

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

FULL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 6, 2017

8:30 a.m.

Taken at:

3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 120  
Anchorage, Alaska

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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Trustees present:

Mary Jane Michael, Chair  
Carlton Smith  
Paula Easley  
Laraine Derr  
Jerome Selby  
Christopher Cooke

Trust staff present:

Greg Jones  
Miri Smith-Coolidge  
Valette Keller

Trust Land Office:

Wyn Menefee  
Sarah Morrison

Others Participating:

Angela Rodell; Amanda Lofgren; Denise Daniello; Pat Sidmore; Patrick Reinhart; Michael Bailey; Randy Zarnke; Dave Brown; Dave Talerico (via telephone); Nate Boltz; Dave Hart; Kathy Craft; Lisa Cauble; Gloria Burnett; Esther Seo; Trevor Pierce (via telephone); Mike Sanders; Rorie Watt; Valerie Davidson; Randall Burns; Nancy Burke; Sarah Gillespie; Michelle Brown; Clare Sullivan (via telephone); Laura Brooks; Akiva Lieberman; Adam Rutherford; April Wilkerson; Kristin Vandergriff.

**PROCEEDINGS**

**CALL TO ORDER**

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the meeting to order and asks for a roll call. Trustee Webb is not present, but there is a quorum. She moves to the agenda and asks for any additions or corrections. There being none, she asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE COOKE makes a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE SELBY seconds.

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

CHAIR MICHAEL states that the Guiding Principles can be reviewed at the trustees' leisure. She asks for any ethics disclosures.

MR. WILLIAMS states that he is currently on the board and is the chair of the board of directors for Bean's Café

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Mr. Williams, and moves to the minutes for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

TRUSTEE COOKE makes a motion to approve the minutes of May 3 and 4, 2017.

TRUSTEE SELBY seconds.

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

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

CHAIR MICHAEL states that next is the review of the applications of the candidates for the CEO position. She asks for a motion to go into Executive Session.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Board go into Executive Session to consider CEO applications received to date that, by law, are not subject to public disclosure under Alaska Statute 39.25.080(a).

TRUSTEE COOKE seconds.

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

(Executive Session from 8:35 a.m. until 11:01 a.m.)

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the meeting back to order and asks for a motion to come out of Executive Session.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to come out of executive session, and no decisions were made.

TRUSTEE SELBY seconds.

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

TRUSTEE MICHAEL states that Executive Session ended at 11:01 a.m. She continues that the next item on the agenda is Angela Rodell from the Permanent Fund.

### **STATUTORY ADVISOR UPDATE**

MS. RODELL began with the five-year strategic plan that the board of trustees for the Permanent Fund approved at its annual meeting in 2016. She states that the strategic priorities for the Permanent Fund Corporation were determined: one was to gain greater control of resource allocations; second, optimize the processes and use of the financial network; third, to develop the best-in-class investment management capabilities, partnerships, and geographic reach to maximize those returns; and, finally, to continue to enhance talent and staff across the corporation. She continues that the biggest part of executing the plan is developing an asset allocation structure. The board approved both an allocation structure and asset allocation at its last board meeting. She explains that the structure is divided between growth and income. Then, this is divided into two subcategories: that which is tradeable and very liquid; and that which is illiquid. She explains this with examples from her slide presentation. She then explains what contributed to the success of the fund in fiscal year 2017 in greater detail. She explains that asset allocation are the strategies that are overlaid over the entire fund.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks about the alternative energy, and if it has fluctuated in the funds, or does it show up in the funds invested.

MS. RODELL replies that it has not yet been seen. Most of or 90 percent of the alternative energy is in Europe, which is a more developed market; and the regulatory environment is completely different. She continues her presentation, explaining as she goes along. She moves on and talks about the value created to the Trust, stating that over the last four years that value has been maintained. She mentions being pleased in continuing to manage the money of the Trust. She asks for any questions.

TRUSTEE SHELBY states appreciation for all the hard work done in managing the Trust money. He continues that he would like to talk about any option there may be to increase the income of the returns, and if the Fund is interested in and willing to do that.

