

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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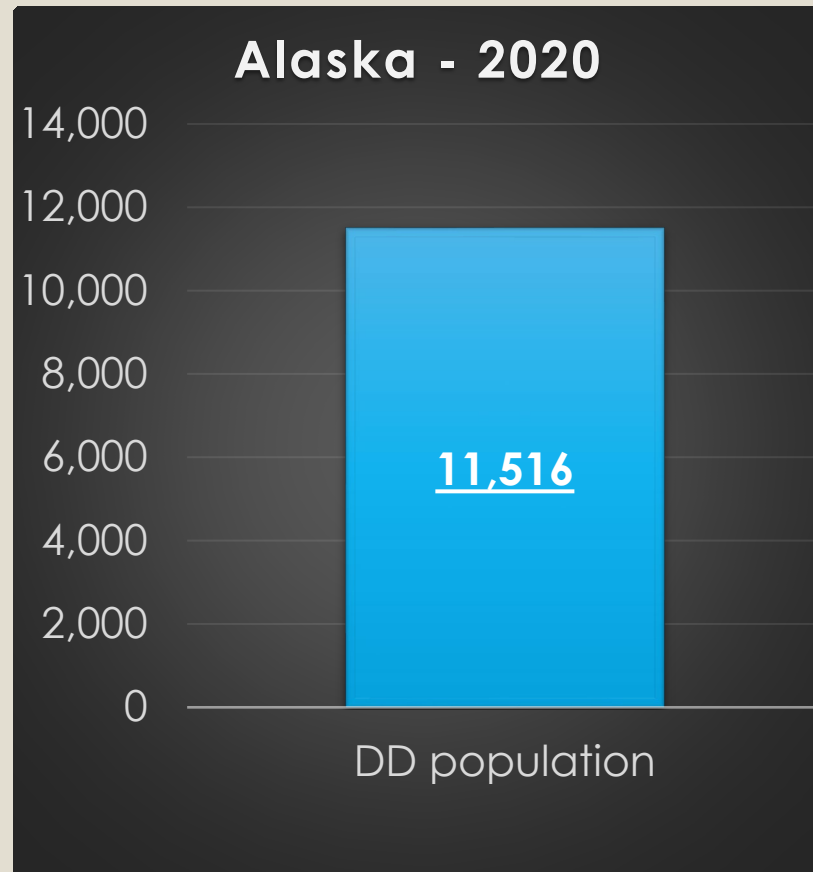
**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON
DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

- News & Important Updates
- Key October 2021 Activities
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- GCDSE Budget (July-Dec. 2021) Update
- Change Management
- Upcoming Events
- Conclusion & Questions

Introduction & Agenda

Est. Alaskans w/ Developmental Disability

Data Context & Limitations



- There is no Alaska-specific data for estimating the prevalence rate of individuals with developmental disabilities (DD).
- According to Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce, the 2020 (most recent year data is available) estimated population of Alaska was: 728,903 (Source: <https://live.laborstats.alaska.gov/pop/>)
- The lack of state-specific data on the prevalence of DD is a national issue. Our estimate is based on the widely-used **national prevalence rate of 1.58%** cited in Larson et al (2001).
 - This prevalence rate is twenty (20) years old and is being reviewed.
- **The actual rate may be much higher** due to issues like FASD in Alaska being significantly underreported (but again, we don't have accurate Alaska specific data on FASD).

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

~ Margaret Mead



News & Important Updates

- Changes in Staffing
 - Turnover in PC2
 - New BSPM1
- COVID Mitigation
 - Remote Work
- 2021 Annual Report
- Council Change
 - Margaret Gore has resigned and moved out of state, we wish her all the best.
 - Jena Crafton named new ICC Committee Chair
 - Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich new SEAP Chair

Key October 2021 Activities

Began serving as GCDSE Acting Executive Director

Attended NACDD Exec. Director Leadership Summit

Weekly meetings with Directors of SDS & DVR

Living Well Annual Report Completion

Executive Committee Meeting (10/1/21)

Legislative Committee Meeting (10/26/21)

Key October 2021 Activities Continued

MHTA Committee & Board Meetings

Coordinated Communications & Joint Advocacy

Living Well Grant Annual Reporting

Empower Hour Event (10/28/21)

