



AADD
ALASKA ASSOCIATION ON DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
April 2020

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

- **Self Audit deadline extended to December 31, 2020 (see 4.29.20 E-Alert)**
For additional information, please visit the Program Integrity webpage at:
<http://dhss.alaska.gov/Commissioner/Pages/ProgramIntegrity/self-audit.aspx>
- Appendix K Support Plans are not required for a change in settings ONLY
- Anthony Newman will begin as SDS Deputy Director May 1, 2020

ATTACHMENTS

- Pandemic Fiscal Resources
- April 29, 2020 Letter to Commissioner Crum requesting delay for self-audit
- Ad on importance of workforce (Community Connections, Ketchikan)
- Compliance Group April 16th notes from chat function
- CFO April 16th agenda

DHSS UPDATE

Albert E. Wall, Deputy Commissioner for Medicaid & Health Care Policy

- Shared budget vetoes by Governor
- Stated DHSS will not use any of the 6.25% increased FMAP (federal match for Medicaid expenditures) for provider support.
- The Department is looking at ways to support providers.

John Lee, Director, Senior and Disabilities Services

- Reported there is not sufficient PPE and it is prioritized for diagnosed cases.
- He will follow up with Emergency Services to see if there can be a response to providers requesting PPE, as least recognizing the request

Doug Jones, Chief, Program Integrity

- Self-audit remains due June 8th. Program Integrity will be generous with extension requests. NOTE: The 4/29.20 E-Alert made Self-Audits due by December 30, 2020.
- You may also request an extension for Meyers and Stauffer audits from Program

Integrity. One provider received a 60-day extension. Email douglas.jones@alaska.gov

Lynne Keilman-Cruz and Maureen Hardwood from SDS shared:

- Day hab can be provided in homes (follow health mandates)
- Appendix K amendment not required for family to provide services
- Distance delivery is the state language for remote supports. Distance delivery replaces telehealth language (in Appendix K) that is a specific service.
- Appendix K Support Plans do not need to be submitted if the only change is to the location (from community to home for example). And YES this is a change. If service changes (group to individual) however, a support plan has to be submitted.

FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS

Spring face-to-face meeting scheduled for April 20 and 21, 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic. It was replaced by a two hour zoom meeting on April 22, 2020 attended by 140. The DHSS update is reported above. Other takeaways included:

- Michael Bailey, CEO at Hope Community Resources and AADD President shared that Hope is becoming a Rep Payee and long term plans to offer that service
- Susan Garner, CFO at MSSCA, AADD board member and CFO Group facilitator went over the Pandemic Fiscal Resources sheet attached to this document. The US Senate voted (4/21/20) to increase funds (4th Federal Stimulus bill) for PPP and EIDL loans.
- ANCOR's Alaskan DSP for 2020 is Gena Coleman with Hope Community Resources.
- Full Lives Alaskan DSP for 2020 is Sally Powell with FOCUS.
- Remote Support Project has received a dozen applications for assistive technology.

Here is a recording of the meeting for anyone who missed it or a portion of it. Note the password required for access. https://zoom.us/rec/share/9-tNBajf739OQK_281_eSPE_I4PGeaa81ChLrvFenk27DYhHXO2XucD43p2daXIT
Password: 5Q@^Qg\$R

Fall face-to-face AADD meeting remains scheduled for October 29 & 30, 2020 at the BP Center. (And we have asked ABHA not to schedule for those dates next year.)

MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

FY20 AADD Grant (MHT 8464.02)

The FY20 Mental Health Trust Grant is for \$65,000. The three primary goals are:

1. Advocate for a strong system and best practices through involvement with national trends and organizations.
 - Susan Garner attending HCBS Conference
 - Laurie Wolf doing keynote for fall AADD face-to-face
 - Airfare for Joe Macbeth – cancelled attendance but reimbursed airfare
2. Change management support for leadership in provider organizations.
 - Foraker Emerging Leadership training has begun with fifteen individuals participating

3. Contract Support for Agency Sustainability and Work Force Development
 - Workforce App is being piloted in five test bed programs.
 - Remote Supports project – Champney Consulting

REMOTE SUPPORTS

Remote Supports is funded by the Mental Health Trust grant 8494.02. Champney Consulting is offering AADD members: To provide resources to disability service providers which increase their capacity to provide support remotely during the COVID-19 crisis. Resources include training and information on the service delivery as well as access to funding and technical assistance related to equipment needed. AADD hosted a call on Remote Supports on April 9th with 149 lines engaged. Further information is shared each Friday at 2:00 at a standing webinar. A newsletter comes out from the project each Monday detailing resources and the latest news. Both ATLA and FeelSafe are managing technology requests. To date a dozen applications have been received and are being processed. Email kim@champneyconsulting.com for more information.