MS. RODELL replies that the challenge of the corporation is because of limited staffing. She continues explaining in more detail.

A discussion ensues.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Ms. Rodell and breaks for lunch. Public Comment will be held at noon.

(Lunch break.)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

CHAIR MICHAEL asks Mr. Williams to go over the requirements and rules for public comment.

MR. WILLIAMS goes through the guidelines for public comment. Individuals are invited to speak up to three minutes. He adds that this is about trying to give the trustees, staff, and others information about what is seen in the community.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognizes Michael Bailey who is with AADD and will talk about the DD system.

MR. BAILEY states that he is president of the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities. He expresses their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the work that has gone into the DD systems collaborative, and the creation of the shared vision that enables all stakeholders, a broad spectrum of beneficiaries, that are impacted in a positive way by having a common vision regardless of whether there are lots of resources available or less resources. He continues that this is about working together with whatever resources available, being able to produce a useful infographic that can be used in educating legislators as to the types of services that are needed. He, again, thanks the Trust for funding a consultant that can help move this from becoming a vision to practical ways of implementation and getting various stakeholders, providers together to allow that to happen.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Mr. Bailey for being a positive leader in all of this. It is rewarding to hear that Alaska is keeping pace with what the rest of the nation is doing.

TRUSTEE SMITH states that he is unfamiliar with the organization and asks for some background on it.

MR. BAILEY replies that he is the CFO of Hope Community Resources, Hope, and Hope Cottages, previously a provider of services to folks who experience developmental disabilities. Being one of about 40 to 50 providers across the state, they often encounter the same types of issues as providers. He continues that there is a nonprofit association, the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities, which is the voice of those providers. Instead of having 40 or 50 pieces of information, the themes are unified, and then we work on solutions in partnership and collaboration with them.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that she was one of the founders of the organization and is very proud of where it is today. She thanks Mr. Bailey for all his hard work.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks how many residential units are managed statewide.

MR. BAILEY replies that the Hope Community Resources is about 80.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Mr. Bailey, and recognizes Randy Zarnke.

MR. ZARNKE serves as the president of the Alaska Trappers Association organization with about 850 members throughout the state. He states that, over the past few years, requests from members have been received, primarily in Southeastern Alaska, for help in gaining access to areas that are closed to trapping. He continues that the areas in question were Mental Health Trust lands. It is his understanding that the Mental Health Trust allows a variety of consumptive-use activities, such as hunting, fishing, berry-picking, but requires a \$500 permit for trapping. He adds that there is very little difference between trapping and the other consumptive activities other than the minimal equipment left overnight in the field. He states that the current policy could be based on an assumption that all trapping is commercial in nature, and that trappers are making money without compensating the Trust. Trapping in Alaska is a heritage activity and it is purposefully not defined in law as commercial. Few trappers make a significant profit. He is seeking support for a change in that policy that will offer an affordable opportunity for trappers on Trust land. He adds that they have begun working with Trust staff, Bruce Busby and Wyn Menefee, to explore mutually acceptable solutions. He states that he is cognizant of the need for the Trust to generate revenue from the lands. Accommodating this request could come with minimal cost, and both direct and indirect benefits to mental health. He continues that they are not completely opposed to use of permits with appropriate terms and conditions, but \$500 is outside the budget of the majority of trappers who would like to participate. He added that Mr. Busby has confirmed that the current policy brings in zero dollars to the Trust because no trappers have applied. He states that a more reasonable system requiring perhaps a general permit that would be endorsed and not require permit fees from individual trappers or royalty payment of furs that are harvested from Trust lands, would be acceptable to trappers and bring dollars into Trust accounts. He also believes that having respectful and knowledgeable users, such as our members, on the land could result in cost savings. He continues that he has been working with Trust staff to come up with a solution, and requests the trustees' support in moving forward.

TRUSTEE COOKE asks if there is a fee system elsewhere, or is the Trust the only one.

