

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 26, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Taken at:

Alaska Mental Health Authority  
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 110  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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Trustees present:

Jerome Selby, Chair  
Carlton Smith  
Laraine Derr  
Paula Easley  
Mary Jane Michael  
Greg Jones

Trust staff present:

Steve Williams  
Andy Stemp  
Carley Lawrence  
Heidi Wailand  
Michael Baldwin  
Katie Baldwin-Johnson  
Valette Keller  
Jimael Johnson  
Luke Lind  
Miri Smith-Coolidge

Trust Land Office staff present:

Wyn Menefee  
Sarah Morrison

Others participating:

Kathy Craft; Duane Mayes; Dr. Tara Ford; Patrick Reinhart; Cody Chip; Joan O'Keefe; Tarek Thomas; Gail Trujillo; Dennis McCarville; Charlene Vassar; Diane Poage; Cindy Higgins; Jennifer Harrison.

## **PROCEEDINGS**

CHAIR SELBY calls the Finance Committee meeting to order, and notes that all trustees are present. He asks for any announcements. There being none, he moves to the agenda. He states that he was advised to strike the last item, Rural Health Professional Foundation, and enter UAF. He asks for any other changes.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE SMITH seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY asks for any ethics disclosures. There being none, he moves to approval of the minutes of April 20, 2017.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2017.

TRUSTEE SMITH seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

## **STAFF REPORT APPROVALS CASH MANAGEMENT REPORT**

CHAIR SELBY moves to the staff report approvals, and begins with the cash management report.

MR. STEMPE began his report by acknowledging a big thank you for the record. He continues that he has received a lot of help and support especially from Kat, Sarah and Valette. He adds that the former CFO, Kevin Buckland, has also been extremely helpful and answered a lot of questions. He goes through the cash management report, explaining as he goes through it.

A short question-and-answer dialogue ensues.

TRUSTEE DERR talks about the \$5 million set aside for inflation-proofing and asks for an opinion on the wisdom of having that money sitting there. She states that it should be moved into the Permanent Fund.

A brief discussion ensues.

CHAIR SELBY asks for any other questions on the financial report. There being none, he moves to the continued suspension of quarterly transfers.

MR. STEMPE states that there is a request for consideration of a suspension of transfers into the Permanent Fund through November 2018.

TRUSTEE SELBY states that he asked staff to develop an alternative motion. His concern was that, as a board, there is the obligation to take a close look at the \$22 million in principal, and what should be done with that. He continues that he asked staff to break down the anticipated utilization for asset enhancement. Staff came up with a \$14.5 million figure as what would be needed out of the \$22.2 million that is available in the principal. He states that it would be wise to contribute to the Permanent Fund this year rather than not. He adds, that is the obligation of the board. He proposes leaving a \$2.794 million contingency, and putting \$5 million into the Permanent Fund.

TRUSTEE JONES makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend that the Full Board of Trustees direct the CFO to transfer cash principal from the Trust Authority Development Account, No. 3320, to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation principal account, through November 2008 in the amount of \$5.294 million. That leaves \$2.5 million as a cash contingency. He further moves that the CFO be asked to return to the board at the regularly scheduled November 16 meeting with a recommendation on whether it is approved to move the \$5 million inflation-proofing into the principal account.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

MS. SMITH-COOLIDGE asks for the motion to be repeated because she heard 2008 instead of 2018.

TRUSTEE JONES makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend that the board of trustees direct the CFO to transfer cash principal from the Trust Authority Development Account, No. 3320, to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation principal account through November 2018. He further moves that the CFO be asked to return to the board of trustees meeting on November 16 with a recommendation upon whether the \$5 million inflation-proofing account be moved into the Trust principal account.

TRUSTEE COOKE asks if this motion supersedes the motion in the packet to suspend transfer of cash principal to the Permanent Fund Corporation.

TRUSTEE JONES replies that it replaces it.

A brief discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE JONES explains that the Trust has gone through several changes that include a closing of the real estate opportunity. Markets throughout the United States have become tighter. He continues that legislation would be helpful to clarify the Trust uses of principal. He states that the real estate investments have been suspended pending the resolution of the legislation, but that account continues to grow. The projections are that it will grow even more dramatically in the next few years.

