ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
FULL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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9:04 a.m.

Taken at:

Grand View Inn & Suites
2900 East Parks Highway
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OFFICIAL MINUTES

Trustees present:
Russ Webb, Chair
Mary Jane Michael
Paula Easley
Laraine Derr
Jerome Selby

Trust staff present:
Greg Jones
Steve Williams
Heidi Wailand
Carley Lawrence
Michael Baldwin
Miri Smith-Coolidge
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Amanda Lofgren

Trust Land Office:
John Morrison
Wyn Menefee
Aaron O’Quinn

Others Participating:
Christopher Cooke; Patrick Reinhart; Kristin Vandergriff; Anne Applegate; Kate Burkhart; Kathy Craft; Denise Daniello; Charlene Tautfest; Valerie Davidson (via telephone); Duane Harris; Alan Green; Randall Burns; Karen Cann; Morgen Jaco.
PROCEEDINGS

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR WEBB reconvenes the meeting and asks for any announcements.

TRUSTEE DERR states that there is an item in the books on page 136 that is not on the agenda and has not been before a committee.

CHAIR WEBB states that that relates to Valdez/Afognak and asks Mr. Morrison about it.

MR. MORRISON explains that it is a new item that will be taken up in the Resource Management Committee report. He states that it can be added to the agenda as a separate item.

CHAIR WEBB adds that to the agenda as part of the Resource Management Committee report.

TRUSTEE EASLEY requests that the governance discussion be moved up on the agenda either right after the Resource Management Committee report or before the Finance Committee report. She explains that she needs to leave early and does not want to miss that discussion.

CHAIR WEBB states that Mr. Jones suggests placing that in at 12:30, and moving all the committee reports back. He continues that the first item on the amended agenda is the Governor’s Council.

GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

MR. REINHART states that the report is a highlight of the impacts of the legislative action on the beneficiaries and providers, and then the DD vision in the future. He continues that the Dyslexia Task Force was referred to the Senate education committee and will be set aside until 2018. The Adult Foster Care bill was from Senator Dunleavy and was to address an issue and problem related to people that age out of the foster care system in the special needs foster care category, and then lose some of the services if they choose to stay in the same family home. This was pulled back to work on to make sure that some of the issues are addressed. It will be seen next year probably with a different title. He states that the telecommunications bill for the disabled addresses the issue of how the Regulatory Commission of Alaska can authorize collection of user fees on telephone services to support relay services for people who are deaf and use those services. He talks about the potential impacts on the beneficiaries of further reductions. He adds that there is a lot of work, in the next six months to a year, in looking at these details and seeing what it really means for people and families. He states that another issue causing concern is funding for the DD programs and then the changes being made to Social Security. A lot of the constituents are dependent on Social Security. He continues that their whole emphasis is going to be when the details of things roll out on the RDD system, its impacts and assessment, and how that fits in with the Disability Resource Centers doing prescreening activities; the whole emphasis on the person and person centeredness. He asks Ms. Applegate to continue.
MS. APPLEGATE states that she is a lawyer for people who experience disabilities, and that there was always a level of frustration with dealing with things. She continues that in the context of a law supporting decision-making, it describes an enforceable legal agreement. It describes people who have needs for assistance with decision-making due to disability that affects critical thinking skills or communication skills; the ability to weigh options, access relationships or arrangements that help identify their options and think about the kinds of details that are relevant for an important life decision. She adds that this is providing individualized accommodations for decision-making, and she believes that it is consistent with public policy. She states that the project at the Council is about systems change. The first thing is to raise awareness; group-specific topics for trainings, parents, service providers, and the courts. She talks about the extreme prevalence of full guardianship in Alaska which is a very high ratio of people who get full guardianships as opposed to limited guardianships or conservatorships or having formal arrangements for decision-making. She states that the Office of Public Advocacy, which is the public guardian, is overwhelmed with guardianship. She continues that they would like to create Alaska stories, compile them for people who are wards and people who are guardians that explains how and why they entered the process, and what alternatives they would like. She talks about WINGS, which is a working group of stakeholders that have an interest in guardianship reform or alternatives. The Trust has matched the original grant, and it convenes a group of government agencies, advocacy groups, self-advocates, the court system, and the government agencies, including Adult Protective Services and OPA, to look to create a work plan for changing the number of people under a full guardianship and making robust alternatives, including legally recognizable support decision-making agreements that are defined in law. She states that it is a big project in terms of the result of making the kinds of institutional structural changes that make this a real option for people.