MR. ZARNKE replies that he is not aware of any fee system other than on private lands where it may be necessary for Native regional corporations to pay a fee. He adds that there is no fee base on state and federal land.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Mr. Zarnke, and asks if there is anyone on-line that would like to testify. She recognizes Dave Brown from Wrangell.

MR. BROWN states that he has lived in Wrangell for 35 years and is a retired teacher, a commercial fisherman, and a recreational trapper. He continues that he is a past member of the Alaska State Board of Game and would like to see the board make changes to its policy regarding trapping on Mental Health lands. He would like to see the \$500 fee changed or eliminated to allow trappers to keep their gear on Trust land overnight. He states that young trappers need to be encouraged to keep up the Alaska heritage. Trapping is what brought people to Alaska originally, before gold, fishing and oil. This would also allow experienced trappers to mentor young trappers in an easy-to-access area. Thank you for your consideration.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Mr. Brown, and asks for anyone else on-line. She recognizes Dave Talerico.

REPRESENTATIVE TALERICO states that he has the pleasure of representing people in House District 6 in the Alaska House of Representatives. He continues that he has been contacted by several trappers, both members of the association and not, with their concern over the \$500 permit. He adds that he is calling to encourage a resolution to this somehow or another, and if possible, rapidly. Thank you.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Representative Talerico, and recognizes David Hart with Challenge Alaska, and Nate Boltz.

MR. BOLTZ states that on behalf of all of Challenge Alaska's participants, he expresses their heartfelt thanks for the grant provided in the purchase of the land in Girdwood. He continues that they were able to close on the land at the end of June.

MR. HART states that he is also on the board of directors and was the chair of the land acquisition committee for the past two years. With the help of the board and Beth Edmands-Merritt, CEO, \$1.3 million was raised. He adds that Challenge is a wonderful organization with hundreds of clients and thousands of family members. He thanks all.

CHAIR MICHAEL comments that building is one of the shining stars on the mountain. She thanks them for all the hard work put into raising that money. Congratulations. She asks for anyone else on-line or in the audience that would like to testify. Hearing none, the public comment period is closed.

TRUSTEE COOKE states he has a question to follow up with the issues the Trapping Association raised. He asks Mr. Menefee if the Land Office is working on some information or suggestions about a land-use policy for trappers, hunters and fishermen.

MR. MENEFEE replies that a conversation with the Trapping Association has started. He states that this is a land management thing; one of the many things that they deal with. The aspect of working on the general permit is one of the things that have been considered. Holding fast to the principles of the Trust and making sure that some revenue is coming in, as well as making sure it does not cost more to manage than what is brought in. He adds that he will bring back the solution and explains that it is not a matter of getting approval.

TRUSTEE SELBY states that he would like to know what the resolution is.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that the next presentation is at 1:00 o'clock and breaks for 35 minutes.

(Break.)

## MISSION MOMENT

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the meeting back to order and states that Kathy Craft and Gloria Burnett will share a mission moment, and will introduce the participants.

MS. CRAFT states that she is excited to talk about this successful project which began with an idea about behavioral health careers pathways camp. The first camp was piloted in Barrow in 2015, and they have since expanded, in 2016, to a second cohort in Barrow and also in Anchorage and Fairbanks. This summer they reached out to Bethel, Nome, and Ketchikan with successful camps; and next year are hoping for Kenai, Soldotna, Dillingham, Fairbanks, and Galena. She continues that a spring break career pathways was done during the spring break session. Here students volunteered to come in and do camps at that time. She states that Gloria Burnett will talk about what is covered at camp, the courses, and will also discuss some of the preliminary evaluation data.

MS. BURNETT states that she is excited to present some of the students and their experiences with this program, and also to formally thank the Trust for providing the resources to do this. She continues that, to date, there have been 124 participants with 80 percent of those students reporting an increase in interest in behavioral health, and 97 percent reporting an increase in knowledge about behavioral health. They are not only being introduced to health careers in behavioral health; the negative stigma associated with mental illness is being reduced, which is very important. She adds that all of the participants are now certified mental health first-aiders able to identify and support referrals to a mental illness crisis. They are also offered an opportunity to continue and earn dual credit through psychology courses. That has been piloted on a smaller scale, and we are looking to expand that next summer so they have a follow-up ability to earn general education requirement credits that will count towards their program of study once they enter the college requirement. She also talks about the long-term tracking of the students under the age of 18, and goes through the data. She introduces Trevor Pierce and Esther Seo, two of the participants.

