

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

FULL BOARD MEETING

January 31, 2019  
8:30 a.m.

Taken at:  
320 West Willoughby Avenue  
Juneau, Alaska

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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**Trustees Present:**

Mary Jane Michael, Chair  
Paula Easley  
Carlton Smith  
Chris Cooke  
Verne' Boerner  
Laraine Derr  
Jerome Selby (via Speakerphone)

**Trust Staff Present:**

Mike Abbott  
Katie Baldwin-Johnson  
Kelda Barstad  
Alison Biastock  
Eric Boyer  
Jimael Johnson  
Steve Williams  
Miri Smith-Coolidge  
Andy Stemp  
Travis Welch

**Trust Land Office:**

Wyn Menefee  
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**Also participating:** Ken McCarty; Joe Riggs; Dave Blanding; Cindee Brown-Mills; Bob Coghill; Commissioner Adam Crum; Deputy Commissioner Al Wall; Denise Daniello; Sharon Fishel; Stuart Goering (via speakerphone); Lori Grassgreen; Rosemary Hagavig; Brenda Moore; Gennifer Moreau-Johnson; Patrick Reinhart; Bev Schoonover; Pat Sidmore; John Sturgeon; Charlene Tautfest; Teri Tibbett; Al Wall; Bridget Weiss.

## PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR MICHAEL resumed the meeting and went back to the Finance Committee. She stated that there was a motion that was tabled, and asked for further discussion.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to bring the motion back on the floor by TRUSTEE DERR; seconded by TRUSTEE SELBY.

*There being no objection, the MOTION WAS APPROVED.*

TRUSTEE SELBY stated that the appropriate action concerning the motion to provide direction to State that has identified three options for further study. He added that if a board member would like to add an option, an amendment can be made to the motion.

CHAIR MICHAEL stated that there is a motion on the table, and asked if anyone wanted to amend or withdraw the motion.

**MOTION:** A motion was proposed to add Option 1 as an amendment by TRUSTEE EASLEY; seconded by TRUSTEE COOKE.

*There being no objection, the MOTION WAS APPROVED.*

TRUSTEE DERR stated that the motion now stands for further information on Options 1, 3, 5, and 6.

*After a ROLL CALL VOTE, the MOTION WAS APPROVED (Trustees Easily, Boerner, Cooke, Derr, Selby, and Michael voted yes; Trustee Smith, no).*

TRUSTEE SMITH asked to hear Mr. Menefee's comments on the real estate at some point in the process.

MR. MENEFEE stated that there are some considerations that have not been fleshed out which do affect what the board considers. One aspect is the future sale of the investment building. One of the options is to move \$40 million over to the Permanent Fund, then if the building sells later, that amount would also go to the Permanent Fund. He continued that there are questions as to how that should be treated. It is difficult to decide because all the parts and pieces are not lined out. He added that it is challenging and he is not making any recommendations of one versus the other. He stated that the intention is to bring forward something to the Finance Committee.

CHAIR MICHAEL stated concern about the future impact of the decisions made, and added that it was difficult to figure out the best strategy. She suggested that both Mr. Menefee and Mr. Stemp work closely on this analysis from a land perspective and on future investment opportunities. This is critical to what the trustees decide to do.

TRUSTEE SELBY stated that the motion the staff will bring back for the next Finance Committee meeting should make it clear that there is \$30 million of reserve funds that are being used to transfer these assets into the reserve account of the Trust. The recovery program that staff has been working on will be in full effect to maintaining the recovery of the \$30 million of

reserve funds back into the reserves if and when any of these properties are sold. This will be sold ground on the record of the intent, and the identification of funding sources when making these financial moves.

TRUSTEE COOKE commented that all of these options contemplate the Trust continuing to own these commercial real estate properties, including the one that would transfer management to the Permanent Fund. He stated that Option 2 should also be considered, which would involve just selling those properties and not having that commercial portfolio anymore, at least one that is purchased with what is termed principal of the Trust fund.