MR. REINHART thanks Ms. Applegate, and asks Ms. Vandegriff to go through some of the other things going on at the Council.

MS. VANDEGRIFF begins with the early intervention committee and states that part of the duties as the interagency coordinating council for infants and toddlers is reviewing the Part C annual performance report. The annual report was submitted to the Governor. She moves to the presentation on the economic impact of ACEs, which is Adverse Childhood Experiences, which is starting the conversations on a statewide universal developmental screening for toddlers with a standardized tool. She states that all 50 states are taking part in Strolling Thunder. Parents, babies and toddlers went to Capitol Hill to stroll past and make a statement for the importance of meeting the needs of those babies from zero to three, which is an important developmental time for their brains.

MS. APPLEGATE moves to the education committee and talks about the collaboration with agency partners to improve the graduation rates, which have increased with the exclusion of the HSGQE as a graduation requirement. She states that students can do the work to graduate, but have difficulty with the exit exams. There is a disproportionality in the indicators about suspension and expulsion of students with disabilities, and a work group has been convening to talk about where it is and why. She continues that a report was done on this as it was developing in the Supreme Court case that confirmed the higher standard for the provision of a free, appropriate public education for students with disabilities. She adds that they have been working
on the National ACT testing accommodations and standards. The National ACT would like to become the standardized tester of public schools; and they are interested in our input regarding accommodations and standards. The Alaska Performance Scholarship is being reviewed for possible discriminatory effect; and we opposed the Joint Resolution 57 in a strongly worded opposition. She continues that the draft state plan application for ESSA, Every Student Succeeds Act, is being followed. Feedback is due on the 19th, and a summary of the issues as they affect students with disabilities will be produced.

MS. VANDEGRIFF states that the autism ad hoc committee met in April and may have recruited one, perhaps even two, pediatric neurodevelopmental doctors to replace Dr. Brennan. A curriculum has been developed to teach doctors and nurse practitioners how to diagnose autism, as well as training with respect to teaching family navigators how to support families of children with autism. She continues that Alaska Autism Echo is being worked on where users would be using telemonitoring to create high quality specialty care in innovative learning communities. She gives an update on the registry, stating that there are about 463, which is the lowest number seen. The other big fact is considering the proposed new assessment tool, the interRAI that would replace the ICAP that SDS currently uses to develop level of care. She moves to the employment and transportation committee which is working on a robust transportation to meet all the major services and expectations. She continues her presentation, explaining as she goes along. She states that work with inclusive playgrounds continues.

MR. REINHART adds that the Juneau playground was one of the first accessible playgrounds in the state, and all the disability agencies in Juneau worked hard for that. He states that it recently burned to the ground, and Juneau needs a new one.

MS. VANDEGRIFF gives a quick update on the Achieving a Better Life Experience or the ABLE Act, and we were fortunate to work with the Department of Revenue to get accounts active by December 2016.

MR. REINHART gives an update on Council staff and states that the next meeting is May 9, a one-day meeting.

CHAIR WEBB thanks them and moves to the small projects approvals for FY17.

APPROVALS MARCH FY17 SMALL PROJECTS

MR. BALDWIN explains that the small projects is a small grant program that Luke Lind coordinates to offer small project grants up to $10,000 for new and creative program ideas to substantially improve or supplement existing activities; or significantly increase the quality of ongoing projects. These grants are offered three times a year: in July, November, and March. He states that for March nine applications were submitted and reviewed by staff. He continues that, after reviewing all the applications and input from the advisory boards, a list of approximately six small project grants, totaling $44,000, are being submitted for consideration.

A discussion ensues.
TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the board approve the recommended FY17 small projects from the March application period in the amount of $44,300.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

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

CHAIR WEBB calls a break.

(Break.)

**STATUTORY ADVISOR UPDATE**

CHAIR WEBB recognizes Valerie Davidson, Commissioner of the Department of Health & Social Services.

COMMISSIONER DAVIDSON states that the House in Congress is voting on a scale-back of the Affordable Care Act.