FY20 AADD Grant 11536 –

Travel support to attend Key was issued to providers for 37 attendees. Additionally there are limited funds (\$700-supplies and \$1,800 for space rental) for local events that involve educating legislators on our issues. Requests submitted to Lizette will be considered by the Board. AADD has requested a 3 month extension due to the pandemic.

DD COLLABORATIVE ON THE SHARED VISION)

The DD collaborative continues to move forward. The May face to face Summit meeting has been re-scheduled to two virtual half days May 13th and May 14th. The Summit is designed to plan next steps. Email Kim Champney at kim@champneyconsulting.com to get added to their newsletter listserv.

CFO GROUP

The CFO group met April 16th. The agenda for that meeting is attached to this report. A major product of their work was the Pandemic Fiscal Resources document presented by the CFO Group at the April 22, 2020 AADD meeting and attached to this document.

COMPLIANCE GROUP

The Compliance group met April 16th to discuss how providers are implementing Appendix K. A summary of the questions and some answers are contained in an edited version of the chat function attached to this report.

HOT TOPICS

No Hot Topics calls were scheduled for April with the Remote Supports meeting on April 9th and the AADD spring meeting held April 22nd, the week we would typically host a Hot Topics. SDS followed through on their promise to host additional webinars for care coordinators and

providers the last week of the month.

AADD will host a May 7th Hot Topics on Responsible Re-opening.

ANCOR

Briefings: ANCOR continues a 15 to 30 minute briefing of what is happening on the “hill” (federal congress) each Friday morning at 8:30. I attended four in April.

SAE (State Association Executive) Meetings ANCOR is hosting weekly SAE calls in April.

- We are so fortunate in Alaska, thanks to the great work YOU are doing to keep all of us safe. So many states are grappling with diagnoses. Thank you so for your hard work.
- ANCOR’s all-out focus is on getting directly designated funds available for providers. As ANCOR keeps reminding us, our population is who Medicaid was created for. ANCOR is dealing directly with Secretary Azar and making clear the funds cannot be allocated to the state. All states have used the 6.25% FMAP increase, which was congressionally intended for providers, for their own shortfalls and little of it has gone to providers. Stay tuned.

CALENDAR

May 5, 2020	AADD Board Meeting, 9 - 10
May 7, 2020	Hot Topics: Responsible Re-Opening 11 - 12
May 14, 2020	AADD monthly meeting, 11 to 12
May 21, 2020	Compliance Group meeting – 8:30 – 9:30
May 21, 2020	CFO Group meeting – 10:00 – 11:00
May 28, 2020	Hot Topics – To be determined

Other meetings will be scheduled as needed for membership support.

SUMMARY OF SDS ALERTS

April 2, 2020	E-Alert: Guidelines for Assisted Living Homes to promote Resident Compliance with COVID-19 Social Distancing
April 2, 2020	E-Alert: Free online provider trainings related to COVID -19
April 7, 2020	E-Alert: New SDS COVID Webpage and Upcoming Trainings on Appendix K Operations
April 8, 2020	E-Alert: Remote Supports Project Kicks Off On Thursday April 9 th
April 8, 2020	E-Alert: Process for Requesting PPE for Direct Support Professionals
April 9, 2020	E-Alert: Important Updates for Providers – testing for COVID-19
April 13, 2020	E-Alert: HIPAA and Updated Telehealth Remote Communications During the Covid-19 Emergency Declaration
April 13, 2020	E-Alert: COVID-19 Health Mandate 014: Non-Congregate Sheltering Order
April 14, 2020	E-Alert: Survey Participation Sought
April 14, 2020	E-Alert: COVID-19 Public Health Webinar Series
April 17, 2020	E-Alert: Participation Sought for Survey on Covid-19 Impacts