**MOTION: A motion to ask staff to consider Option 2 in its research was made by TRUSTEE COOKE; seconded by TRUSTEE BOERNER.**

TRUSTEE SELBY stated concern on adding a lot of work to the staff, and his view would be to resolve the audit. This does not preclude the board process of developing a board policy about holding assets for revenue generation, and the decision to sell the property should come after the board has had that discussion. He added that it is premature to jump into selling the property without the other steps.

*After a ROLL CALL VOTE, the MOTION FAILED (Trustees Easley, Boerner, Derr, Selby, and Michael voted no; Trustees Cooke, and Smith voted yes).*

## **CEO REPORT**

MR. ABBOTT congratulated Wyn Menefee and the Trust Land Office team for having fully completed Phase I of the Southeast Land Exchange.

(Applause.)

MR. ABBOTT stated that the document was recorded a few days ago, and this will likely bring value to the Trust over the next several years.

TRUSTEE EASLEY noted that this will create jobs in Southeast Alaska in the timber industry.

MR. ABBOTT added that the trustees were consulted on a timber contract award several months ago. It was executed, and the harvesting activity is expected to be underway within a couple of months. He moved to the 2019 communications plan document, and stated that it is a high-level description of the communication efforts that the Trust will be undertaking in 2019. He explained that these are the general themes, tactics and approaches that will be taken relating to communications activities. He welcomed any feedback. He moved to the Legislative priority sheet which is a high-level description of Trust Legislative priorities, and explained that is a thematic description of the Legislative program. He then distributed the report that was contracted with Jess Jessee to work on through his consulting company to help interview and summarize the comments received from a variety of Trust stakeholders. These were both historic and present, and related to some of the issues raised in the audit specifically having to do with the use of Trust principal. He added that it was very powerful and will guide the Trust going forward. He continued to the next item, which is the possibility of seeking legislative clarification of the Trust's authorities, specifically related to some of these issues. He explained

that the Legislature did not want to move forward on considering legislation until the material in the audit was reviewed. He recommended not moving forward with legislation in 2019, and to consider moving forward in 2020. His reasoning included the new administration with a significantly different agenda than the previous administration, and the Legislative Audit has not been fully processed by the Legislature. He is confident that there will be conversations about the audit in different venues and in different ways. He stated that greater clarity is required going forward and did not recommend moving forward with a bill similar to SB 177 that was done last year.

TRUSTEE COOKE concurred with the strategy and timing of when to go forward, and stated that the best thing is to wait as people continue to study and be educated on these issues. He added that it does not cause any harm to wait.

MR. STURGEON agreed, adding that it would be nice to use this year to educate the legislators.

MR. RIGGS agreed to moving forward at a future date.

## **DEVELOPING PROJECTS APPROVALS**

### **RurAL Cap SITKA PLACE**

MR. WILLIAMS gave a brief overview introduction that these projects were presented to provide information to the trustees at the Program & Planning Committee meeting on January 3. He added that this is a follow-up to that.

**MOTION: A motion to approve \$150,000 FY19 Housing and Long-Term Services and Supports focus area allocation to the Rural Alaska Community Action Program for the Sitka Place Permanent Supportive Housing Program was made by TRUSTEE COOKE; seconded by TRUSTEE EASLEY.**

MS. BARSTAD stated that the Permanent Supportive Housing is an integral program and service for the Trust beneficiaries. It provides housing and the opportunity to obtain social services, support services and other needs that homeless individuals may have after recently being housed. She continued that it is a practice that works. When an individual is homeless he is in crisis, living moment to moment with insurmountable difficulties in maintaining consistent medication measurements or other needs for a happy, meaningful, productive life. She explained that housing is the first step to bring that stability and the key to make that happen. This project utilizes the Housing First model which says: We are not going to be able to make a lot of progress on these long-term items, as far as having good mental health and physical well-being, until a person has a safe place to live. She added that Housing First works. She moved to the RurAL CAP Sitka Place Project and introduced Corinne O'Neill who was online and is a Supportive Housing Division Director for RurAL CAP, who runs Sitka place, which has a significant impact on the homeless population in Anchorage. She stated that Permanent Supportive Housing combines housing and an opportunity to participate in services, and specifically serves the most vulnerable homeless population.