MS. SEO states that she is a senior at Service High School in Anchorage, and this program has really interested her into the psychology field to the point of taking a psychology course in school. She continues that it was a good, safe environment for each person to talk about their mental illness, and to talk about the people around and how to help them. It also helped to learn more about behavioral health.

MR. PIERCE states that he goes to Southern Mountain High School in Juneau and had a terrific time at the camp. It was incredibly knowledgeable and the amount of in-depth aptitude towards mental health and behavioral health was incredible. There were many activities, and our personal issues and concerns were also included.

MS. BURNETT goes through some of the pictures, explaining the activities as she went through. She told the students that this is a tool kit that a future provider might want to use in the field and, also, at the same time learn about themselves and how important it is to understand yourself and the importance of self-care. This is essential to behavioral health because burnout is a real thing. She continues that the mental health first aid is one of the most valuable tools they receive

with the certificate. That confidence and their ability to confront those incidents when seen and knowing the right pathway to take in order to help those people in need is important.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks if suicide prevention was talked about.

MS. BURNETT replies yes, and asks Ms. Seo to share some of her experiences.

MS. SEO states that they had mental first aid about suicide, and all of us are trained in it. She continues that they also got to talk about each of our problems and suicide, and how to prevent it was one of the topics. It was a safe environment for all to talk about things that are stigmatized in a negative way for mental health. She adds that this program has prompted her to look more into psychology. She will be going to college next year, and wants to major in psychology and biology.

MS. CRAFT asks Ms. Burnett to talk about the Trust's small funding and how it helped.

MS. BURNETT states that the first pilot funds were provided to pilot the first camp. Then, data from that first camp was used to apply for Carl Perkins funding through the Department of Education. We now have a three-year grant for \$150,000 a year which will fund and expand these camps. Also piloted last year within a program at Valley Pathway School in Palmer, which is an alternative high school, is an experiment with how to change the curriculum and integrate it into the school curriculum so that students can earn high school credit for the course.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks, of the different fields, which would have the most impact in rural Alaska, and did some of the students express an interest in working in rural Alaska. She adds that getting people out there is a big problem.

MS. SEO replies that she had been looking at having a career in the Lower 48, but now that she knows that her personal home state has such a big problem with mental health, she would like to come back and help the community that she lives in. So, it was very impactful in that way, too.

MR. PIERCE states that he is interested in music therapy. He continues that music is his passion, and he wants to attribute it to something that would help people. That was what prompted him to take behavior health, to widen his knowledge, and it is what he wants to pursue in college.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for any other questions. She thanks all and states that it is inspiring to see young people want to be in the profession and share it with other Alaskans.

## **FY19 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS**

CHAIR MICHAEL states that next on the agenda is the FY19 budget deliberations, and gives the gavel to Laraine Derr, who will be the acting finance chair.

TRUSTEE DERR asks Steve Williams to go through this month's cash management report.

MR. WILLIAMS walks through the cash management report which is important in getting ready to talk about the FY19 budget recommendations.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognizes that Nelson Page is present.

MR. WILLIAMS goes through the cash management report, explaining and answering questions as he goes along. He reminds all that the FY17 budget closed on June 30, 2017.

A brief discussion ensues about the report.

MR. WILLIAMS segued into the conversation around the FY19 budget. He states that Nelson Page is here to help facilitate: walking through the budget; making sure the necessary motions get on the record. He begins by asking all to look at the FY19 payout projection. He recognizes Trustee Selby.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that, for FY2019 planning purposes, the Full Board budget of \$29,578,700 for available funding, including unobligated carryover for FY2019 and MHTAAR and Authority Grants.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

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

MR. WILLIAMS moves to the FY19 payout estimate and goes through and calculates what is available for trustees to allocate. He states that there is \$21,974,100 coming out of the budget reserve and principal. He goes through, explaining as he goes along. He asks Mr. Page to walk through the FY19 budget recommendations spreadsheet.