TRUSTEE SMITH states that he would rather see a management recommendation on this than acting on it right away. He asks if there are any timing considerations that make this something that needs to be done today.

MR. WILLIAMS replies that the previous motion from last year got through November of 2017, which is a timing issue.

The discussion continues.

TRUSTEE JONES asks staff and the trustees if they would be more comfortable not addressing this tomorrow, but on the 16<sup>th</sup>. That gives more time to review it.

The discussion continues.

TRUSTEE JONES asks the TLO how this may affect them.

MR. MENEFEE states that the aspect of how much money would be available if the real estate program was reinvigorated depends on what type of building or lands we are going for, in what may be needed. He does not know what the cost would be; it is an unknown.

TRUSTEE JONES offers a substitute motion.

TRUSTEE JONES makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend that the Full Board of Trustees direct the CFO to make a recommendation to the board for a transfer of cash principal from the Trust Authority Development Account, 3320, to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation principal account through November 2018, and further recommends the disposal of the \$5 million inflation-proofing account for consideration for deposit in the Trust principal account at the Permanent Fund; and that the CFO bring that recommendation to the board on the November 16 meeting, along with a review by outside counsel concerning whether this impacts the discussions with the audit.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

CHAIR SELBY asks if there is discussion on the amendment by substitution.

A discussion ensues.

CHAIR SELBY asks if there is any objection to the substitute motion.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY states that the next item is the land exchange budget.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend that the Trust Authority Board of Trustees approve the appropriation of an additional expenditure of \$3,165,000 from fund 1092, income, and fund 3220, principal, to be added to the TLO's budget for the land exchange. These funds do not lapse. Further, she recommends that the TLO make every effort to expend a minimal amount on the land exchange.

TRUSTEE JONES seconds.

MR. MENEFEE asks if Trustee Derr would like to match the motion identical to what was in the RMC.

TRUSTEE DERR replies that she does state that, and will ditto that.

MR. MENEFEE states that the motion reads: “The Resource Management Committee makes a motion to recommend that the Trust Authority Board of Trustees approve the appropriation of an additional asset enhancement expenditure of \$3,165,000 from fund 1092, income, and fund 3320, principal, to be added to the TLO’s budget for the land exchange. These funds do not lapse. Staff is directed to negotiate to spend as minimum as possible of the funds.”

TRUSTEE JONES states that the second concurs.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY moves to the Trust Land Office Icy Cape project and heavy metal project.

MR. MENEFEE states that this is to allow further development of the Icy Cape heavy metal project for next year for exploration.

TRUSTEE JONES makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommends that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees approve the proposed asset enhancement action to fund the Icy Cape gold and industrial heavy metals project with principal from the Trust Authority Development Account, Fund Code 3320, with \$3 million. These funds do not lapse.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

## **FOCUS AREA ALLOCATIONS**

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that the first project is the Aleutian Pribilof Island Association pilot implementation for Awakuxtxin. She continues that the Aleutian Pribilof Island Association and Eastern Aleutian Tribes have been collaborating over the past 24 months to create an innovative regional intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment program to be established in the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Region. The Trust has been supportive of this effort. This started with funding a feasibility study looking at the creative partnership with the fish processing industry and a component of treatment. Then a planning phase to this project was also supported. She adds that this innovative partnership contributes to healthier communities by increasing access to treatment, which enables industry to hire a local workforce. She states that seeking or maintaining employment is a requirement of participation in this project. The unique aspect is that the employer participates as one of the members of the treatment planning and treatment teams. The project is estimated to serve approximately 40 Trust beneficiaries over an 18-month period. During that time, APIA and EAT will determine the effectiveness through evaluation that will look at: Is it an effective model; are people being successful in their treatment; is employment being maintained; is it sustainable.

TRUSTEE JONES makes a motion that the Finance Committee approves a \$200,000 fiscal year '18 substance abuse prevention and treatment focus area allocation to the Aleutian Pribilof Island Association for the Awakuxtxin, Working Together, Alcohol and Drug Recovery Program, the pilot phase project.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

TRUSTEE EASLEY states that she has a question on the industry participation, and if they will be doing urine testing or providing any kind of counseling.