CHAIR WEBB states that the vote is still occurring and appears that it will pass the House.

COMMISSIONER DAVIDSON states that the concern is that according to the Center for Budget and Policy, the premiums for that are marketplace plans; Alaskans are going to lose about a $12,000 subsidy, on average, which is challenging to all. She continues that the concern about the potential removal of coverage for preexisting conditions will make a significant impact on the ability to be able to improve people’s health. She explains more fully to make sure that folks understand what is really at stake. She states that folks should also be aware of a provision in the prior version of the bill that transitions people off Medicaid expansion by 2020 or 2021. Another provision of that prior bill is that the Department in every state will have to do Medicaid eligibility determinations twice a year. This doubles the enrollment burden and is problematic. Another provision states that if a person goes off Medicaid expansion because of a change in income, the State no longer has that enhanced federal match when they come back on expansion. She goes through, explaining in greater detail.

CHAIR WEBB states that the Commissioner’s analysis of the potential impact results with Alaska’s systems of care for Trust beneficiaries would be gutted and many beneficiaries would no longer be eligible for services they rely on. And the State does not have the financial resources to restore those services.

COMMISSIONER DAVIDSON states that is her assessment. She adds that it is not just Trust beneficiaries; it is anyone who is enrolled in Medicaid.

MR. JONES states that the final vote gaveld at 217 to 212 in favor.

CHAIR WEBB states that now is the time for advocacy on behalf of Trust beneficiaries at the federal level, and we will take that up soon.
TRUSTEE DERR asks what happens with maintenance of effort when the Feds cut the appropriations like they plan to do.

COMMISSIONER DAVIDSON replies that it depends on which program is being discussed. In terms of state and federal match for Medicaid, though, specifically, the capitated plan or a block grant program is an efficient vehicle to shift that federal responsibility to a state. The State will end up having to pay more to cover Alaskans under Medicaid. She states that she is getting a call from the Governor’s office about the vote, and thanks all.

CHAIR WEBB thanks the Commissioner and moves to the advisory updates from the Department of Corrections representative. Being early, he calls a 15-minute break.

(Break.)

CHAIR WEBB calls the meeting back to order. He states that there is a desire, from the advisory boards, for the Trust to take a leadership role and advocacy at the federal level to protect the interests of the beneficiaries in assuring that whatever happens in Congress does not do the dire things that Commissioner Davidson described. He suggests sending one or two trustees and Mr. Jones to Washington, D.C. to get some time with Senators Murkowski and Sullivan to discuss the healthcare law and any of the proposals passed and being considered.

TRUSTEE SELBY recommends taking the perspective of what Alaskans need, and not waste time analyzing the House version. He adds that the final bill will be significantly different than the House.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL states that both senators come back to Alaska on weekends and there are opportunities to do some of that here more effectively than in Washington, D.C.

TRUSTEE DERR agrees with Trustee Michael.

MR. JONES suggests a two-pronged approach: Work with the partners to develop a position paper along the lines suggested by Trustee Selby; and then begin looking for the opportunity to meet in Alaska.

PARTNER UPDATE

CHAIR WEBB moves on to the next partner update and asks for introductions for the record.

MS. DANIELLO states that she would be happy to share their letter to the congressional delegation regarding their concerns, which will also show the impacts to Medicare.

MS. CANN states that she is Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Corrections in the transitional services sides. She gives a brief history of her time in Corrections. She recognizes Morgen Jaco.
MS. JACO states that she does reentry for the Department of Corrections and gives her background.

MS. CANN begins with an overview of the Department and states appreciation of the support and partnership that the Trust has given. She talks about the numbers and the minorities that are being overrepresented and damaged. The numbers are the unsentenced, sentenced, and those in pretrial. Because of the unified system, these numbers are higher than in the Lower 48. She continues that the recidivism rates are within the 68th percentile, which is an indication that something is missing. There is a need to build more hard beds, more facilities to drop the numbers and address that situation.

MS. JACO states that, in the past, when at capacity, individuals were sent out of state, which is part of the displacement. There was a lot about the lack of family connections and the cost of incarcerating out of state in terms of the collateral costs to the community.