Completed all GCDSE Staff Evaluations

Key Coalition Workgroups & Board Meeting

Quarterly Ethics Reporting to Dept. of Law

Key October 2021 Activities Continued

MHTAAR Grant Reporting for BEE
& Joint Staffing

FY23 GCDSE Budget Narratives
for OMB & Legislature

Three new standing committees
organized & supported

GCDSE Executive Transition
Committee (10/11/21)

AADD Virtual F2F Summit

Provided testimony to SDS on
ARPA eFMAP funds & pilots

- Coordinated Communications & Joint Advocacy
- New STNP BSPM1 staff person hired – Jackie Kim
- Executive Committee meeting (11/5/21)
- Presented to MHTA Board of Trustees (11/17/21)
- TABI Advisory Council meetings
- Empowerment Through Employment solicitation
- WMTF Planning & Sub-committee meetings
- CISS Committee Meeting (11/29/21)
- Living Well Project Management Team meetings
- Serve on IDD Advisory Council , attended meetings
- Legislative Committee Meeting (11/22/21)

Key November 2021 Activities

Key November 2021 Activities Continued

MHTA CEO
Candidate
Interviews

Weekly
Meetings with
SDS & DVR

Living Well
Group Meetings

Key Coalition
Board & Work
Group Meetings

Met with
NACDD ITACC

Completed 2021
SEAP Report

Met with South
Carolina DD
Council ED

Meeting with
Department of
Law on EO

Key December 2021 Activities

DDC PPR Trainings

Living Well Project Management Meetings

Work Matters Task Force Meeting

Meeting with DOR on the Alaska ABLE Program

Completed GCDSE 2021 Annual Report

Heard Presentation from CMS Regional Director

ICC Committee Meeting (12/14/21)

Completed MHTAAR Budget Projections

Multiple Living Well Small Group Meetings

Self-Advocacy & Leadership Committee (12/16/21)

Updated Comprehensive Mental Health Plan MOU

Key December 2021 Activities Continued

Executive Committee Meetings (12/8, 12/14, 12/16)

Coordinated Communications & Joint Advocacy

Weekly meetings with SDS & DVR Directors

Multiple meetings with GCDSE Legal Counsel

Meeting with Office of the Governor

Key Coalition Workgroups & Board Meeting

Meeting with DHSS Commissioner & Leadership

Key January 2022 Activities

- Executive Committee Meeting (1/3/22 & 1/12/22)
- CISS Committee Meeting (1/5/22)
- Living Well Grant Carryover Amendment Submitted
- Disability Pride Planning Committee Meetings
- ICC Committee Meeting (1/18/22)
- ICC Annual Report & Letter Submittal
- Employment Committee Meeting (1/19/22)
- DHSS Legislative Contact Meetings
- Met with DHSS Commissioner & Leadership Team
- Ongoing meetings with SDS & DVR Division Directors

Key January 2022 Activities Continued

National
Disability
Employment
Project (NACDD)