CHAIR MICHAEL asked Ms. O'Neill to talk about the proposed capital project renovation and how many more people will be served, as well as the number of staff.

MS. O'NEILL stated that Sitka Place was known as Safe Harbor or the old Anchor Inn. There are three buildings on the property which were converted from Transitional Housing under Safe Harbor and was renamed. It has been operating as a permanent Supportive housing project and they have been looking and trying various development and operating strategies since 2015; some of which have been accomplished. She continued that about \$500,000 of funds were received, and an application was applied for tax credit rounds through Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, which were not awarded. They are still looking at potential redevelopment strategies for the property, including a 4 percent tax credit and how to stabilize the project. It is a fully, 100 percent Trust beneficiary property with some of the highest utilizers of services. They have recently worked with the Office of Public Advocacy to take some of their high utilizers into this property that have guardians.

***ROLL CALL VOTE:** The MOTION PASSED unanimously (Trustees Easley, Boerner, Cooke, Derr, Selby, Michael).*

### **PAY FOR SUCCESS PROJECT**

MS. BARSTAD stated that Nancy Burke from the Municipality of Anchorage and Michelle Brown from United Way are working jointly on the Pay for Success project, and they are on the phone to talk about it.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve a \$500,000 FY20 partnership grant to United Way of Anchorage's Anchored Home Pay for Success project was made by TRUSTEE COOKE; seconded by TRUSTEE EASLEY.

MS. BURKE stated that it is helpful to pair this project with the Sitka Place project because one of the challenges that many of the Housing First providers experience is a gap in their service model, and they have not quite figured out a complete, robust funding mechanism for Housing First for people with the highest level of mental health issues, substance addiction and medical problems. She continued that the resources available to have them remain in housing in a stable manner and to access the lower levels of services are a challenge. She added that Pay for Success projects across the country bring in a finance model that helps provide those resources upfront so that programs can demonstrate the efficacy of the programs, the positive outcomes. Then there are government payers that come through and reimburse those upfront funds, but only when the outcomes are achieved. She stated that this request is to assist ramping up and standing up technical assistance, on-boarding providers. Four providers have been selected, and we are in the process of negotiating budgets with the technical assistance providers.

TRUSTEE DERR stated that the City was going to put more money into projects like this, and we have not seen any funding from the City in this project. She asked for elaboration.

MS. BURKE replied that the way the project will work is that there are two partners upfront, and then Government Payors will repay those resources in the full contract year, which will begin in 2020. She stated that currently the Municipality is the Government Payor that was identified, and it is negotiating a contract for this project. The Municipality will be providing the payback of those resources.

CHAIR MICHAEL asked if this program was designed to help the most severely vulnerable live in housing in scattered sites throughout the community in private rental housing.

MS. BURKE replied that the overarching concept is correct, and the focus will be on building out the system that can respond for a person to remain housed in the community of their choice.

***ROLL CALL VOTE:** The MOTION PASSED unanimously (Trustees Easley, Boerner, Cooke, Derr, Selby, Michael).*

MS. BURKE stated that it was because of the Trust's stake in this work that this was figured out. She thanks all and asked for support on the alcohol tax in Anchorage.

CHAIR MICHAEL explained how these different projects came about and thanked Ms. Burke for doing an incredible job. She stated that next on the agenda is FY19, Alaska Court System, Juneau Mental Health Court. He stated that Travis Welch will make the presentation.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve a change of intent to allow the Alaska Court System to use \$19,400 of FY19 MHTAAR funds, originally an appropriation for the Juneau Community Mental Health Court, for staff support to manage centralized competency calendar was made by TRUSTEE COOKE; and seconded by TRUSTEE EASLEY.