DR. FORD, from the Aleutian Pribilof Island Association, replies that the employers will not be actively engaging in administering the drug analysis, but the treatment program will. They will be part of the treatment team and will report back if the participant was showing up to work and describing their behavior there. The associations, PIA and Eastern Aleutian Tribes, will both be doing the counseling and drug testing.

A discussion on the budget and funding ensues.

DR. FORD talks about the feasibility study and states that the requirement is not employment in the fishing industry, but to be employed or actively seeking employment.

TRUSTEE COOKE asks if the 40 people in the program have been identified.

MR. CHIP replies that there are certain individuals within the community that employers have identified as struggling, that do not want to terminate employment, but have had enough infractions over the course of employment that it is on the edge. There are around 40 individuals identified across the region, and that will leave the intensive outpatient partnership with some of these individuals.

TRUSTEE COOKE asks what other treatment resources exist to service this population.

MR. CHIP replies the ASAM Level 1 outpatient treatment, which is about three to six hours of treatment a week. There is also a 12-step facilitation, and there are some outpatient mental health providers in the area. One of many reasons why it is innovative is because it is also in partnership with two tribal health entities sharing and utilizing resources to provide services across the region. He states that staff's goal right now is to have low-level misuse of substances, which they can cover. If it hits a higher intensity level, the default is residential treatment, which may not be appropriate for all, but it is all that is available now. He continues that this program feels that it can cover the large hole in the continuum of care, and the way to do it is to have continuity and sharing of the resources across both organizations.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asks about the plan for sustainability.

MR. CHIP replies that Medicaid enrollment is one piece of that. It sites across the region, and the Aleutian Pribilof Island Association also serves people in Anchorage where there are health services. He adds that they petitioned the State to allow seeking reimbursement through Anchorage to establish a continuity of care. That had a tremendous positive impact on the

treatment that was delivered. Also found was having that base of people in Anchorage creates greater structure and stability from where this program can be built.

CHAIR SELBY asks for any other questions. There being none, he calls the vote.

*CHAIR SELBY calls the vote: Trustee Michael, yes; Trustee Cooke, no; Trustee Derr, yes; Trustee Smith, yes; Trustee Jones, yes; Trustee Selby, yes; Trustee Easley, yes. The motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY calls a ten-minute recess.

(Break.)

CHAIR SELBY moves to the beneficiary employment and engagement project.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve \$200,000 from the FY18 beneficiary employment and engagement focus area for 2018-'19 contractual services to support the Trust and SDS with implementing SB 74 and CMS rules as it relates to long-term services and supports.

TRUSTEE JONES seconds.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON clarifies that this is the request to trustees to fund the second year of a three-year contract with home- and community-based strategies that has been working very closely with Senior and Disability Services, the Trust, and many other stakeholders that have been engaged in reforms related to SB 74. This contract provides access to the very specific technical expertise to the State of Alaska, to SDS, and to the Trust and our partners related to long-term services and supports and all the components of SB 74 that are requiring change efforts. She continues that the Trust supporting the contract has helped to achieve many things: one is the development of an implementation of an advanced planning document that supports SDS in receiving an enhanced Medicaid match for activities to support various reform efforts; assisted in establishing a methodology for managing many of the tasks related to the reform efforts. She states that the second year of this contract will enable home- and community-based services strategies to continue to work with SDS on an integrated plan to track progress on specific strategies towards the intended goals that have been identified. She continues that it will also provide the consultative expertise to Senior and Disability Services in the state of Alaska with the development of necessary regulations, changing of protocols and practices that are necessary to implement the successful reform program, provide guidance on CMS regulations, as well as assisting the Division in engaging the various stakeholders that are impacted by these changes. The Trust will continue to collaborate very closely with SDS and all the partners that have been engaged in this effort, and on the framework for managing the contract resources towards the objectives and the goals that have been identified.

TRUSTEE DERR states that there is no budget and asks how much of this money is going for a contract without the budget to say what the Department is really doing.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON replies that if the funds are authorized, then a very specific budget would be developed on how those funds will be spent.