April 21, 2020	E-Alert: National Core Indicators Update
April 23, 2020	E-Alert: Training Offered on Supporting Family Caregivers of Older Adults through Times of Stress and Isolation
April 24, 2020	E-Alert: Telephone town Hall TODAY on lifting COVID-19 Restriction in Anchorage
April 24, 2020	E-Alert: Restrictions Remain in Place for Vulnerable Individuals
April 24 2020	E-Alert: SDS Reminds Providers of Federal Guidance on Non-Discrimination
April 29, 2020	E-Alert: Provider Self-Audit Deadline Delayed Until 12/31/20

Respectfully submitted,



Lizette Stiehr
Executive Director, AADD

PANDEMIC FISCAL RESOURCES

for AADD Members

As of April 21, 2020

1. Available Funding through SBA
 - Alaska Small Business development Center (SBDC): <https://aksbdc.org/>
New: COVID-19 Resource Center (in the center of the web page). The SBDC is providing Daily Briefings on SBA loans. Register on the COVID-19 Resource Center page.
 - National Small Business Administration: <https://www.sba.gov/>
Coronavirus (COVID-19): Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources

Note that either of the above two links will take you to information on:

- a. Paycheck Protection Program-(PPP) \$10 million maximum loan amount
 - i. SBA loans to businesses with fewer than 500 employees
 - ii. Some financial institutions are administering the PPP loans
 - iii. Interest rate = 1%; no loan origination fees

As of April 16, 2020 the PPP loan program had approved 4,842 loans in the amount of \$921,927,504 for Alaska.

As of April 24, 2020 the Senate has approved an addition \$310 billion for PPP

- b. SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)-\$2 million maximum loan amount
 - i. Interest rate is 2.75% for nonprofits
 - ii. Principal and interest payments deferred up to 4 years

iii. Administered by SBA

As of April 24, 2020 the Senate has approved an addition \$60 billion for EIDL loans

- c. SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL Emergency Advance) up to \$10,000
 - i. Does not need to be repaid even if denied an EIDL
 - ii. Eligibility has been temporarily expanded to include private nonprofits of any size.
 - iii. A business can apply for a PPP Loan in addition to an EIDL and EIDL Emergency Advance.
- d. Express Bridge Loans (EBL) up to \$25,000
 - i. Small business with business relationship with SBA Express Lender to access funds quickly
 - ii. Can be a term loan or used to bridge gap while applying for EIDL

2. Available Grants

- a. AMHTA <https://alaskamentalhealthtrust.org/alaska-mental-health-trust-authority/grants/covid-19-response-grant-program/>
 - i. Note April 10th not accepting new grant applications
 - ii. Special Board meeting April 23, 2020 to potentially authorize new funding
- b. MSHF <https://www.healthymatsu.org/coronavirus-covid-19-resources>
 - i. Link to SBA loans
 - ii. Grants up to \$50,000 for Mat-Su non-profits
- c. Alaska Community Foundation <https://alaskacf.org/>
 - i. Applications were from April 2 to 10th but may approve additional funding

3. Other Loans

- a. Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority Program <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6823037-SAFE-Gty-Program-TS-G20-10.html>
 - 1. New loan guaranty program for Alaskan companies with access to additional capital. AIDEA provides loan guarantee to banks.
- b. Watch as the Treasury Department works to create a program as directed under the CARES Act section 4003(c)(3)(D), to provide financing to banks and other lenders to make loans to nonprofits and other mid-size business of between 500–10,000 employees, ANCOR requests that the program:
 - i. Include a 0.50% interest rate (50 basis points) for 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofits at a 5-year amortization;

- ii. Provide priority to 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofits responding to COVID-19 relief efforts;
 - iii. Payments shall not be due until two years after a direct loan is made;
 - iv. Employee retention provisions should begin on the date that loan funding is received by the borrower; and
 - v. In implementing any workforce restoration and retention provisions, "workforce" should be defined as full-time employees or full-time equivalents.
4. Other Resources
- a. Local Chamber of Commerce for area information
5. Main Street Loans
- a. Link to information:
<https://www.federalreserve.gov/monetarypolicy/mainstreetlending.htm>
 - b. Eligible for loans if you meet either of the following conditions: (1) the business has 10,000 employees or fewer; or (2) the business had 2019 revenues of \$2.5 billion or less.
 - c. Loans would have a four year maturity, and principal and interest payments on the loans will be deferred for one year.
 - d. Eligible lenders may originate new loans (under MSNLF) or increase the size of (or "upsized") existing loans (under MSELF) made to eligible businesses.
 - e.