MR. WELCH recognized Michelle Bartley, the statewide therapeutic court program coordinator, and Kate Sumey, the program coordinator for the Anchorage Mental Health Court, both online. He explained that in fiscal year 2019, that the trustees approved \$204,000 to fund the Juneau Mental Health Court. Ms. Bartley identified some of that funding would not be expended and would actually lapse at the end of this fiscal year. He continued that another need to fund a position to manage the calendar that manages competency evaluations for individuals who are involved in the court was identified to cover a full-time position for the rest of this fiscal year to manage that calendar, for \$19,400. He added that the competency calendar covers all of the Third Judicial District.

***ROLL CALL VOTE:** The MOTION PASSED unanimously (Trustees Easley, Boerner, Cooke, Derr, Selby, Michael).*

## **FY19 ALASKA COURT SYSTEM, JUNEAU MENTAL HEALTH COURT**

CHAIR MICHAEL stated that Katie Baldwin-Johnson will present next.

**MOTION:** A motion to recommend approval of the redesignation of \$225,000 of FY19 predevelopment for Foraker funding to the FY19 partnerships for the purpose of supporting organizations serving Trust beneficiaries pursuing capital projects was made by TRUSTEE COOKE; seconded by TRUSTEE EASLEY.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that this request is trustee-approved funding that went directly to the Foraker predevelopment program which has been a multi-funder-supported effort for over a decade that has included other funding partners beyond the Trust such as Rasmuson Foundation, Mat-Su Health Foundation, the Denali Commission was also a partner at one time, and Alaska Housing and Finance Corporation. She continued that the recommendation is to

approve redesignation and redirect those into the FY19 partnership grants. That would enable deploying those funds in an efficient and effective manner towards projects that are coming forward with predevelopment-type needs for support.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** *The MOTION PASSED unanimously (Trustees Easley, Boerner, Cooke, Derr, Selby, Michael).*

CHAIR MICHAEL called a break.

(Break.)

## **PROGRAM & PLANNING REPORT**

CHAIR MICHAEL recognized Trustee Cooke, chairman of the Program & Planning Committee.

TRUSTEE COOKE stated that the Program & Planning Committee met January 3, and he asked Mr. Williams to summarize the meeting.

MR. WILLIAMS stated that the official minutes of the meeting will be before the committee for consideration and approval. Ms. Barstad will do a brief introduction, and then some folks from Juneau will speak.

MS. BARSTAD introduced Irene Gallion, Housing and Homeless Services Coordinator. She is one of the positions that trustees have funded as a catalyst of change in multi-communities to turn the tide for homelessness in Juneau. She then introduced Dr. Heidi Brocious, the associate professor in the School of Social Work for UAA. Her team has completed the evaluation of the Forget Me Not Phase I program, and she will go into depth on how impactful this service has been to Juneau and the homeless community.

MS. GALLION gave an update on some of the things being worked on and shared some pictures from the Project Homeless Connect. She stated that they have about 219 adults; nine kids; about 20 people less than last year. She continued explaining the Tlingit and Haida proposal for Regional Housing, and also St. Vincent de Paul's work on a transitional services center. The Rapid Re-Housing proposal is thanks to friends in Fairbanks who shared all their materials from the applications, project charter and the forms they were using. The proponent on this is Family Promise of Juneau, which is not just for families. The executive director, Shannon Fisher, has a Rapid Re-Housing experience, and this Family Promise will be a good cultural fit. AWARE is the domestic violence shelter, and they have a HUD grant for six units of Rapid Re-Housing. She continued her presentation and thanked the Trust for the support, the \$30,000, and for the participation.

DR. BROCIOSUS stated that she has the distinct pleasure of leading a very lean evaluation team of Housing First in Juneau, and we are seeing compelling, statistically significant data differences. She went through the data and explained what was found and how it is working in terms of changing people's perspectives about how Housing First works and what it is doing for the rural community. She thanked the Trust for the support in helping build data that really informs and has coalesced the community.

TRUSTEE EASLEY commented that she is thrilled with these unexpected results. She asked if Glory Hole was captured in Juneau.

