Principles of Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH)

• That a reasonable amount of income be made available to Albertans with disabilities who have been found to be unable to get sufficient income through paid employment.

• That the decisions about who is eligible for AISH be based on clearly defined, well established and sound criteria, as well as on the life e experience of the applicant.

• That the process for eligibility for AISH is transparent and accessible to any citizens who need to apply for the support.

• That changes to the program be worked on collaboratively with people with disabilities with the understanding that changes should be very thoughtful given the possibility of unintended consequences.

• That the program be made flexible enough to allow people easy access to the workforce if they are able and willing to participate in paid employment. • That those staff members employed by the AISH program have sufficient training and understanding of disabilities to work with the people receiving supports.

• That people who apply for or receive AISH supports are human beings who deserve to be treated with dignity, compassion and respect.

• That there be a commitment to ensuring that barriers in society to the paid employment of people with disabilities who are able and willing to work be removed or mitigated against.

• That the government of Alberta does not make any major changes to the AISH program in the middle of a pandemic.

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