Living Well Small
Group Meetings

Final Work
Matters Task
Force Meeting

Comprehensive
Mental Health
Plan Leadership
Team Meetings

ETE Conference
Planning
Meetings

Presented to
MHTA Board of
Trustees

Weekly Key
Coalition
Meetings

Council Member
One-on-One
Meetings

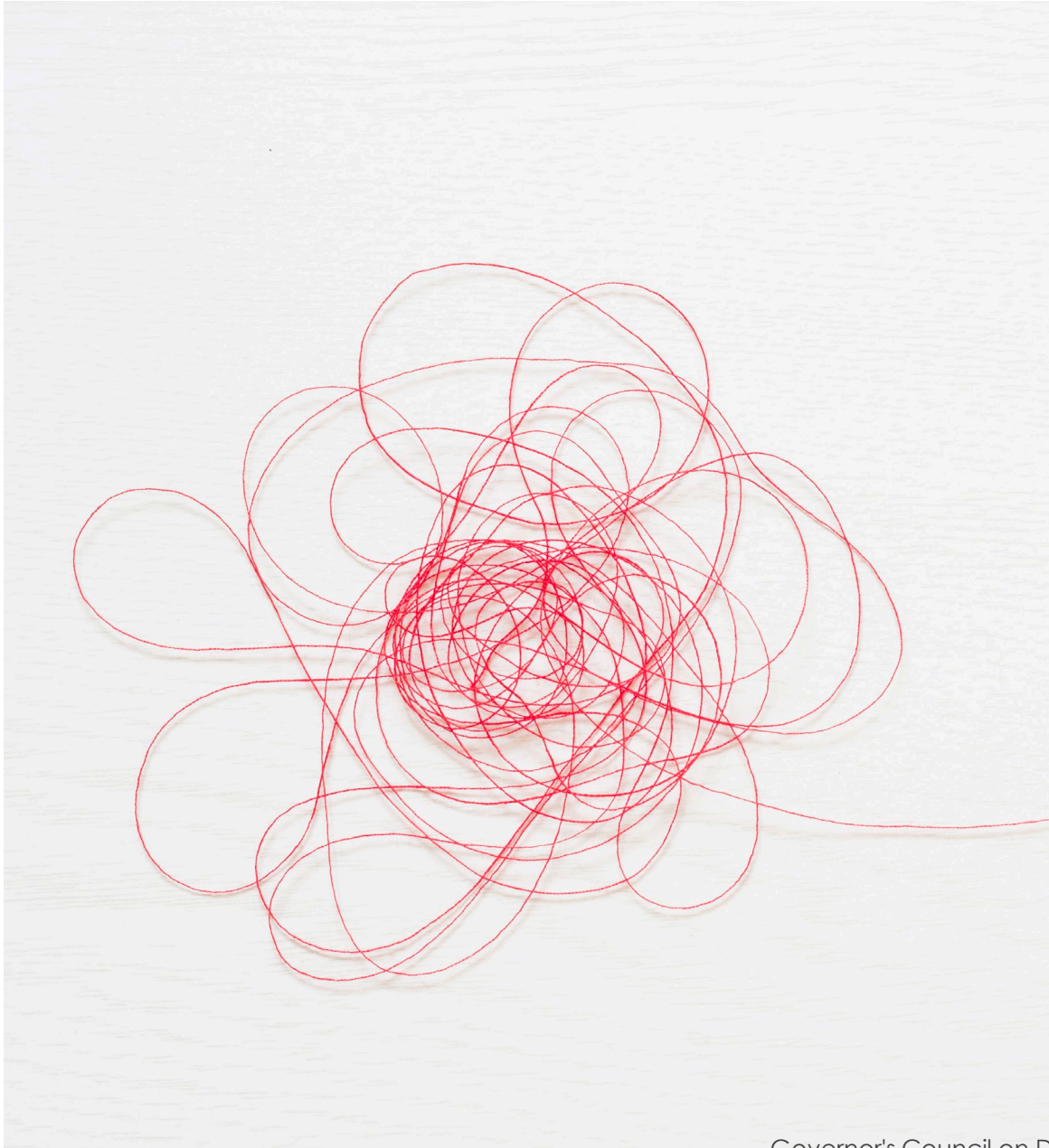
Juneau
Legislative
Outreach Visits

Legislative
Committee
Meeting
(01/06/22)

