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TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM
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TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lacey G. Simpson, Acting City Manager

DATE: July 29, 2022

RE: **Southeast Alaska Independent Living's Quarterly Activity Report – April Through June 2022**

Pursuant to paragraph (a) of Section 14 of the 2022 Community Agency Funding Agreement between the City of Ketchikan and Southeast Alaska Independent Living, attached for City Council review is a copy of the agency's quarterly activity report for the period April through June 2022. Should Councilmembers have questions regarding the reports, staff can attempt to respond accordingly.

## **Southeast Alaska Independent Living CY22 Quarter 2 Narrative**

### **Stated CY22 Grant Goals:**

1. Provide Prescreens and Options Counseling to 75 individuals through our Developmental Disability Resource Connection and our Aging and Disability Resource Center for long time Medicaid waiver supports and community-based services.
2. Provide Accessible, affordable, on demand transportation to 125 unduplicated qualifying individuals through our taxi voucher program.
3. Through our VOICE (Veterans Options for Independence Choice and Empowerment) assist 9 Veterans with home-based supports.
4. Facilitate a Pre-Employment Transition summer work program in partnership with the State Parks and DVR, maintaining our local trails and employing up to 10 work eligible students.

### **Quarter Two Outcomes:**

SAIL has had a strong start to fulfilling our goals set in our grant request.

- 1) We provided Prescreens and Options Counseling for 26 individuals through our Developmental Disability Resource Connection and our Aging and Disability Resource Center for long term Medicaid waiver supports and community-based services.
- 2) We currently have 130 qualified individuals registered in the taxi voucher program. This past quarter we provided vouchers for 583 rides. Due to staffing capacity and systemic problems with the granting agency SAIL has made a difficult decision to sunset the taxi voucher program effective 06/30/2022.
- 3) Through our VOICE (Veterans Options for Independence Choice and Empowerment) Program, we provided assistance to 8 Veterans and their families with home-based support.
- 4) Employment Services- This quarter, we taught 6 Pre-Employment classes at Ketchikan High school for students with disabilities. The classes covered applications, resumes, job skills, career choices, managing finances, and getting 'references'. We also made community visits to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Ward Cove Tourism group, Ktn Borough Water treatment, and a local credit union to learn about finances. In addition to the employment class, in June our Employment Specialist began the Ketchikan Summer Work Program, 8 students are participating in the program. Youth summer work partners with the Ketchikan Borough Dept. of Public Works to: clear brush, pick up trash, haul/spread pea gravel at community playgrounds, and help patrol local baseball fields and schools for garbage pickup.