April 28, 2020

Office of the Commissioner, Adam Crum
Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
State of Alaska
3601 C Street, Suite 902
Anchorage, AK 99503-5923

RE: COVID-19 Disaster Order of Suspension No. 2, Appendix A-Amendment 2, Amended 04/09/20,
7AAC.160.115, Suspend the deadline for self-audits

Commissioner Crum,

On behalf of the members of the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities (AADD), Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Workgroup, we would like to request an **extension** to 7AAC.160.115, deadline for self-audits, **to September 30, 2020** from its current due date of **June 7, 2020**. The COVID-19 Disaster Order of Suspension No. 2, changed the due date from June 7 to May 11, we do believe in error.

As essential frontline healthcare providers our energy and resources have been focused on the health, safety, and well-being of people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) and our essential workforce. This pandemic is unprecedented. Provider agencies were not as prepared as we would have liked to have been to continue delivering essential services that keep recipients of service, Direct Support Providers (DSPs), and support staff safe during this disaster emergency. The amount of time and focus that has been required of provider agency employees to do this has been enormous. The timeline for the Provider Self-Audits will put an additional hardship on provider agencies during this incredibly stressful time.

Due to COVID-19, provider agencies have been complying with the State Health Mandates by teleworking as much as possible with the stay at home order. Provider agency support and administrative employees are working at home and others are not working at all. The substantial provider agency workforce has been diminished along with the rest of the State workforce. Teleworking, while keeping people safe, does not allow employee's access to all of the required audit information, either electronic or hard copy, to complete the Provider SelfAudit.

Please consider this request for an extension to September 30, 2020 for the final report due to Program Integrity for the Provider Self-Audits. This extension will allow providers the time necessary to complete the self-audit and all the documentation, disclosure, and reporting requirements.

AADD sincerely appreciates your consideration,

Susan Garner
Chair, AADD CFO Workgroup

CC: Doug Jones, Medicaid Program Integrity Manager
John Lee, SDS Director



Outstanding ad Community Connections is running each Monday in Ketchikan and Sitka.

COMPLIANCE GROUP

April 16, 2020

Chat communication (edited for clarity)

M.muldoon : Does an Appendix K or an amendment need to be done if we want to provide DH in the home?

Jennifer : We have a Client who's DH was amended to include their backyard on the new COVID Amendment form. Haven't gotten any response from SDS yet.

awilson : We have completed several Appendix K forms to change our delivery of service from on-site to telehealth

Stephanie Hall : Kara was also pretty clear to say In-Home and Respite could not be done via distance/virtual

Stephanie Hall : Kara was pretty clear that Day Hab providers should not be going into Assisted Living homes.

afaulkner : We are having the house managers work out of ALH to provide DH. This is important for the DSPs and individuals during this time.

KaraL : I have not seen a requirement for a written plan in the state mandates that would apply to Supported Living and Day Hab services. We have made a plan, but I would like to know where I find guidelines for what the written plan needs to include. Where would I find that?
(See AADD COVID-19 document for protocols)

Amanda Race : I have Relative providers (Day Hab, SLS, respite care) who are monitoring temperatures 2x a day; wearing masks, gloves AND delivering food & supplies to their consumers homes because the parents/guardians are Elders (Delta, Anc).

awilson : The Arc of Anchorage is providing Day Hab Rec/Sparc classes via Zoom - it is working

Erin Weis : Question for Arc, are you providing distance delivery DH for Group and Individual DH or just Group?

Carla Meitler : is anyone doing just straight Phone services, without video, and if so what services?

Lisa : Can the "blurb" be shared? (:*"Blurb" is what providers gave Care Coordinators to put on Appendix K amendments.*)

awilson : an example of our statement - : Due to the Covid-19 and the hunker down mandate XXXX and her guardian are asking for XXXX to have the flexibility to do her 1 on 1 day habilitation services partially in the home. She will continue to work on her health and fitness goals during this time. She would also like to continue her group day habilitation with Cindy & Vic's and with the Arc via computer or phone to stay connected with her friends and continue to work on her communication skills and healthy living choices.

TylerM : Can Supported Living be provided remotely? For example if someone is fairly independent but needs verbal coaching through cooking or meal prep. Can that be done through electronic means?