MS. CANN talks about the significant things that happen when individuals are sent out of state; which just makes better criminals. She moves to pretrial and states that they are being identified when they are in the facility. This is trying to have a more vibrant management plan in addressing some treatment issues.

MS. JACO states that, in looking at recidivism, it is important to do a separate individualized case plan and work with that individual one-on-one because not everyone needs everything.

MS. CANN explains pretrial in more detail and continues going through the slide presentation, explaining as she goes along. She states that a valid risk assessment tool will be developed and everything is evidence-based. She notes that the hope is to have this tool no later than September, and it will be tested it for validity. It will continue to be fine-tuned to ensure that the risk of this person reoffending while waiting for a court date is at a minimum. She adds that the focus is to keep the community safe, get the right treatments for people so that they can remain in their communities, and lock up the people that cannot. The pretrial assessment is only going to look at those two factors.

MS. JACO moves to reentry and states that reentry within the Department does not exist without reentry within the community, and without the partnerships with the Trust, the different stakeholders, service agencies, and substance abuse treatment providers. She continues that the Alaska Community Reentry Program has been developed through years with partnership with the Trust. She adds that 2016 was looking at the assessment process, formalizing reentry plans, community reentry plans and helped to look at assets and barriers within the different communities. This identified how to move forward. She states that the program goals increase success rates, which will decrease recidivism, and the public health outcome is huge.

MS. CANN talks about a diversion program because that is the direction being worked for. She states that SB 91 talks about diversion as related to pretrial and things that a very strong, vibrant, workable diversion plan is important. She continues that there is a massive population of severely mentally ill, a lot of behavioral health issues, and managing them in the institution adds to the decompensation.
MS. JACO states that she is the only reentry person in the Department and has been in this position for about a year and a half, fighting for it because it is important and looks at the coordination of care, the sequential intercept model, and how to divert them out.

MS. CANN states that peer support and mentoring is being looked at. The hope is that the program developed will identify the needs, and what is supposed to be in the community. It is convening partners. The National Behavioral Health Innovation Center out of the University of Colorado is a new initiative for this group. The university has agreed to work with us, if we get this position, and look at other creative means out there in the world.

MR. COOKE asks at what point, in this spectrum of things leading up to reentry, is the individual offender evaluated in terms of their mental health needs, their abilities, their vocational skills, their education level, and intellectual development.

MS. JACO replies that right upon remand and booking, the booking officers are addressing education level, mental health needs, and mental health clinicians also come in. There are screenings that are done. She states that all abilities are considered when a reentry plan is being fashioned.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks if any prisoners have been handed off to the coordinators anywhere besides Anchorage.

MS. JACO replies that it is up and running in Fairbanks, Mat-Su, Juneau, and Anchorage. She states that part of the coalition efforts is helping to formalize that structure and process so there are protocols that can get a more efficient process.

TRUSTEE SELBY asks if the current regulations and laws that are worked with allow to consider the Tribal councils in the villages as an entity that can enable reentry.

MS. JACO replies that they are being worked with. She states that an example would be in Dillingham. They have a task force and a tribal court that is referred to. She continues that when people are handed to the council, it knows what is best for them within the community. She states that the Reentry Center is working hard on the restorative justice project, asking for an individual to return home which takes working with the council and the elders, and getting permission from these individuals to come back to their communities. That will strengthen the system more.

MR. WILLIAMS states that he would like to make sure everyone understands that there is a difference between the coalition and its role, and the case manager and his role. The coalition is an entity that is made up of the agencies within that community that is connected because they want to focus on positive outcomes for individuals returning from incarceration. The case manager may be an individual who is an employee of one of those agencies that is working directly with the individual and the DOC personnel within the institution, and that community or an outlying community, in preparation for return. He continues that a coalition coordinator is
about maintaining that focus looking at what is going on in the community, and what the gaps and assets are. Then the case manager is working directly with the individual coming out.

A discussion ensues with questions and answers.