MR. PAGE states that there are two documents that will be worked with; one is the spreadsheet, and the other is the motion sheet.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognizes Trustee Easley.

TRUSTEE EASLEY states that a lot of the discretionary money is away from the Authority budget, and is wondering what to do and where to go if more funding is needed for operations.

MR. WILLIAMS replies that the money cannot come from the principal, but there are budget reserves.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks if it can come from the projected payout.

MR. WILLIAMS responds that there is \$227,800 there that is unobligated. There does create some latitude. He explains in greater detail.

A brief discussion ensues.

MR. PAGE begins with the spreadsheet which is a summary of the various recommendations that will be gone through in detail to get through the next few pages of the spreadsheet. He explains that there are three columns: first is the numbers that were recommended by the board of trustees last fall; second is the recommendations for today which will incorporate changes that have been recommended by staff and the trustees; the third is where the changes are reflected.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to suspend the motion for the entire budget until we get to the end of all these intervening motions.

TRUSTEE SELBY seconds.

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

MR. PAGE asks for a motion to accept the numbers for the TLO and the Trust Authority admin budget.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Full Board of Trustees authorize the \$4,135,300 in MHTAAR admin for Trust Authority administration budget and \$4,568,375 MHTAAR for the Trust Land Office administration budget for FY2019.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

A discussion ensues.

MS. MORRISON states that, usually, the budget story is not as complicated as it is right now. It started out with an FY18 operating budget proposal for the trustees of \$4,473,600, not taking into account at that time for any increases for health insurance with the understanding that later trustees would ratify. The Governor added \$44,300 for health insurance with the expectation that trustees would ratify that in the spring. Then the Governor removed \$54,700 from the original request to the trustees. Then, later, the Legislature removed \$250,000, for a total of \$304,700 in cuts. That left \$4,213,200, which is what is actually on the paper with the management plan.

The discussion continues.

TRUSTEE DERR moves to a red line of \$12,000, which is unclear.

MS. MORRISON replies that this is year-to-date and it was not updated as of the end of the reappropriation period and just reflects what was not cleared and for the credit card expenditure. It is zero now.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks Mr. Page to continue.

MR. PAGE states that there is a motion to accept the proposed numbers for the Trust and TLO administrative budgets. He adds that it is time to call the question.

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the question.

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

MR. PAGE moves to No. 3 on the motion sheet.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Full Board of Trustees appropriate \$5,952,000 in MHTAAR and Authority Grants for other nonfocus area projects for FY2019 consisting of \$887,000 MHTAAR and \$5,065,000 Authority Grants.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

MR. PAGE asks if there are any changes, amendments or objections to the motion.

MR. WILLIAMS recommends going through each subsection quickly, and then asking for questions or changes.

MR. PAGE goes through each of the subsections. He states that this is the time to make the formal official recommendations and decisions which will then be forwarded to the Governor's office.

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the question.

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

MR. WILLIAMS recommends going through the budget as presented, and before the final motion that approves everything, have a discussion about the projects and whether they should be included.

CHAIR MICHAEL also suggests waiting until the end. She calls a five-minute break.

(Break.)

CHAIR MICHAEL states that there is a bit of scheduling difficulty, and there is a need to go into executive session.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of reviewing applications of candidates for the CEO position.

TRUSTEE COOKE seconds.

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

(Executive session from 2:15 p.m. until 4:06 p.m.)

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the meeting back to order and asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion to come out of executive session where no action was taken.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

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

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Full board of Trustees appropriate \$3,090,300 in the MHTAAR and Authority Grants for the Alaska systems reform-Medicaid reform and redesign Senate Bill 74 implementation investments during FY2019, consisting of \$3,090,300 MHTAAR and zero Authority Grants.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

MR. PAGE states that this is the entire department and asks for any questions, amendments, or changes.