Jennifer : This was discussed in a webinar last week with Kara, specifically for the Care Coordinators. It should be available in the recorded trainings.

Stephanie : no In home for children

Carla Meitler : What Is the turnaround that people are seeing on the approval of the amendments, and are you holding billing until approval?

TylerM : Are you all providing the service remotely and just not billing out until approved?

Erin Weis : We're waiting for approvals back before billing also

afaulkner : FCS until App K will also be waiting for approval before billing

LaRae : holding

awilson : we are holding our billing

Barb Jewell : We have not yet billed

Amanda Race : So far, mine are still in the home and i am billing every 2-3 weeks based on timecards/progress notes turned in. I am getting paid timely.

9075868228 : Reach is holding for approvals

From Stephanie : I asked Kara about timelines (*for Appendix K amendment approvals*). She said it would expedited and 10 day turnaround is what they are shooting for.

Lisa : Hello FCS. In Homer, we have not gotten a single APP K amendment completed with CCs either

Carla Meitler : It's interesting that Division of Behavioral health gave very quick guidance on tele services, no adjustments to authorizations, etc. Too bad that SDS can't do the same.

9075868228 : REACH has gotten 2 Appen K approvals back. This is Anitra - no wisdom, just a fast CC. (*Approved amendments were about*) changing the settings for DH to in home DH - sorry, have a lot of background noise here

Erin Weis : A question came up yesterday regarding Day Hab being provided in a Family Hab home. The question was; if a recipient still wants their DSP to come into the Fam Hab home to provide DH is this allowable or is it expected that the Fam Hab provider would incorporate the DH goals & objectives/skills under their Fam Hab service?

Jennifer : I was told that our FH provider could work on the Goals/Obj, but we will not be able to bill for the DH

Stephanie : If folks live in ALHs and have limited mobility or non verbal. Then CCs were told they can talk to the staff and get updates.

Lisa : Are agencies using the phrase, "distance delivery" instead of phone, video or other method? I am less than confident that SDS is okay with a DSP providing services via phone.

afaulkner : FCS made a statement that we will not be hiring families during this timeframe

Lisa : SPBHS is not hiring families because we do not have the ability to train staff by distance

TylerM : We are accepting applications from family and will be looking at individual situations.

melissa.muldoon - MSSCA is continuing with their current policy - not to hire parents.

Amanda Race : We've had relative providers hired years ago (one 17 years ago) to work with consumers through Tanana Chiefs...2 off-site staff and 2 family directed respite providers.

From Amanda Race : We have an adult sibling, cousin, brother in law and Grandmother. No new staff since this started.

afaulkner : FCS has current family members that are employees but we are not hiring family members that live with the recipient during this period of time.

TylerM : We are looking at hiring families in a case by case basis. We are having them apply.

TylerM : It explicitly says that they have to go through the same training process? For family members?

afaulkner : I thought about that Tyler...I just struggled with "fairness" I do like the idea of defining around a COVID diagnosis.

awilson : Is anyone getting push back from Care Coordinators - when agencies are not hiring family members?

Chriss Erwin : It seems to be a lot of work for a situation that may only last a month. It's expensive to bring on and train an employee.

afaulkner : I totally got push back and nasty comments from CC when I stated we would not be hiring family members

Erin Weis : Yay Cindy, that is something we are looking at developing for family members being hired on too! We're looking at having a "contingent on" letter developed so it's clear after the emergency is lifted they are no longer eligible to provide support.

Amanda Race : We have Service Contracts that go through the same back-ground checks; family provides orientation. Staff now go through a 1.5 day on line orientation vs. on site 2.5 days in Human Services.

Lisa : We are not hearing anything from care coordinators -

Barb Jewell : Our Care Coordinators are definitely strongly in favor of hiring (*family members*)

9075868228 : Our care coordinators are in favor of hiring as well (REACH)

Amanda Race : I've only heard from 1 or 3 CC's; I have emailed them all our TCC protocols to work in individual homes....

Stephanie : FYI Kara was very clear to tell CCs that it was agencies decisions to choose to opening up hiring to families and if a family wanted to change service providers that a regular amendment needed to be completed.

damid : I had a CC tell me that during the monthly CC meeting SDS told them if an agency did not want to hire the family then they should change agencies.

melissa.muldoon : We are getting repeated requests as to how our agency is going to help the CCs conduct their virtual visits. We don't presently have the equipment to facilitate this for them. We don't have the cameras

melissa.muldoon : What are agencies doing to help CCs do their virtual visits

Amanda Race : I think CC's as small businesses can apply for funds for extra Internet & tech devices...