CHAIR WEBB thanks them for their presentations and suggests scheduling with the Planning Committee to bring them back. He states that one of the key issues for the Trust over time has been the ability to identify Trust beneficiaries within the correctional system as they pass through. He continues that it would be good to know that investment makes a difference, is being useful, and helping to support the efforts to both divert and help people successfully reenter.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the board invite the DNR Commissioner to the August Resource Committee, the Permanent Fund chairman and CEO to the August Finance Committee, and the Commissioner of Revenue to the August Finance Committee to meet with the board and provide updates. He would like the Commissioner of Natural Resources to talk about his perspective on the current memo of agreement. Those are two specific things for him to address. Within the Permanent Fund, he would like to have them talk about their current resource allocation, and if there is a way the Trust can do a carve-out within the Permanent Fund for some part of the Trust resources that they are managing within the fund. From the DNR Commissioner, a statutory advisory update of what is on the mind.

TRUSTEE SELBY states that he is proposing this because the Trust has not heard from these folks in over the year that he has served. To become a more balanced board, this side of the ledger is missing in the management ability of the board, and he would like to start developing a relationship with them.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

CHAIR WEBB states that a formal motion is not really needed, and he would be happy to do that on behalf of the board.

MR. JONES states that the executive director of the Permanent Fund is set for the September 6th meeting for that purpose.

TRUSTEE SELBY states that a committee meeting would provide an informal interaction.

CHAIR WEBB states that Mr. Jones and he will follow up and see if a meeting could be scheduled, whether at a formal meeting or an informal meeting, with all board members and the respective commissioners or other officials.

TRUSTEE SELBY agrees, and withdraws the motion with the commitment from the Chair and the CEO to get this done.

CHAIR WEBB calls for a lunch break.
(Lunch break.)

CHAIR WEBB states that the trustees are here and asks Mr. Jones to get started.

MR. JONES begins with the packet of several documents and states that the board asked for these at the last meeting. There is no universal definition of governance. The key words in the first part of that memo are process, structures, organizational traditions that determine how power is exercised, stakeholders have their say, decisions are made, and decision-makers are held accountable. He states that it needs to be a systematically implemented system or system of strategies. Good governance creates confidence both within the board, staff and stakeholders that are important to the board, and it is important to them. In going back into the issues that were facing the Trust last fall, the challenges, some of which were opportunities, illustrated the need for more robust governance documents. He continues that he is talking about a charter for each of the positions: for the Board of Trustees; the chairman of the board; the vice chairman; for each of the standing committees; for the chief executive; and then a charter that relates to the advisory boards and the advisory departments. He goes through the format, explaining that each charter will have the same format with different information. He thinks that with these in place, the expectations set and agreed to by each member of the board and members of the staff, and with an understanding with the stakeholders, decisions will be smoother. He states that the drafting has begun, but there are four key critical questions: How does the Trust Land Office fit within the governance structure? What changes need to be made to the trustee and staff roles? The committee structure? And what is the best way to strengthen a relationship with the statutory advisers? Staff has suggested a schedule and process for getting to that and to an end where these questions can be answered, and then cast a set of governance documents based on the answers that come from that. He goes through the schedule and explains the plan for the process.

TRUSTEE EASLEY makes a motion to direct the CEO to schedule facilitated special meetings of the Board of Trustees over the next several months to address the key questions and governance documents.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

A discussion ensues.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR WEBB states that the next item on the agenda is the Planning Committee Report.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

TRUSTEE MICHAEL states that the report is in the packet and gives a quick update. She asks Ms. Wailand for an update on the comp plan.

MS. WAILAND states that one of the things that makes this task of working on a plan for the comprehensive mental health program so important and so challenging is that it spans all the
beneficiary groups. She begins talking about the benefits of planning for the comprehensive mental health program, the levels of planning that are occurring. She then goes through the framework that is being used, and then some of the highlights of the past year. She summarizes that planning for the comprehensive program is a dynamic process and many things have happened. She adds that how this is pulled all together into something that helps guide the priorities and weather the storm that may be pending around Medicaid expansion is the next challenge.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL thanks Ms. Wailand for pulling it all together, and moves to the PRI update.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that this presentation is a follow-up to the discussion at the last Planning Committee meeting. Trustees suggested circling back with some additional information. A big piece of that is why the recommendation to moving forward with a plan to pursue a facility for the purposes of relocating the Web and CHOICES in one facility.