DR. BROCIIOUS replied that the capturing was done, but the data has not been finalized. She explained that the Institutional Review Board was applied for the summer of 2017. Collecting Data was started in September 2017 and had the first data report in the summer of 2018. There was an eight-month turnaround.

CHAIR MICHAEL stated thanks and appreciation for a very informative presentation. She asked Mr. Williams to shift to the budget.

MR. WILLIAMS stated that staff has been thinking about the September 2019 board meeting where a revised FY21 budget will be presented, along with how it was developed. There are priority areas, systems of reform, Medicaid reform, criminal justice reform, and then established focus areas. Staff is looking at prioritizing the high-need areas under each, and he then moved to FY20 budget adjustments and FY21 budget development. He went over a timeline on how this all would be approached. He added that the plan is to be prepared to get this before the Program & Planning Committee meeting on April 17. He went over a summary sheet of what the budget currently looks like, and the continuing process, as well as the direction that Trust staff is thinking of going.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognized Mr. Abbott.

MR. ABBOTT alerted the board that he should have noted that he was a board member on the Foraker Group board. He stated that he serves in that role as a Trust representative and should have declared a potential conflict of interest. He added that he did not believe that the action that the board was considering at the time was affected by his status as a board member with Foraker. He appreciated being reminded that he should have declared the appearance of or the potential appearance of a conflict of interest as a result of his service with the Foraker Group.

CHAIR MICHAEL stated that next on the agenda was an opportunity for trustee comments.

## **TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

TRUSTEE EASLEY talked about the five focus areas and her objections to the rest of the trustees wanting to take workforce development out as a focus area. The idea was that the component of workforce was involved in everything and workforce is a huge issue. She stated that the Workforce Catalyzer was developed and was a group of people addressing the fact of direct-service professionals, which has been the most intractable problem in the whole health-care, mental-health field.

MR. BOYER stated that he a program officer with the Mental Health Trust Authority and talked about the direct-service workforce in the health-care industry. He continued that this is a partnership, and the Trust money helped fund this initiative which is a partnership between the Alaska Association of Developmental Disabilities and the UAA Center for Economic Development. They have some real skill sets for looking differently at the issue of direct service. He explained that direct service is individuals on the lower end of the pay scale working in the health-care field for mental health, DD, health-care overall, that spends 70 percent or more of

their job working with beneficiaries.

He continued that helping people in the health-care field looked differently at the workforce and doing this through innovation and technology has folks in that line of work take a different angle, looking at simple things that add up in a limited organization.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognized Trustee Boerner.

TRUSTEE BOERNER commented that workforce development has been a huge concern for the Alaska Tribal Health System overall, finding different and innovative ways to address it. There is a critical need overall, and we are open to different suggestions. She moved to the visit yesterday and would like to send a thank-you note to the principal for the work she is doing. There was only one student in their group, and she wanted to thank him individually and all of those students who are gifted and special. It was important to see them as potential folks to step into those roles when thinking about workforce development and who will step in and fill those needs out there. Thank you.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognized Trustee Cooke.

TRUSTEE COOKE thanked staff for the one-page, consolidated calendar which is very easy to work with. He asked at what point the board would get involved in the process of deciding what the focus areas should be. He wondered whether there should be such a heavy emphasis on Medicaid reform, criminal justice and such. He thinks missing in that list is the mental health treatment and resources in the institutional area and on the community level.

MR. WILLIAMS responded that every year they go through and make sure that what the advisory boards, communities and stakeholders are saying are in line with the trustees. He stated that the trustees are always invited and encouraged to be part of those conversations when they are available.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognized Trustee Derr.

TRUSTEE DERR stated that at the presentation at the school when the talking stick was handed to you there was an option of not saying too much. She did not have anything to add.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognized Trustee Smith.

TRUSTEE SMITH stated that he was pleased to see the communication strategy bearing some tremendous root with a brand-new legislative leadership group talking about the Trust mission communicated by the CEO and having a description of the beneficiaries. He continued, then hearing the CEO talk about the impact in the Southeast of small projects like the land exchange. His second comment was to brag about Don Habeger who is doing a fabulous job, which he will share under public comment.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognized Trustee Selby.