Stephanie : CC do not have to see people to do visits. It can be done over the phone.

Lisa : At SPBHS we are not helping CC's with their visits

Erin Weis : Did I miss something that came out requiring the agency to facilitate a CC's monthly virtual visits? I haven't heard from any CCs asking us to do this

melissa.muldoon : We use teleconferences for qtlly and annual visits, but we're getting pressure to put things in place to allow them to complete their monthly virtual visits and I wondered if anyone else was getting this same pressure.

Amanda Race : Sorry, we had to separate from CC's so they needed to come up with their business protocols...

Erin Weis : Regarding CPR/FA being extended for another year for current certified staff; I'm curious what others have come up with to document this that will be sufficient in an audit. The PCS program has a form to document this but Waiver does not, is it possible to request this from SDS?

TylerM : I'd like to know the answer to Erin Weis' question about FA/CPR extensions

karaL : The approach I was going to use is just to print the blanket SDS guidance allowing us to waive the in-person FA/CPR during this period and add that to staff files when necessary. I don't really want one more form to fill out

Amanda Race : Agreed Kara L.

Lisa : Since agencies had to change community based DH to at home DH, don't all of our clients need App K amendments as of that date?

9075868228 : Yes, REACH has sent a few in

melissa.muldoon : We've had one ISW submitted. I don't believe an increase was requested

awilson : We have requested it but have not received approval yet

Lisa : It is my understanding that the meetings still need to take place, to extend a plan under appendix k.

Erin Weis : Yes correct, the Request Form includes a statement for the CCs that outlines they still have to hold a Planning meeting and follow steps etc.

Erin Weis : We just received two M&S audits this week, I was really taken back by that

9075868228 : Have the M&Stauffer audits arrived by mail? (YES)

We requested an extension and it was approved---so ask

Erin Weis : Yep 2016 for us too! Sent by mail

Jessica : A care coordinator just said the Appendix K can not be back dated to 3/13/20 as there is only 30 days allowed for this change.



CFO Workgroup of AADD

AGENDA – April 16, 2020

(Regular Meeting Day-Continuation from last week)

10:00 am to 11:00 am

Call in Number: 1-712-775-7031 PIN:

567-872-884

1. Good Morning! Who's on the line?
2. Notice from Governor on Extension of some regulations:
 - a. Attached at end of agenda
 - b. Questions/Comments?
3. COVID-19
 - a. Appendix K questions? Comments? From the SDS teleconference meeting on 4/3/20— Link to SDS site on Appendix K with forms and a short FAQ (some of the information was updated yesterday) : <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dsds/Pages/covid19procedures.aspx>
 - b. Send questions/comments/suggestions on service deliver to (updated address from original agenda): dhssevv@alaska.gov
 - c. How are agencies providing Day Hab not in the community?
 - i. Group home staff cannot perform Day Hab Services per SDS.
 - ii. Remote Services? Kim Champney is now working with agencies to help them provide Remote Services.

Link to Remote Supports Weekly Update: <https://conta.cc/3aao23x>

From the email sent out by Lizette on 4/14/20 at 10:57am

Please feel free to distribute to the expanded membership list. After clicking the link - there is an option to sign up to receive future newsletters directly - a blue button at the top of the page that says "Join Our Email List". I encourage people to sign up to receive the newsletter directly, especially folks who will be coordinating and delivering remote supports.

4. Employee Designation—is your agency declaring DSPs and support staff as Essential and therefore, not eligible for the FFCRA leave? Thoughts on the issue? If want a legal

1 Next Meeting **May 21, 10-11am**

opinion, AADD has a contact with Carolyn Hammond Layne. Attached information from ANCOR on the subject.

- a. Question as to what has Governor Dunleavey stated about DSP designation? Anyone can answer...
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5. Are providers allowing/requiring staff to telecommute?
 - a. Using telecommute agreements?
 - b. Who in the agency is allowed/required to telecommute?
 - c. Staff questions about using their own devices and data? How are providers handling this?
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6. Available Funding through SBA

Local Alaska Small Business development Center: <https://aksbdc.org/>
National Small Business Administration: www.sba.gov/coronavirus

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- e. Others?