

Kenai Provider Forums: Themes and Issues Raised December 15, 2015

1-Service Providers for Seniors

No themes were captured for this Forum. SDS/DBH/HMA team was delayed in Anchorage.

2-Care Coordinators

Concern about integrating care coordination with mental health clinicians serving the population with SMI.

Concerns about “hard” and “soft” budget caps – where will those exist and what will they be? Will they be annual caps?

Question about how care coordination is managed. Currently a lot of care coordinators provide support pro bono – certain services are not reimbursed unless waiver eligibility is obtained. How will this change going forward?

Concern about children (under age 18) being sent out of state because services do not exist to keep them home and they cannot be transitioned into a group home.

PCA benefit appears to have changed according to one forum participant – more are having services denied. Concern is that beneficiaries may have to relocate to more urban areas to access benefits and that belies community choice.

Concern about lack of PCA support when beneficiaries need to travel from rural areas to get to medical services.

3-Service Providers for Intellectual/Development Disabilities, TBI, SMI

Will beneficiaries be able to maintain the same level of service they are now receiving on the (c) waiver?

Will SDS consider including the population with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) for 1915(i)?
(x3)

Instead of focusing on the four specific populations, could the state consider function as the criteria for 1915(i) and if you meet functional criteria, you can access benefits regardless of diagnosis?

How do the (i) and (k) options address situations that may be within income limits but not within resource limits?

As the state considers functional assessment tools, consider that the population with SMI has functional impairments that are different from those who are I/DD or seniors. There are big challenges in getting PCAs to serve populations with SMI.