MR. O’QUINN gives a short report on where the PRI process is, and how it was adopted. He states that there is a history of the Trust having these real estate assets, and he asks Ms. Baldwin-Johnson to discuss the programmatic aspects of this project.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that she is very passionate about these programs and has been working with them for a long time. She continues that this facility is located between Juneau and Karluk on 6th Avenue. Out of all the facilities that have been looked at, this has the most potential to provide an opportunity to co-locate these two programs. She adds that these organizations are providing very direct, mission-critical services to the beneficiaries. The individuals that are being served through these programs have very complex issues; are challenging to engage; and do not engage well in traditional services without some other type of innovative support. She states that the Alaska Consumer Mental Health Web has been in operation for 25 years, and they have been located at this same corner for that time. CHOICES is a mental health service provider, and provides a range of services from peer support to recovery supports. She continues that there is a natural synergy between the programs, not only with the people they serve, but with their philosophies and how they work with people. She adds that the Web and CHOICES are two of five remaining beneficiary organizations that the Trust is funding.

MR. HARRIS states that both he and Mr. Green have been looking at ways to improve services, and to streamline the delivery of services. He states that we are able to engage beneficiaries in the clinical piece through CHOICES or the assertive community case management piece, and then have the Web as the resource to support those types of services where an individual can look at how to utilize some of the skills, as well as life improvement through services.

MR. GREEN agrees, and thinks that the ability to leverage the programming and the staffing between the two organizations will strengthen both organizations. He states that it will benefit the entire community, not only both organizations, and most definitely the people that are served.
TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the board approve for the Trust Land Office and Trust Authority staff to move forward with securing an identified facility to house and co-locate the Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web and CHOICES, Inc. in a quality facility that provides stability to both organizations to best serve Trust beneficiaries into the future.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

A discussion ensues.

MR. O’QUINN notes that they are asking for authority to move forward contingent upon approval from the Department of Law. That money would be Trust principal, and then we would enter into negotiations with the seller and come to an agreement on price. During that due-diligence process, the renovations that need to take place would be identified. He continues that they would work within the confines of the motion that was just approved and the programmatic guidance from the Trust Authority to ensure, as the due diligence process is worked through, that the facility does, in fact, meet the needs as we believe it does now. He goes through the process in greater detail.

CHAIR WEBB states that this motion does not accomplish the appropriation of money.

MR. COOKE asks when that comes up.

CHAIR WEBB states that there is a motion on the floor, and asks for any objections.

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

CHAIR WEBB states that there are other motions that would be necessary that would authorize the expenditure of the money.

MR. O’QUINN states that the motions would allow the Trust Land Office to establish a special-purpose entity for the purpose of shielding the Trust from liability that might be incurred in the scope of owning the building. He explains the motions in more detail.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL makes a motion that the Alaska Mental Health Trust board of trustees approve the action as described herein wherein the Trust Land Office forms and manages a single-purpose entity limited liability corporation owned in full by the Trust for the purpose of acquiring, owning and operating the proposed property.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

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

TRUSTEE MICHAEL makes a motion that the Alaska Mental Health Trust board of trustees approve the proposed action to fund the newly formed LLC with principal from the Trust Authority development account, fund code 3320, to acquire the property, up to $2,500,000. This
funding will include purchase price, entity formation expenses, legal review, closing, renovation costs, and due diligence costs, as necessary, to complete the transaction, as presented.

TRUSTEE SELBY seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL makes a motion that the Alaska Mental Health Trust board of trustees approves an increase to the property budget appropriation in the amount of $80,000.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL amends the motion to include fiscal year ’18.

TRUSTEE DERR states that the second agrees.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL makes a motion that the Alaska Mental Health Trust board of trustees delegate to the executive director of the TLO the authority to determine if it is necessary to modify or cancel this transaction.

TRUSTEE SELBY seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL states that that was the best coordinated project she has ever seen. She concludes the Planning Committee report.

CHAIR WEBB states that, before leaving the Planning Committee, we would like to talk about the future of the work of Sitka Place, and the work that has been done on that project. He asks Mr. Burns what is changing, why it is changing, and what else is going on.

MR. BURNS states that the ICM, intensive case management project, was funded at the same time that the ACT team was funded. They were funded with capital dollars, and that funding for housing was never a part of this. The funding was for services to support the individuals in the housing. He continues that funding is provided separately to Sitka House and is not part of the Rural CAP’S grant for the intense case management program. He explains that Rural CAP changed the plan and does not want to serve any new people, but would run the program until the end of the year with some staff for the 38 clients. He states that he chose not to take that offer and would rather use the funding for other services for that same population with a program that wants to continue and is interested in continuing to provide treatment services to support those individuals.