TRUSTEE DERR continues that developing the budget after receiving the money makes no sense.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that approval is needed to authorize the second year of funding so that the plan for the second year can be developed that would broadly fit into these categories of the scope.

The discussion continues.

MR. MAYES states that Steve Luske is the contractor funded through this amount currently in the request for \$200,000. There was a coordination meeting, and he is the project manager. So, regulations and all the work that goes into drafting that just went out. There are four home- and community-services waivers. And there will be a fifth. There has been a lot of work done to bring that fifth one, so it is out for public comment.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON proposes tabling this request and bringing it back to the November 16 meeting, and that would give enough time to flesh out the budget for the contract with more specific details.

A discussion ensues, explaining the budget question.

TRUSTEE DERR amends the motion to move it to November when there will be more information.

TRUSTEE JONES seconds.

CHAIR SELBY asks for any objection.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL objects and states that this should be approved. The Trust committed to Medicaid reform. This is the second year that the consultant is on board. It is simple, and she thinks that there is a difficulty in conveying the message, but this has been proven and should be funded.

*CHAIR SELBY asks for any objection. Trustee Michael objects. There are three objections with a four-to-three to postpone. The motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY moves to substance abuse prevention treatment and asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE SMITH makes a motion that the Finance Committee approves \$140,000 FY18 substance abuse prevention and treatment focus area allocation to Set Free Alaska for site acquisition and facility remodel.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.



MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that this funding request is specifically to assist Set Free in remodeling a facility that they have secured to accommodate relocating of the administrative offices to locate the outpatient treatment services in one facility. The remodel is in a two-story building. She continues that Set Free is one of the service providers in the Valley that is serving 100 percent Trust beneficiaries for drug and alcohol addiction. They are a key partner in the therapeutic court referrals for treatment in the Valley. She adds that they have experienced tremendous growth in terms of demand and individuals that have been served over the last year, somewhere upwards of 50 percent growth. Their facility is maxed out, and the remodel will increase capacity by adding over 2500 additional square feet. This is needed to serve up to 140 additional beneficiaries in a year. She states that Set Free has also been extremely successful in engaging community partners and leveraging community commitment to the success of their organization.

TRUSTEE COOKE asks if Set Free Alaska owns the building.

MR. LICHT states that he is the executive director with Set Free Alaska. He replies that the Mat-Su Health Foundation purchased the building on Set Free's behalf for \$1.5 million, and they have given a letter stating that the ownership of the facility will transfer in 2020. There is a 10-year dollar lease in place which gives the ability to move forward. The Facility is secured, and when the transferring is complete, Set Free Alaska will own the building with no debt in 2020.

TRUSTEE COOKE asks if they are a nonprofit or an LLC.

MR. LICHT replies that they are a nonprofit organization. He adds that this building is in the Mat-Su Valley, almost directly between Palmer and Wasilla.

CHAIR SELBY asks for any objection to the motion.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY states that the next item is the Alaska Statewide Independent Living Council, and asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE JONES makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend approval to the Full Board of Trustees for a \$200,000 fiscal year '18 partnership grant to the Statewide Independent Living Council for the Innovation to Independence Enabling Technology Project.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that this proposal is the culmination of a collaborative planning process between the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, the Alaska Commission on Aging, the Independent Living Centers, Senior and Disability Services, along with other key stakeholders to explore the possibility of increasing use of technology to improve the beneficiaries' quality of life by maximizing independence as much as possible in their homes. She continues that this effort will also assist SDS in identifying what areas of the home- and community-based waiver that may need to be redesigned to allow beneficiaries the ability to use technology to continue services and supports that might otherwise end due to

budget cuts. She adds that the individuals targeted for this pilot include beneficiaries receiving Medicaid funding, supports through the intellectual and developmental disability waiver, or the individual supports waiver and beneficiaries on the adults living independently waiver. The State Independent Living Council will serve as the fiscal agent for this project. Funding will be directed towards assistive technology and home map assessments, plus some related travel that is involved in the effort.

TRUSTEE COOKE asks where this is provided for in the budget.

