



AADD ALASKA

October 2020

“Reflection, Resilience and Reframing” - the Year of 2020

“In every crisis, doubt or confusion, take the higher path—the path of compassion, courage, understanding and love” Amit Ray.

In my reflections on 15 years of AADD involvement, the past 8 years in AADD leadership, and the past year of our world being upended, I can identify a crisis in every year but I am most grateful to so many of you who have taken the higher path. We have forged new paths of collaboration and understanding, even when we haven't achieved every strategic goal. We have courageously wrestled with cost containment, regulation changes, person centered planning, administrative emergencies, complex service delivery issues, Medicaid payer conversions, Harmony systems and many more. I have learned as I have sought to contribute. What shines through for me is your heart of commitment to the higher path!

A global pandemic has tested our resilience as community providers and I am grateful for the tenacity, teamwork and tenderness that has been revealed during these trying times. We have learned from the Alaskans we support that patience, diligence and kindness make us “stronger together” as we find new ways of connecting and supporting each other. Our workforce deserve ongoing recognition for their resilience as they serve on the frontlines!

I look on the Strategic Priorities we set for 2020 back in January and I am convinced they are fully relevant and applicable, even in unforeseen circumstances. Adaptation requires reframing, finding hope and alternate paths and fresh perspective amid fear, doubt and confusion. We have discovered some of the truly important and meaningful things in life this year as isolation amplified the unfinished work of civil justice and unhealed social wounds. May our conversations (and our view of people of all abilities) contain more clarity around our similarities and our potential as one human race, rather than their polarity around political, other agendas or even an election outcome. I hope for reframing of our lives towards peace and understanding through courageous, respectful voices wrapped with empathy and love.

It is with heartfelt gratitude for your support, vibrant dialogue, and active membership that I am concluding my term as President.

I will remain engaged as “AADD Past President” and I look forward to our future leadership continuing to advance our Shared Vision and future system change! Remember to vote, and stay on the higher path! Thank you!

Michael Bailey, AADD President

SDS UPDATE

SDS appreciates all the work providers have done keeping folks safe.

ECHO is offering Vaccine distribution planning twice each week.

SDS is focused on the 1915(c) waiver renewal is due July 1, 2020. Day habilitation language remains the same.

Appendix K is approved through March 10, 2021. Some parts extended in 90 day increments. No need to re-submit Appendix K easy amendments in each quarter. SDS anticipates extending simple POC renewals past Dec.

Anchorage SDS office is moving close to East High by November 1, 2020.

Respite can be used for parents to work during the pandemic.

Services can be offered when children are not receiving instruction.

Family Habilitation alignment with Medicaid regulations is underway with HCBS strategies.

Maureen Harwood reported:

Waitlist numbers:

⇒ 786 on DDDR (waitlist)

⇒ 17 IDD waivers drawn



I really do think that any deep crisis is an opportunity to make your life extraordinary in some way.
Martha Beck

FALL VIRTUAL “Face2Face meeting

Please join AADD for our first virtual Fall Oct. 28—30 meeting

Wed 28th 9am-10:30am A panel of DSP’s, facilitated by Kim Champney answering the questions about how to keep them.

Thurs 29th 9am -10:30am AADD elections of new officers and a new board member. Review of our strategic plan, closely tied to the Shared Vision.

Thurs 29th 1pm to 2:30pm SDS will provide updates with expected announcements in support of providers.

Fri 30th 9am—10:30am new DSPHire app will be rolled out, the Shared Vision brought up to date and discussion around system alignment with the Vision.

Fri 30th 1pm—2:30pm Keynote V. J. Smith, a nationally known speaker that Meeting and Conventions Magazine named as one of the favorite speakers of meeting planners throughout America.

The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/207788735>
Meeting ID: 207 788 735 No registration required.

Shared Vision Legislative Advocacy Coalition

With elections right around the corner, advocates are starting to plan for the next legislative session. In anticipation of new legislators that will have a quick and steep learning curve, a coalition of leaders from different Shared Vision partners are working on a coordinated platform.

The value of the Direct Support Professional Workforce will have a central role in this year’s message. Stories about DSPs providing essential services and Alaska’s success in maintaining the health of people, especially in group settings throughout Alaska, will be important.

Partners include AADD, Key Coalition of Alaska, the Governor’s Council, the Statewide Independent Living Council and Peer Power. For more information contact Kim Champney at kim@champneyconsulting.com.

Calendar

October 28, 2020	AADD “face to face” 9—10:30
October 29, 2020	AADD “face to face 9—10:30 and 1:00 to 2:30 pm
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November 12, 2020	AADD Monthly meeting—11:00 am
November 19, 2020	Compliance Group—8:30 am
November 20, 2020	CFO Group—10:00 am
Not Hot Topics—Thanksgiving Day	

HEALTH TIE DOSE HEALTH



Dose Health provides the Dose Flip, a smart device for regularly and safely dispensing medications. Besides alerting users and their caregivers when medications should be taken, the device also tracks when they are taken appropriately and can send notifications when they are missed.

The Dose Flip has been designed to help people take their medications correctly. Prefilled and programmed, the Dose Flip provides alerts that remind the user when each medication can be taken.

There are a reported a 120,000 deaths in America annually from medication errors. Dose Health served 2,000 recipients in Minnesota with 95% accuracy.

The Dose Health products and services have been designed for individuals and families working to provide independent living for themselves or loved ones.

Contact Alaina Gallager at alain@dosehealth.com or go to their website at <http://www.dosehealth.com/> for more information about costs and availability.

Health TIE is a testbed for Innovative Enterprises. It is dedicated to advancing healthcare systems by connecting service providers with entrepreneurs and facilitating real– world pilot projects.

Open Innovation calls take place the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 1:00. Email Jacqueline Summers to receive an invitation. You can reach her at Jacqueline@healthtie.info.

Quality is free. It’s not a gift, but it’s free. The “unquality” things are what cost money. Phillip B. Crosby

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