TRUSTEE COOKE asks for the status of the Medicaid reform initiative.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that the funding that was approved for the Medicaid reform was through FY19. There is an additional funding that is allocated beyond what has been proposed for FY19. She adds that there was Medicaid money that started in '17.

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

MR. PAGE goes through the next sections one by one and asks for any questions, changes, or questions. He states, that moves that section covered by the motion.

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

MR. PAGE states that the next section is criminal justice reform and investment.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Full Board of Trustees appropriate \$3,795,300 in MHTAAR and Authority Grants for the Alaska systems reform-criminal justice reform and redesign Trust-related investments during FY2019 consisting of \$2,360,300 MHTAAR and \$1,435,000 of Authority Grants. I further move the Full Board of Trustees recommend the appropriation of zero GF/MH funding for FY2019.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

MR. PAGE goes through the next sections one by one and asks for any questions, changes, or questions.

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

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Full Board of Trustees appropriate \$1,906,500 in MHTAAR and Authority Grants for the housing long-term services and support focus area during FY2019 consisting of \$1,450,000 MHTAAR and \$456,500 Authority Grants. I further move the Full Board of Trustees recommend the appropriation of \$3,350,000 in GF/MH funding and \$8,100,000 of other funds for the focus area for FY2019.

TRUSTEE COOKE seconds.

MR. PAGE begins with housing and long-term services supports policy coordination. He asks for any questions.

TRUSTEE COOKE notes that in the program package there is a proposal dealing with the City of Fairbanks' housing coordinator. He asks if approving a budget that includes that appropriation means that the proposal is automatically approved.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON replies that the commitment to the Municipality was three years, and they agreed to bring it back and review that every year with trustees.

A discussion ensues.

MR. PAGE asks for any other questions on this section.

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

MR. PAGE moves on to beneficiary employment and engagement focus area.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Full Board of Trustees appropriate \$2,055,000 in MHTAAR and Authority Grants for the beneficiary employment and engagement focus area during FY2019, consisting of \$250,000 in MHTAAR and \$1,805,000 in Authority Grants.

TRUSTEE COOKE seconds.

MR. PAGE asks for any questions or requests for change.

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

MR. PAGE moves to substance abuse prevention and treatment.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Full Board of Trustees appropriate \$270,000 in MHTAAR and Authority Grants for the substance abuse prevention and treatment focus area during FY2019, consisting of zero MHTAAR and \$270,000 Authority Grants.

TRUSTEE COOKE seconds.

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

MR. PAGE turns to disability justice focus area.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Full Board of Trustees appropriate \$60,000 in MHTAAR and Authority Grants for the disability justice focus area during FY2019, consisting of zero MHTAAR and \$60,000 of Authority Grants.

TRUSTEE COOKE seconds.

MR. PAGE asks for any questions or proposals for change.

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

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Full Board of Trustees appropriate \$550,000 in MHTAAR and Authority Grants for various advisory board recommendations and capital requests during FY2019, consisting of \$550,000 in MHTAAR and zero dollars in Authority Grants. He further moves the Full Board of Trustees recommend the appropriation of \$1,750,000 of GF/MH funds for advisory board recommendations for FY2019.

TRUSTEE COOKE seconds.

MR. PAGE states that this one section covers the subject entirely. He asks for any questions or requests for change.

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

MR. PAGE states that the trustees want to talk about the memo regarding the possible additional funding programs or funding proposals.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Full Board of Trustees recommend \$400,000 of other funds for other nonfocus area allocations for FY2019.

TRUSTEE COOKE seconds.

TRUSTEE SELBY states that, at the last meeting, he asked for \$300,000, and then upped it by \$100,000 to consider that because of the Juneau discussion.

MR. WILLIAMS states that because no changes were made to the recommendation, there will be an FY19 projected unobligated funding of \$227,800. He continues that staff has to put together some potential projects that would have direct impacts on beneficiaries or systems that could be used with some additional funding outside of what is in these budget spreadsheets. He adds that there is a list of four projects identified by staff, and goes through them: Legal rights patients advocate; the Public Guardians; ISA program needs; and the behavioral health provider, HIE, health information exchange.

