

MEMO

To: Mary Jane Michael, Planning Committee Chair
From: Kathy Craft, AHWC Director
Thru: Jeff Jessee, Chief Executive Officer
Date: April 14, 2016
Re: Workforce Development Focus Area Update

OVERVIEW

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1. Medicaid Redesign and Reform and Criminal Justice Reinvestment initiatives and the “overhaul” of the focus area structure;
2. Revising the Workforce Focus Area Results Based Accountability (RBA);
3. Serving on the planning committee of the 42nd Annual School on Addictions and Behavioral Health conference and help manage the issues surrounding the duplicative training institute;
4. Coordinating with the Trust Land Office to provide walk-through site visits of the DeNardo Center and Fahrenkamp Center;
 - a. Interview applicants interested in leasing the building(s);
 - b. Provide guidance and direction to the Fairbanks community partners interested in developing and operating a sobering/sleep-off center at the DeNardo Center;
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FY 16 WORKFORCE FOCUS AREA REVIEW

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FY16 OVERALL PROGRAMMING CHANGES & BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Trust staff have completed a budget review process for FY13-17 and there are reductions to the FY16 Workforce Focus Area for projects that will not occur during the originally scheduled time.

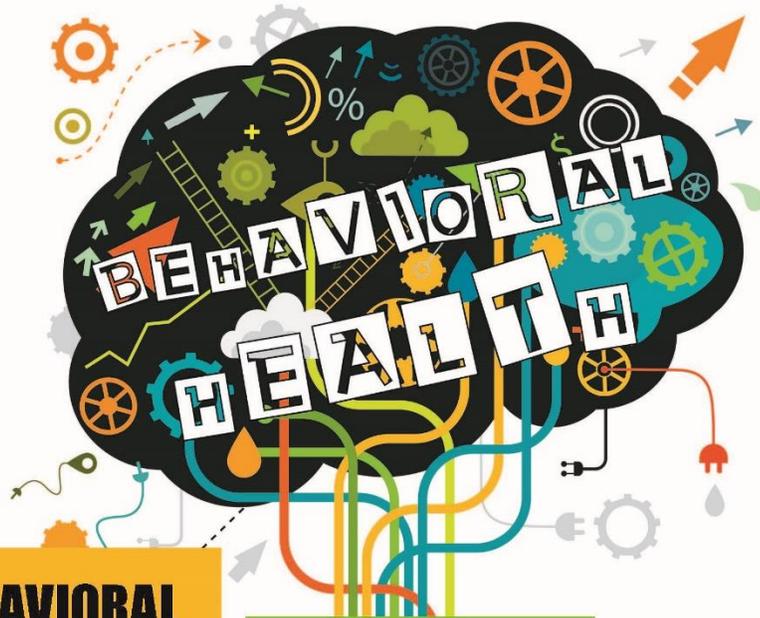
FY16 NEW WORKFORCE FOCUS AREA EFFORTS

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FY17 RECOMMENDATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT

The Trust should consider directly funding the **DOLWD for the AK Health Workforce Profile Survey** instead of distributing the funds through UAA.

Alaska Area Health Education Centers



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CAMPS

are designed for students ages 15-21 to explore career pathways in the field of behavioral health. Students will earn 1 college credit and learn about key topics in behavioral health including wellness techniques, abuse, neglect, addiction, grief, stress and mental health while discovering career paths within the field. Students will explore careers including social workers, counselors, psychologists, psychiatrists, behavioral health aides, and other positions within the field of behavioral health and human services.

BARROW

June 12-18, 2016

FAIRBANKS

July 18-22, 2016

ANCHORAGE

August 1-5, 2016

PROGRAM FEES

Barrow: No charge; Priority for Tribally Enrolled Students

Fairbanks: \$200

Anchorage: \$200

Airfare is provided free of charge for all students attending from rural communities.

NOTE: Fee Waivers available to students who display financial need. A 50% fee reduction is available to students in Anchorage or Fairbanks who commit to hosting a rural student.

Apply online at <http://bit.ly/BehavioralHealthCamps>
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