



# ALASKA PSYCHIATRIC INSTITUTE

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Update To:

The Alaska Mental Health Trust  
Program and Planning Committee

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Clinton Lasley  
DHSS - Deputy Commissioner



Scott York  
API - CEO/Director



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- DES/DET coordinator position
  - New census dashboard
  - Wellpath transition
  - Completion of all corrective actions
  - COVID-19 impacts and adjustments to operations
  - Future vision for API





# ASHLEY CHRISTOPHERSON

## DES/DET COORDINATOR

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- DES/DET stands for Designated evaluation and stabilization/Designated evaluation and treatment facilities.
- Responsible for the statewide administration and coordination of tracking Title 47 ex parte orders and assisting with the arrangement of transportation to a DES/DET facility.
- Contact information:
  - [Ashley.christopherson@alaska.gov](mailto:Ashley.christopherson@alaska.gov)
  - Specific DET questions should be directed to [det.des.coordinator@alaska.gov](mailto:det.des.coordinator@alaska.gov).



# CENSUS DASHBOARD

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/api/Pages/default.aspx>

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Alaska Psychiatric Institute is guided by its Mission, Vision and Values.

## API BED COUNT

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Facility Information		Bed Availability	
Facility:	API - Adult Civil Units	Maximum Possible Capacity:	50
Program:	SOA/DHSS/API	Number Of Beds Occupied:	50
Community:	Anchorage	Number Of People On The Wait List:	4
Level:	Adult Acute Care	Updated: 10/14/2020 8:33 AM	
Gender:	CO		
Facility:	API - Forensic Unit	Maximum Possible Capacity:	10
Program:	SOA/DHSS/API	Number Of Beds Occupied:	8
Community:	Anchorage	Number Of People On The Wait List:	23
Level:	Adult Secure	Updated: 10/14/2020 8:33 AM	
Gender:	CO		

# WELLPATH

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- In 2018 the Joint Commission threatened to revoke API's accreditation and API was also placed on provisional licensure state by DHSS.
- In order to improve operations and quality of care, Alaska entered into a contract with Wellpath in February 2019 to provide immediate support for the hospital.
- Alaska phased out of the Wellpath contract over the following 16 months and ended our contract with Wellpath effective June 30, 2020.





# API LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE



- Scott York, Chief Executive Officer
- Erica Steeves RN, MSM, Director of Nursing
- Tina Cochran, Chief Financial Officer
- Pat Reynaga RN, Clinical Support Director
- Jomarie Gleason, Quality/Performance Improvement
- Pat Higgins, Human Resource Consultant III
- Josiah Leigh, Risk Manager
- Christi Winn, Education Manager
- Naomi Johnston, Finance/Cost Reporting Administrative Officer
- Ralph Thacker, HIM Manager

# COMPLETION OF ALL CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

<b>Treatment Plans</b>	Are the Treatment plans individualized and include co-morbidities
<b>Leadership Rounds</b> (Leadership / Governance of Patient Safety and Patient Rights)	Demonstrated leadership oversight
<b>Abuse / Neglect Allegations</b>	Monitor allegations of abuse: Reports Made (in accordance with hospital and state policy) Allegations Substantiated / Unsubstantiated
<b>Restraint / Seclusion</b>	Review of R/S episodes: (Nurse Shift Supervisors) Video Review Review of all R/S documentation Reported in morning Safety Huddle
<b>Suicide Risk Assessment - Admission</b> (NPSG 15.01.01)	Monitor Suicide Risk Assessment completed at admission in accordance with hospital policy
<b>Suicide Risk Assessment - Discharge Planning</b> (NPSG 15.01.01)	Monitor Suicide Risk Assessment completed at discharge in accordance with hospital policy
<b>COSS monitoring</b>	Close Observation Status Scale (COSS) Correct monitoring of COSS in accordance with hospital policy
<b>Patient Rights: Grievance reporting / resolution</b>	Monitor grievance log to ensure we are following our policy and State regulations.



## COVID-19 impacts and adjustments to operations

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As of October 14, 4 staff members and 1 patient have been diagnosed with COVID-19. The last COVID-19 case was 8/24/2020.

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- **Visitation**
  - In-person visitation continues to be closed with the exception of visits for assisted living facilities as to not disrupt discharging of patients.
  - Electronic visitation available for patients to engage with family and friends.
- **Screening**
  - Patients receive COVID 19 testing prior to admission. API is requiring a negative COVID 19 test for admission.
  - Patients continue to receive twice daily temperature checks and symptom monitoring.
  - Staff and visitors receive daily screening that includes temperature checks and questionnaire regarding recent travel, symptomology, and close contact.
- **PPE & Cleaning practices**
  - High touch surface cleaning completed every 4 hours
  - PPE practice for patient areas include donning of surgical mask and eye protection per CDC recommendations
  - PPE supplies monitored daily to assure adequate stockpiles

# FUTURE VISION FOR API



- Open Chilkat Adolescent unit January 2021
- Continue to improve the therapeutic clinical program API provides our patients
  - 7 days a week programming
- Establish and/or improve relationships with community partners, i.e. acute medical hospitals, APD
- Be a leader within the Alaska community to identify gaps in the mental health infrastructure
- Take part in the development of solutions to assist with:
  - Complex discharges
  - Establishing specialty programs for individuals that require a long-term residential care beyond API





# QUESTIONS?

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