative staff in Juneau in late February. The investment of many in developing this vision is paying off! Senator Micciche is introducing SB174 to embed it in statute, and Representative Millett is introducing a new House Bill to enact Supported Decision-Making Agreements. Please support them in supporting us in implementing a future of meaningful lives....

"It is your ability as a creative person to envision positive change that will make a difference" *Patricia Johanson*

THANK YOU for being positive change makers! *Sincerely, Michael*

### Senior and Disabilities Services UPDATE

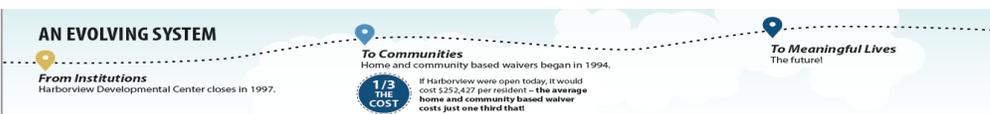
- No proposed reductions for Medicaid Waiver services in the FY19 Governor's budget.
- ISW invitation letters have been sent, possible start March 2018
- In eligibility for ISW waiver SDS accepts ESER (school district evals) for many qualifying diagnoses for school aged children. SDS will also accept an addendum or re-validation of tests difficult to access.
- Additional 3 months of state funds for CDDG services due to delayed ISW implementation.
- Harmony (data system for Plans of Care) went live for SDS staff, Tuesday, January 16th. Go-live for care coordinators three weeks later.
- SDS has re-activated Complex Behavioral Solutions group in January 2018, in response to AADD request at the October 2017 face to face.
- The ICC meeting was held on February 1st.

### KEY CAMPAIGN

March 1 & 2, 2018 in Juneau

Key platform priorities:

- 1) DD Shared Vision into Statute, and
- 2) Establish a Stable Fiscal Plan, which will then
- 3) Address the Waitlist



## Sustainability Survey Results

Thank you for responding to the survey to help determine how to best utilize Mental Health Trust grant funds to support agency sustainability.

Assessing Fiscal health and preparedness for change	1st
Acuity mechanisms that blend DD and BH services	1st
Assessing the cost of compliance	2nd
Electronic health records and document compliance	3rd
Developing private pay and sliding fee scale	3rd

Other suggestions included: Understanding regulations, Helping providers with awareness and planning for changes with the systems, Person-Centered Plans, and Development of telehealth for care coordination to allay costs or develop resources.

### Introduction to Disabilities

Alaska Training Cooperative offers a new course, Introduction to Disabilities, online, anytime, web based training. Registration is open. Course includes 4 contact hours, and a Certificate of Completion. Contact Betsy Chivers at 907-269-6233 or email her at [betsy@alaskachd.org](mailto:betsy@alaskachd.org).

### EMPLOYMENT FIRST JOB FAIR

**MARCH 30, 2018 Friday 10:00 to 2:00**

**University Center Mall**

**167 hires resulted from last year's employment fair**

Sponsored by: Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education  
Department of Labor (DVR & Job Center) + BEST

### RESEARCH CORNER

Research shows that telling your story can positively impact [self-perceptions](#), [health outcomes](#), [public perceptions about disability](#), and even influence [health policy](#). We can help people find their voice as [young children](#) or at [any age](#); there is [no wrong time to start](#) sharing your stories!

*Brittney M. Howell, Ph.D.*  
*Research & Development, Hope Community Resources*

### Upcoming Events

**February 8—AADD teleconference 11am —12pm**

**February 15—Compliance Group Teleconference**

**February 15—CFO Teleconference 10am —11am**

**February 25—Hot Topics—TBA**

**February 28—Juneau Face-To-Face Meeting**

**March 1 & 2—Key Campaign**

**April 11-13—Full Lives Conference**

## ANCOR

American Network of Community Options and Resources  
*SHAPING POLICY—SHARING SOLUTIONS—STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY*



ANCOR is a national, nonprofit trade association representing more than 1,400 private community providers of services to people with disabilities. They offer leadership and represent our needs and interests before Congress and federal agencies whose legislation, regulations and policies have a direct impact on how Senior and Disabilities Services works with us.

In the picture above ANCOR is presenting Senator Murkowski with a Congressional Leadership Award. Pictured are Emily Ennis (former AADD President), Senator Lisa Murkowski and Barbara Merrill, ANCOR CEO. She received the award in recognition of her protection of key Medicaid programs.

Good news: In the weekly Friday morning briefing ANCOR shared Speaker Paul Ryan's announcement that entitlement reform will not be addressed in 2018. He doesn't have enough votes. All your calls and emails to Sen. Murkowski paid off.

ANCOR offers a weekly newsletter and multiple annual gatherings. At their main conference this year your Vice President, Amanda Faulkner, Kim Champney and Lizette Stiehr will be presenting on implementing the Shared DD Vision in Alaska.

When the choices are between angst and action, nonprofits are charged with being the steady hand and the strong voice that speaks to community needs and advocates change.

Avner

### Your AADD Board

Michael Bailey, President

Amanda Faulkner, Vice President

Bess Clark, Secretary

Matt Jones, Treasurer

Regional Representatives:

Rick Driscoll, Susan Garner, Rebecca Marinelli  
and Bree Swanson

STAFF: Lizette Stiehr, Executive Director