MR. WILLIAMS replies that these requests are coming out of the partnership funds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY states that the next item is the Alaska Child and Family Project, and asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommends approval to the Full Board of Trustees for a \$199,300 FY18 partnership grant to Alaska Child and Family for the Day Trip of Partnership for Children on the Autism Spectrum.

TRUSTEE SMITH seconds.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that this request is to support the one-time upfront cost to develop and implement a day program for children on the autism spectrum who are unable to manage themselves emotionally, behaviorally in the learning environment. In response to a rapidly growing number of children diagnosed with autism, there is the need to focus education and treatment towards the needs of children at earlier ages, which can substantially improve the health and mental health outcomes into adulthood. She continues that this project has been developed collaboratively with the Anchorage School District and Alaska Child and Family with support from the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education to develop a program that is responsive to the identified needs of elementary-aged children between second and fifth grade that are struggling to succeed in elementary classrooms in Anchorage. She adds that the goal of this project is to work with each child in a day-school program with their family for a period. She states that a majority of this funding will go to upfront personnel costs, facilities, and training needs of the staff that will be initiating and working on these projects.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asks about the facility costs and if a facility will be rented, or whether there is an existing facility.

MR. McCARVILLE replies that there is an existing facility with a remodeling need.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL states that these are the operating costs in here.

MR. McCARVILLE states that this program is being ramped up quickly, and there are several things in the budget that payments will not be able to be covered for the first two months of the program.

A brief discussion ensues.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON adds that this is a one-time, upfront cost to support putting the program together and getting it going. There is also a plan for sustainability.

CHAIR SELBY asks for further discussion. There being none, he asks for any objections.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY states that next is the Anchorage Library Foundation Project. He asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE JONES makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend approval to the Full Board of Trustees of a \$75,000 fiscal year '18 partnership grant to the Anchorage Library Foundation for the Social Worker in the Library Pilot Program.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that this is a request to support the first year of a two-year pilot to hire a full-time social worker to provide supportive and referral services to beneficiaries that go to the Anchorage Public Library. The Public Library, the Municipality of Anchorage, the Department of Health and Social Services, as well as the University of Alaska have been engaged in planning for this project after a trial run with a part-time social-work student that spent time at the library to gauge the demand and need of placing a social worker in the library. The library is a safe, inviting environment for people. She adds that this project is based off several successful models from other public libraries around the nation, specifically a similar project based in San Francisco which resulted in 150 homeless individuals being housed, as well as 800 additional individuals receiving help to access mental health and other social programs. She states that the intent is that this is a new opportunity to connect with individuals that are vulnerable, and to get them connected with the resources they need. Social-worker students are trained to do that. This would provide them with the opportunity to hire one full-time social worker that would then be supervising social-work students that would expand the capacity for them to service individuals that are coming to the library.

A discussion ensues.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY states that the next item is the Finance Committee Catholic Social Services budget. He asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE COOKE makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve a \$50,000 partnership grant to Catholic Social Services for the Improve Sleeping Conditions project.

TRUSTEE JONES seconds.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that this funding request is specifically to improve the sleeping conditions of individuals served at the Brother Francis Shelter with a drastic increase in the bedbug epidemic and the significant difficulty in managing this problem. The shelter asks for this request for assistance. She continues that the Brother Francis Shelter has 240 individuals every night, serving over 3600 unduplicated individuals each year. This funding request will help them purchase metal bunkbeds to get guests off the floor. The metal bunkbeds will decrease the bedbug infestation and increase space between individuals that are sheltered, as well as some of the funds to purchase some locking totes to protect possessions. Locking up the personal belongings will also help contribute to managing the bedbug issue, as well.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY moves to the next item and asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve a \$43,135 FY18 partnership grant request to the Alaska Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health for the IECMH Training Hub project.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that this project is a collaborative endeavor between the Alaska Association for Infant and Early Childhood Health, the Center for Human Development, and the Alaska Area Health Education Centers to develop a plan to create a training hub to address the expanding needs for and shortage of practitioners that have the expertise and capacity to work with infants and young children and their families to increase early intervention with evidence-based approaches to treat and resolve mental health issues in young children. She continues that the new service types target populations that are included with the 1115 waiver, and allows for and expands earlier interventions with at-risk children and families. Yet, there are a very limited number of practitioners in the state that have the requisite training and expertise in the evidence-based practices and strategies to work with very young children. Delivery of these new services requires areas of content expertise. She states that this project is funding the planning to put together what that cut might look like to develop both training and infrastructure to build the capacity and workforce to be responsive to the needed services in the state. She adds that the plan is to use these funds to pull stakeholders together with the expertise and background, and to pair that with existing infrastructure available through the Center for Human Development and the Alaska Area Health Center to develop the training and the workforce infrastructure to meet the demand for specialization, use of the evidence-based practice standards of care for care of infant mental health, develop a statewide structure, including considerations such as data, financing and what that might look like.