A discussion ensues.

MR. PAGE states that there is a motion for \$400,000 to be spent from the additional money that is available. There is no identification as to what that money would be spent on or any identification as to what part of that money would be included in the budget proposals, recommendations sent to the Governor and Legislature. There is some clarification on what this vote is for.

The discussion continues.

TRUSTEE SELBY asks how much is needed for the guardian.

MR. WILLIAMS replies that it would be \$86,000 for one full-time guardian, which is at the high end. He adds, that is if the trustees decided that they want to direct the Office of Public Advocacy to have a public guardian in Bethel. The low number is \$57,800 for a guardian in either Palmer or Kenai. He states that the board does want to fund a public guardian in FY19 through the Office of Public Advocacy. Next, is there a preference as to where that guardian is placed. The cost for that position will depend on what community is chosen. He continues that his recommendation is Bethel, which has never had a public guardian.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion to amend the motion on the floor to reduce the amount of funding from \$400,000 which is in the current motion, to \$86,000 in the Office of Public Advocacy, at a place to be determined by the staff.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

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

MR. PAGE asks where this will show up in the spreadsheet.

MR. WILLIAMS recommends putting it in disability justice, above disability justice administrative costs.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion to reconsider the previous motion.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

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

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion to amend the previous motion by adding that it be designated to the disability justice budget for the amount of \$86,700.

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

CHAIR MICHAEL states that she would like to make another motion.

CHAIR MICHAEL makes a motion to include \$100,000 in the FY19 Trust budget under Authority Grants for individual service program needs.

TRUSTEE SELBY point of order. The chair cannot make a motion.

CHAIR MICHAEL withdraws the motion.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion to bring the suspended motion, No. 1, back on the table.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

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

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion to amend the \$29,578,700 to \$29,437,575.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

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

MR. PAGE states that is everything that was needed to be done.

MR. WILLIAMS asks for the overall final summary motion that includes MHTAAR, the Authority Grants, and other fund.

TRUSTEE SELBY states that first there is a need to reconsider the previous motion because motion 1 is not the same number.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion to reconsider the previous motion, because Motion 1 is not the same number.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

A discussion ensues.

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

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Full Board of Trustees appropriate \$29,437,575 in MHTAAR, MHT admin, and Authority Grants for FY2019, consisting of \$19,542,075 MHTAAR and MHT admin, and \$5,200,000 of GF/MH funds, and \$8,100,000 of other funds for FY2019.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

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

MR. PAGE states that there is a budget.

MR. MENEFEE states that there was a question that was raised by the Administration about reducing both the Trust Authority and the Trust Land Office budget by 5 percent from the fiscal

year '18 management plan. He asks how to direct staff in how to respond back to the respective agencies.

CHAIR MICHAEL replies that if the other trustees agree, she proposes that Mr. Menefee and Mr. Williams work together on a letter to the Administration, preferably to the Governor, and cc both commissioners that would, in summary, state that a budget has been approved without a 5-percent reduction. These funds are needed in order to do the work we do. These are challenging times, and the goal is to generate as much revenue for the beneficiaries as possible. She continues that they honor that these funds are not part of the General Fund, but are Trust funds dedicated for the purpose of serving beneficiaries. She adds to ultimately let them know that their consent would be appreciated for this request to not reduce the budget by 5 percent.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion that the Full Board approve that position.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

TRUSTEE SMITH states that he is supportive of this direction, but would like to understand the rationale for that request.

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

MR. WILLIAMS asks if the trustees are directing staff to work the other items in the memo fuller and come back with full proposals for each.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that staff come back with recommendations for FY18 budget items for patient advocate, individual service program needs, and behavioral health provider incentive funds.

TRUSTEE SELBY seconds.

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

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the board go into executive session to consider applications, CEO applications, received to date that by law are not subject to public disclosure.

TRUSTEE COOKE seconds.

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

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks Mr. Page for being here.

(Executive session from 5:07 p.m. until 6:09 p.m.)

(Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Full Board meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.)