



Legislative Committee 12-14-21

1. A former employee with a NASP provider is sending emails and making Facebook posts that could derail our legislative efforts. Alana replied thanking her for her perspective, but NASP will not engage further.
2. Governor's office is finalizing ARPA plan; could be why Director Green's schedule is so full
 - a. Director Green unable to join NASP meeting this month
 - b. Sheri Dawson, Director of Behavioral Health Division, continues to seek quick answers from providers re: staffing crisis; DD Division should be doing the same. Since Alana was unable to reach Tony Green by phone last week, will send an email today.
3. Putting our request in writing
 - a. Alana will draft a letter with our specific ask for an emergency deficit 30% rate increase – explicitly stating this is needed NOW, not next July
 - b. CC Director Green, Danette Smith, HHS Committee, and Appropriations Committee
 - c. "We know other Divisions are addressing this..."
 - d. Cite previous meetings, "we made a request..."
 - e. "We see other industries getting relief and we also need it now"
4. A small group (Justin Solomon, Josh Midgett, Mark Matulka, Matt Schaefer) met with Senators Kolterman, Dorn, and McDonnell individually last week.
 - a. Overall positive
 - b. "Money is there; DD aid going to be a priority"
 - c. Not a good chance of getting it before July
5. ACN's Board VP reached out to Sen. Hilkemann and got this response: "Yes, I will continue to get more money appropriated for the folks living with disabilities - we are woefully low in properly providing to our providers. I am aware of the disparities now in compensation and can only imagine how difficult it is to provide good care for those most in need."
6. Next steps:
 - a. Small group sit down with Stinner
 - i. Alana will reach out to Kent Rogert to try to set something up ASAP after the holidays
 - b. Host a luncheon with Appropriations Committee
 - i. Matt Schaefer will work on scheduling
 - ii. Schaefer or Wesley's office
 - c. Justin, Joe Dondlinger, and Mark will work on presentation for luncheon
 - d. Alana will loop Edison McDonald/The Arc in re: Day of Action

Continue to meet with key legislators: [Meetings with Members of Appropriations Committee - NASP - Google Sheets](#)