TRUSTEE SELBY expressed appreciation to the board members and the expertise they brought to the board the last two years. He stated that Trustee Easley has probably forgotten more about

lands in Alaska than the rest of us will ever know. Knowledge and expertise has been a major factor in her dealing with the resources managed in the Trust. He continued that Trustee Derr has always watched the financial operations like a hawk, and nothing gets past her. She does a great job of it. He also thanked Chair Michael for stepping up as Chair, coming out of a trying time for the board, and doing an outstanding job. And Trustee Cooke's knowledge and experience in the legal work was timely in dealing with the Legislative Audit. He appreciated his wisdom during that whole process. He stated that Trustee Boerner's knowledge and understanding of delivery of beneficiary services out in the real world is a big boon to the board, and will serve the board well over her tenure. There is no question that everyone on this board has a real heart for the beneficiaries. He continued that it has been a pleasure serving with all to make the Trust a more effective organization in managing its resources and delivering benefits to beneficiaries. There is an outstanding staff, which is the strongest resource going forward. He wished all every success in carrying out the mission of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. Finally, to the board and staff, he thanks all for their service to the beneficiaries and the people of Alaska. Public servants are never thanked enough. Thank you all very much.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanked Trustee Selby because she learned so much about how to run a meeting, and for being a motion master. Also, his wisdom on the audit and how to proceed, your level-headedness, thoughtfulness and wiseness about the political process which has been so beneficial to the Trust. She returned the appreciation and thank him.

TRUSTEE COOKE thanked Trustee Selby for all his services and, if the new members are not confirmed before April 17, expects to see him at the Committee meetings.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognized John Sturgeon.

MR. STURGEON thanked all for making him feel so welcome and added that it was a lot to absorb in a short time. He stated that he felt comfortable in the land management area and had worked with budgets, and he is excited to be on the Board of Trustees.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognized Ken McCarty.

MR. McCARTY stated that he feels like an ant with wise elephants; there is so much wisdom to bring to beneficiaries and collectively how to make Alaska a better place for everyone and the beneficiaries. Seeing what the Trust has done over the years for his relatives, as well as clients, make it fun to be an ant in the process.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognized Joe Riggs.

MR. RIGGS thanked the trustees for allowing the nominees to join and participate the way they did. He stated that there is nothing more intimidating than being a new trustee going to the first meeting and having no history. He thanked the trustees, the senior staff, the partners and advisers for all the input given and asked for it to continue. He offered himself to everyone, and looked forward to serving on the board.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognized Denise Daniello.

MS. DANIELLO thanked Paula Easley, Carlton Smith and Jerome Selby for their wonderful

guidance, hard work and commitment to this organization and to the beneficiaries. She stated that it is an honor to be part of the process, and also welcomed the new kids on the block.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognized Bev Schoonover.

MS. SCHOONOVER thanked all for partnering and supporting their work. She has a huge new understanding of the responsibilities the trustees have and is truly appreciative of the dedication to the work for beneficiaries. She thanked Brenda Moore and Charlene Tautfest for being great moral supporters and bringing their expertise here. She made sure they all knew that they are all more than welcome to attend their meetings in Juneau March 4 through 7.

CHAIR MICHAEL stated that her thoughts were glad to get past the audit. She appreciated the site visits and thanked all for just jumping right in. She continued that staff are all wonderful and thanked all because it all meant a lot. To the trustees leaving, it was all good.

MR. ABBOTT thanked Madam Chair and stated that it was time for Public Comment. He asked all to take a few minutes while the process gets ready.

(Break.)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

CHAIR MICHAEL stated that for all making public comment there is an established protocol that she read. She added that the Chair maintains the right to stop public comment that contains inappropriate or inflammatory language or behavior. She stated that the first person on the public comment sign-in sheet was Don Habeger.