CHAIR WEBB states that the trustees’ primary issue is to just assure that the folks that are receiving services do not have breaks from services, and then have bad outcomes as a result.
MS. LOFGREN states that this project is confusing because there is the ICM funding and RurAL CAP was provided a grant to purchase Sitka Place, which was formerly called Safe Harbor-Muldoon. There are two housing entities. There have been significant challenges on multiple levels. She continues that meetings have been convened to try and work through some of the perceived challenges, and there has been a lot of collaboration to get to the point we are at today. She adds that there is a lot of stakeholder engagement going on.

CHAIR WEBB asks Trustee Michael to follow up with staff and stay on top of this. He moves to the Resource Management Committee report.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

CHAIR WEBB states that the committee chair is not here, and he will continue with the report. In the packet, there is a memo about issues that need to be brought forward to the board from the Resource Management Committee. He asks Mr. Morrison to continue.

MR. MORRISON states that the first one is an approval, and the next four are consultations. In addition, there was a late-breaker on a parcel in Valdez that is coming directly to the board instead of through committee.

CHAIR WEBB states that the Resource Management Committee recommends that the Trust Authority board of trustees concur with the recommendation to approve the incremental building expenditures totaling $8,538,000 budgeted for the fiscal year 2018 to be paid by the property manager from rents and other income collected from the properties.

MR. MORRISON states that these are funds that flow within the entities to pay the bills for this program.

TRUSTEE SELBY moves approval of Motion 1.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR WEBB moves to Motion No. 2: The Resource Management Committee recommends that the Trust Authority board of trustees approve funding the expenditures for the noninvestment/program-related real estate Trust-funded properties in the amount of $555,000 for the fiscal year 2018, which appropriation shall not lapse.

TRUSTEE SELBY moves approval.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR WEBB states that the third motion is: The Resource Management Committee recommends that the Trust Authority board of trustees instruct the CEO to transfer up to
$555,000 to the third-party property manager, as requested by the TLO, for management of the noninvestment/program-related real estate, Trust-funded properties and capital improvements to the noninvestment/program-related real estate rent-funded properties.

TRUSTEE SELBY moves approval.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. MORRISON states that next is Item A, the first consultation item. It is for a placer lease in the Olive Creek area north of Fairbanks, consistent with the standard program of annual rental fees of $5,000 and a percentage of royalties from productions. There is one motion for this.

CHAIR WEBB states that the motion from the Resource Management Committee is that the committee recommends that the Trust Authority board of trustees concur with the negotiated lease of Trust mineral estate on Olive Creek for exploration and development of placer gold, as proposed.

TRUSTEE DERR moves approval.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. MORRISON moves to Item B, which is for the sale or lease of some or all portions of Lot C1 in the Subport in Juneau. There is one recommended for this item.

CHAIR WEBB states that the motion from the committee is that Resource Management Committee recommends that the Trust Authority board of trustees concur with the Trust Land Office’s recommendation for the executive director to negotiate a lease or sale of a part of Trust parcel C20499, further referred to as Lot C1, or portions thereof, at the Juneau Subport Subdivision in Juneau, Alaska.

TRUSTEE DERR moves approval.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. MORRISON states, for clarity, that it would be sale or lease of all or portions of the parcel; not just a part of the parcel. The intent would be all together or in parts.

CHAIR WEBB amends the motion to state “lease or sale of all or part.”

TRUSTEE DERR moves approval for the amended motion.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. MORRISON states that the third item is Item C, which is a disposal of the three parcels of
the Homer Spit, which was discussed previously.

CHAIR WEBB states that the Resource Management Committee recommends that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority board of trustees concur with the Trust Land Office to offer and dispose of all or a portion of three Trust parcels located on the Homer Spit through a negotiated or competitive sale, combined with a lease or any residual parcels if not sold.

CHAIR WEBB continues that testimony was heard from the attorney for the City of Homer objecting to this action, threatening litigation.