A question-and-answer discussion ensues.

CHAIR SELBY asks for any further questions. There being none, he calls the vote.

*With one objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY states that the next item is the Christian Health Associates, and asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE JONES makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve a \$25,000 fiscal year '18 partnership grant with the Christian Health Associates for Anchorage Project Access.

TRUSTEE COOKE seconds.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that the Trust is supporting Christian Health Associates in their facilitation of the annual Anchorage Project Access. These funds go towards ensuring individuals, many of whom are Trust beneficiaries, are homeless, are disadvantaged, have access to health care, including dental care. The project is three-tiered, existing with donated healthcare, donated dental care, and now assistance with applying for Medicaid and access to other insurance options. She continues that the demographics of folks being seen is a majority of individuals between the ages of 30 and 59. Slightly more females than males, with a majority of them unemployed. The Project Access serves a substantial number of homeless individuals in the Anchorage area, with estimates of greater than 41 percent who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. She adds that this is something that the Trust has supported for many years, and through this effort a large number of beneficiaries are getting access to necessary healthcare.

TRUSTEE SMITH asks if this is the same project that has some statewide television market.

MS. VASSAR replies that Project Access does have their own television commercials on TV. That includes access to Medicaid, enrolling in Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act.

CHAIR SELBY asks for any other questions. There being none, he calls the vote.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY states that the next item is FOCUS, Inc., and asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve a \$25,000 FY18 partnership grant with FOCUS, Inc. for the Behavioral Support Preschool Project.

TRUSTEE JONES seconds.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL states that she did not declare a conflict of interest, but needs to do that now. She continues that she serves on the Wrightson Family Charitable Trust. She receives no personal benefit from service on that trust, but funds have been awarded to this project.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that this funding will assist FOCUS, Inc., which is a family outreach center for understanding special needs. It is a nonprofit that offers personalized guidance for families and individuals who experience special needs, including intervention and therapy support, resource, navigation, education and those kinds of services. FOCUS has been in existence for 30 years, providing family-centered services to individuals and families. This funding will specifically assist in developing a specialized preschool program for young children ages three to five with challenging behaviors that are unable to be successfully managed in a

regular daycare setting due to the lack of specialized staff, staffing ratios, and not having the skillset or expertise to intervene appropriately with these children. She adds that this program will provide extended support and education to the families that have children enrolled in the center. The evaluation of the program is comprehensive. She continues that the sustainability of the program will rely on tuition fees they have been built that into their model, as well as any other reimbursable available services that may be rendered, such as occupational and speech therapy.

CHAIR SELBY asks for any questions. There being none, he asks for any objections.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY asks for a motion for the last item.

TRUSTEE SMITH makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve a \$23,300 FY18 partnership grant request to the UAF for the online Medicaid Billing Class project.

TRUSTEE JONES seconds.

MS. CRAFT states that this project will support the development of an online Medicaid billing course geared towards small communities and rural areas, so they can better learn how to bill for Medicaid. She continues that UAF Rural Human Services has partnered with Tanana Chiefs Conference, the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, ANTHC, SEARHC, and the DHSS Medicaid office to put together an online course. An instructional designer was found who will develop this course and then pilot it over the next year. It will begin and be online next fall.

A brief question-and-answer session ensues.

CHAIR SELBY asks for any objections to the motion.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to adjourn the Finance Committee.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR SELBY adjourns the meeting.

(Finance Committee adjourned at 4:28 p.m.)