Meetings with
GCDSE Legal
Counsel

GCDSE Budget Update (July-Dec) 2021

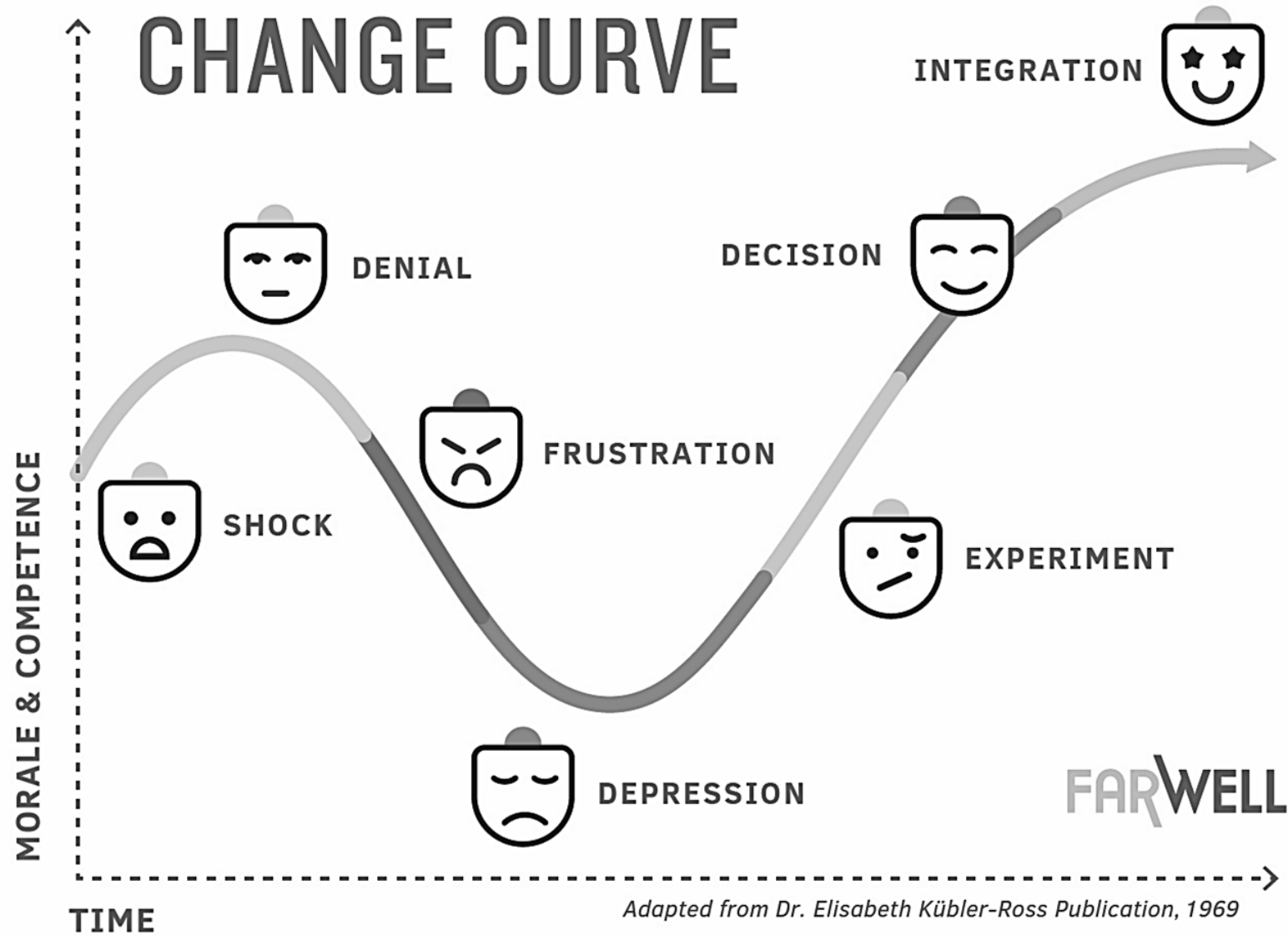
Personnel Services	Contractual Services	Commodities	Grand Total	
207,861.19	18,787.28	2,624.25	229,272.72	GCDSE FED Appropriation
28,084.93			28,084.93	FFY20 Living Well Grant Award
154,641.98	18,247.84	2,624.25	175,514.07	FFY21 DD Grant Award
25,134.28	539.44		25,673.72	FFY21 Living Well Grant Award
44,863.62	1,188.48	294.90	46,347.00	GCDSE Inter-Agency (IA) Appropriation
13,439.03	294.24		13,733.27	FY22 Support for Governor's Council Activities RSA with DEED
31,424.59	894.24	294.90	32,613.73	FY22 ICC RSA with ILP
	0.00		0.00	GCDSE General Fund Mental Health (GFMH) Appropriation
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101,280.67	16,273.03	1,013.30	118,567.00	GCDSE MHTAAR Appropriation
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354,005.48	36,248.79	3,932.45	394,186.72	



“Change is hardest in the beginning, messiest in the middle, and best at the end.”

~ Andre Gide

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Some Upcoming GCDSE Events

- February 5th 5:30pm – 9:00pm Challenge Alaska Gala
- February 7th – 11th All Day Juneau Legislative Outreach #2
- February 11th 11am – 12:30pm TABI Advisory Council Mtg.
- February 15th 9am – 10:30am ICC Committee Mtg.
- February 18th 8am – 5pm Key Campaign 2022 Leg Mtg.
- February 24th 11am – 12:30pm Self-Advocacy Committee Mtg.
- March 11th 11am – 12:30pm TABI Advisory Council Mtg.
- March 28th – 30th All Day Disability Policy Seminar

- Exact Days/Times Still TBD
- Empower Hour
- Peer Power Self-Advocacy Summit
- Full Lives Conference
- Empowerment Through Employment Conference
- Disability Pride

**Still To Be
Determined
Dates/Times
Upcoming
GCDSE Events
& Activities**



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QUESTIONS?