MR. MORRISON agrees that this may be headed towards litigation, and notes that this is not the major place in the process for these concerns and will continue to endeavor to work with the City of Homer to find an amicable resolution to this issue.

MR. COOKE states that it seems that disposing of all or a portion of this land would require clarifying or clearing title.

MR. MORRISON agrees, and adds that even to sell to the City of Homer some course of action would need to be taken.

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

MR. MORRISON states that Item D is also in Juneau in the Subport area. This motion is in conjunction with some prior authority sought in the first item and is a consultation for those potential actions.

CHAIR WEBB states that the Resource Management Committee concurs with the Trust Land Office recommendation for the executive director to negotiate leasing or the sale of all or part of the 450 Whittier Street building and the land on which the building is located, at market rent for lease or fair-market value for sale.

TRUSTEE DERR moves approval.

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

MR. MORRISON moves to the additional item and asks the project manager, Brian Yackel, to talk about it.

MR. YACKEL states that this consultation is for disposal of interest of Trust Parcel C20141, which is in Valdez. It is a 20-acre parcel that sits at the intersection of Airport Road and Salcha Way. The consultation considers disposal that would be accomplished though lease or sale and would be for part or all of that parcel and would be accomplished through a competitive or negotiated transaction. He recommends concurrence with the motion included in the consultation.

A brief discussion ensues.
TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Trust Authority board of trustees concur with the Trust Land Office’s recommendation for the executive director to dispose of all or portions of Trust Parcel #20141, located in Valdez, Alaska, through a competitive or negotiated lease or a competitive or negotiated sale.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

CHAIR WEBB states, for the record, the gist of this is taking a piece of unproductive Trust land, making it productive, generating a revenue stream, and potentially gaining the value of improvements to be made by the tenant.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. MORRISON states that he heard that the Senate approved the continuing resolution, and it is expected that the President would sign that tomorrow. He continues, that includes the bill for the land exchange, and it will have completed a federal bill for the land exchange.

CHAIR WEBB congratulates Mr. Morrison and his staff. He states that next on the agenda is the Finance Committee report. He calls a 15-minute break.

(Break.)

CHAIR WEBB states that Paula Easley had to leave because she had another engagement.

TRUSTEE DERR states that at 5:00 o’clock Trustee Easley will be inducted into the Women’s Hall of Fame.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

CHAIR WEBB states that there are two partnership grants and begins with the Ernie Turner Center Eklutna. He asks Mr. Williams to continue.

MR. WILLIAMS notes that the Finance Committee is a committee of the whole and asks for any questions.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve the Finance Committee recommendation for a $75,000 FY18 partnership grant request to Cook Inlet Tribal Council for the Ernie Turner Center of Eklutna.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR WEBB states that the next one is Anchorage school-based health centers' expansion grant to Christian Health Associates.
CHAIR WEBB states that the motion from the committee is to approve the Finance Committee’s recommendation for a $75,000 FY18 partnership grant request to Christian Health Associates for the Anchorage school-based health centers’ expansion project.

TRUSTEE SELBY moves approval.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR WEBB states that the only other items for the Finance Committee are reports of action taken by the committee at the April 20th meeting, and they are in the packet.

TRUSTEE DERR asks how will the Trust replace Nelson Page as our attorney.

MR. JONES states that he has contacted the Attorney General’s office and asked them for an assignment of an assistant attorney general. That will take care of a fair amount of the legal questions. He continues that he has asked Vallette to put together an RFP for an outside counsel which will be put out if the decision is made that one is needed.

TRUSTEE DERR asks what happened to the contract with the attorney from last fall.

MR. JONES replies that it ended. The contract with Burr, Pease & Kurtz was not done, and there was a provision that if Nelson left, they would either assign a different attorney or decline to do so. They declined, and that contract also ended.

A brief discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE DERR asks about May 15th on the calendar as the only day that everyone can be in attendance at something.

MR. JONES reports that the first date available is May 15th, but he does not think it is practical because a facilitator and research on best practices would not be ready by that day. He goes through the dates for the meetings. He states that meeting notices will be sent out.

CHAIR WEBB asks that a proposed schedule be worked out and sent to the trustees. He states that there are no other items on the agenda and asks for anything further.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

There being no objection, the meeting is adjourned.

(The Full Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.)