MR. HABEGER stated that he is the community coordinator for the Juneau Reentry Coalition. He thanked the Trust for the investment in criminal justice reform which is appreciated and important to this community. He moved to an update on what the Juneau Reentry Coalition is doing for FY19. He continued that there are three focus areas: Housing, behavioral health, and peer support. He began with peer support which is a pilot program taking a successful reentrant and trying to use that individual to get folks coming directly out of Lemon Creek or other areas of incarceration and to get connected immediately. They meet a couple times a month and have a small contract to see how it works. If it is successful, it will continue. He moved to behavioral health where it was discovered that the local prosecutors, particularly at the CBJ level, did not know about the behavioral health services in the community. A database is being worked on that any case manager, anyone from a law office can jump on the Web site, go into that database, get the details needed on all the services that a behavioral health provider has in the community, any service needed that they can connect with their client. With housing, more housing is needed. He stated that there is difficulty finding a place for the sex-offender population, and we are looking at an additional project. The work group will make a recommendation to go before the spirit team, yet to go before the community, and then go from there. He stated that between SB 91 and SB 64 he had an opportunity to sit down with a small group of businessmen in the community that were victims of a lot of property crime. They all said that more substance abuse treatment was needed in the community to help solve the problem.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanked Mr. Habeger, and recognized Crystal Bourland. She stated that Ms. Baldwin-Johnson wanted to say something first.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON shared the great news about the award that NAMI Juneau received as the outstanding affiliate for NAMI National. She stated that there is only one award given nationally, and NAMI Juneau received it.

(Applause.)

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON continued that it recognizes the outstanding commitment to excellence and the standards the NAMI sets for NAMI affiliates. This was done under Ms. Bourland's leadership for the past four years. She added that Ms. Bourland has done phenomenal things in the community; has been an excellent leader for NAMI Juneau; and has a tremendous amount of community support.

MS. BOURLAND stated that she is the executive director of NAMI Juneau and is a grantee of the Trust. She shared a bit of their impact with the trustees. NAMI Juneau is one of four affiliates in Alaska, and are part of the National Alliance of Mental Illness. She continued that they are primarily funded by the Beneficiary Project Initiative, and they are grateful for the Trust partnership, investment and organization for supporting the mission, which is to help individuals affected by mental illness build better lives. That is done through education, support, advocacy and public awareness. The programming is unduplicated in the Juneau community, and it provides central support to individuals who are managing mental illness and their family members under national support systems. Their volunteers are an incredible resource, and last year they donated about 1100 hours of time to the organization. She talked about some of the programs and stated that some of the current issues are the current conditions and provider shortages at API, and the overall response to individuals in psychiatric crisis throughout the state. The public policy platform which outline the positions on the issues was recently updated and can be made available to all. Empowering peers and beneficiaries is really impactful, and she thanked all again for the support of all the peer support organizations.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanked and congratulated Ms. Bourland, and recognized Dave Branding.

MR. BRANDING stated that he is the CEO at JAMHI Health and Wellness and thanked the trustees for being here. He continued that a year ago he told all about JAMHI, Juneau Alliance for the Mental Health, Inc., merging with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence in Juneau. That merger has occurred; staff has co-located; the board has merged and is stronger than ever; and we are realizing a lot of benefits from that merger. JAMHI Health and Wellness is serving more people than ever; 597 people were served last year in behavioral health services, up from 481 just two years ago. The JAMHI clinic on-site at Housing First is serving 400 people as the primary-care provider at the Midtown Clinic. He went through several things that were significant in terms of outcomes that the people in JAMHI Health and Wellness do to pursue the mission of healing people live their best lives. He thanked the Trust and staff for helping them do what they do.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanked Mr. Branding, and asked for anyone online to testify. There being none, she stated that there was a written testimony from Faith Myers and Dorrance Collins, with a copy provided to all the trustees. There being no other public testimony, she asked for a

motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by TRUSTEE DERR; seconded by TRUSTEE COOKE.

*There being no objection, the MOTION WAS APPROVED.*

(Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Full Board Meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.)