

1) Some of this has already been done through reforms lead by Rep. Mina for broad-based categorical eligibility. As, I recall, the eligibility screening did not have to occur as frequently as it was. We have reformed this so that people remain eligible for longer periods of time. I cannot recall the details of other desired reforms. Rep. Gray also had a bill that would be helpful. I support his bill.

2) Rep. Dan Saddler has been a leader in this area and I supported his bill that gave more autonomy to persons with disabilities to manage their own financial affairs and make their own choices. I would support such efforts in the future.

3) Solving the guardianship crisis can be made by paying more for the services. I know about the PD and OPAs crisis trying to manage their case loads. That can be partially remedied by returning to defined benefits for public employees.

4) I am aware that, at great cost to the state of Alaska, youth are moved to Utah for treatment. I know that this is costly--as said--and poor management of the problem. I would support expanding programs in Alaska including with capital dollars if needed. I was a leader in securing a \$2-\$4 million grant to Volunteers of Alaska for the build out of its dual diagnosis, psychiatric programs in Alaska specifically for youth.

5) While I have taken classes on IEPs and am familiar with them as a certified Type A Teacher, I cannot offer much but a vague answer here. However, I assume that increases to the BSA would be vital in improving these services, too. I am a leader in that regard.