

# EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

**Chair Travis Noah**  
**Co-Chair Dean Paul**



**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON  
DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

# Employment Committee Members

- Travis Noah (Chair)
- Dean Paul (Co-Chair)
- Anna Attla
- Jena Crafton
- Lyle Downing
- Duane Mayes
- Charlene Tautfest

- Fred Villa
- Ric Nelson

## Staff:

- Jess Doherty
- Jamie Kokoszka

# Description

- People with developmental disabilities will have access to supports, services, programs, and training necessary for successful transitions to adulthood, meaningful work experiences, integrated and competitive employment, as well as career development, across the lifespan.

# Committee Chair Vision

“To help individuals with disabilities of all types gain meaningful competitive and integrated employment in their field and community of choice across the lifespan.”

*–Travis Noah, Committee Chair*

# Objective 1

## Employment First Implementation:

- People will have information, training, tools, and programs on telework, the state as a model employer, employment rights, and universally designed work environments to increase the percentage of people with development disabilities with meaningful, integrated, competitive employment in typical work settings.

# Objective 2

## Traditional Transition:

- Transition-aged youth (14-22) with developmental disabilities will have increased information, education services, training, and tools that are regionally, culturally, and linguistically relevant to them to increase the number of young adults in rural communities with skills for meaningful, place-based adulthood.

# November 23, 2021 Meeting

- Inaugural meeting
- Discussed purpose of committee
  - Shared goals and objectives
  - Shared GANTT chart in process
- Established regular meeting schedule

# December 21, 2021 Meeting

- Chair Travis Noah nominated Dean Paul for Employment co-chair and nomination was accepted
- Director Duane Mayes presented on the Alaska Work Matters Task Force
  - Time limited work group seeking to improve current policies and practices designed to enhance the recruitment, hiring, advancement, and retention of individuals with disabilities
- Shared updated GANTT chart



# December 21, 2021 Meeting (cont'd)

- Empowerment Through Employment Conference planning in process
- Outreach to committee to discuss how to broaden the reach of the conference
  - Independent living
  - Developmental disabilities
  - Include people who don't receive services but have challenges and need employment support

# Upcoming Activities

- Empowerment Through Employment
- Virtual Job Fair
- Next Employment Committee Meeting is February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 1:00 pm

# Questions?

