MEETING AGENDA

Meeting: Board of Trustee
Date: August 26-27, 2020
Time: 8:30 AM
Location: online via webinar and teleconference
Teleconference: (844) 740-1264 / Meeting Number: 133 200 3068 # / Attendee No: #
https://alaskamentalhealthtrust.org/
Trustees: Chris Cooke (Chair), Verné Boerner, Rhonda Boyles, Laraine Derr, Anita Halterman, Ken McCarty, John Sturgeon

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

8:30 Call to Order – Chris Cooke, Chair
Roll Call / Announcements / Approval of Agenda
Review of Guiding Principles
Ethics Disclosure
Approval of Minutes
• April 23, 2020
• May 20-21, 2020
Current Bylaws

8:40 Mission Moment
Mental Health Awareness Training / NAMI Anchorage
• Jason Lessard

9:00 Board Elections

9:20 Staff Report
CEO Update

9:40 Statutory Advisor Update
Lesley Thompson, Acting Executive Director, Alaska Commission on Aging

10:25 Break

10:40 Statutory Advisor Update
Kristin Vandagriff, Executive Director, Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education

11:25 Statutory Advisors Update
Bev Schoonover, Executive Director, Alaska Mental Health Board / Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
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Thursday, August 27, 2020

8:30  Call to Order
Announcements

8:35  Finance Committee Report / Update
• Trust Authority Development Account Transfer

8:50  Resource Management Committee Report / Update
• Shelter Cove Timber Sale Consultation
• Colaska Material Sale Consultation
• Sylvan Road Material Sale Consultation

9:35  FY22/23 Budget Deliberations

10:35  Break

10:50  FY22/23 Budget Deliberations (continued)

12:30  Lunch Break

1:00  FY22 / 23 Budget Deliberations (continued)

2:15  Trustee Comments

2:30  Adjourn

Additional Documents
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Future Meeting Dates
Full Board of Trustee / Program & Planning / Resource Management / Audit & Risk / Finance
(Updated – August 2020)

• Audit & Risk Committee (tentative)  October 21, 2020  (Wed)
• Finance Committee (tentative)  October 21, 2020  (Wed)
• Resource Mgt Committee (tentative)  October 21, 2020  (Wed)
• Program & Planning Committee (tentative)  October 22, 2020  (Thu)
• Full Board of Trustee  November 18-19, 2020 (Wed, Thu) - Anchorage

• Audit & Risk Committee  January 6, 2021 (Wed)
• Finance Committee  January 6, 2021 (Wed)
• Resource Mgt Committee  January 6, 2021 (Wed)
• Program & Planning Committee  January 6, 2021 (Wed)
• Full Board of Trustee  January 27-28, 2021 (Wed, Thu) – Juneau

• Audit & Risk Committee  April 21, 2021 (Wed)
• Finance Committee  April 21, 2021 (Wed)
• Resource Mgt Committee  April 21, 2021 (Wed)
• Program & Planning Committee  April 21, 2021 (Wed)
• Full Board of Trustee  May 26, 2021 (Wed) – TBD

• Program & Planning Committee  July 27-28, 2021 (Tue, Wed)
• Audit & Risk Committee  July 29, 2021 (Thu)
• Resource Mgt Committee  July 29, 2021 (Thu)
• Finance Committee  July 29, 2021 (Thu)
• Full Board of Trustee  August 25-26, 2021 (Wed, Thu) – Anchorage

• Full Board of Trustee  November 17-18, 2021 (Wed, Thu) – Anchorage
Future Meeting Dates
Statutory Advisory Boards
(Updated – August 2020)

Alaska Mental Health Board / Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

- Executive Committee – monthly via teleconference (Second Wednesday of the Month)

Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education

- Sep. 29-30, 2020 – Anchorage/ZOOM (possible pre/post-meeting for Autism Ad Hoc and/or Workgroup on FASD)
- February 2021 Juneau/ZOOM

Alaska Commission on Aging

- TBD
The Trust’s Guiding Principles / Mission Statement / Trust Budget Process Flowcharts
Trust Guiding Principles

To improve the lives of Trust beneficiaries, The Trust is committed to:

Education of the public and policymakers on beneficiary needs;

Collaboration with consumers and partner advocates;

Maximizing beneficiary input into programs;

Continually improving results for beneficiaries;

Prioritizing services for beneficiaries at risk of institutionalization or needing long-term, intensive care;

Useful and timely data for evaluating program results;

Inclusion of early intervention and prevention components in programs;

Provision of reasonably necessary beneficiary services based on ability to pay.

Approved 5-12-09, Board of Trustee meeting
The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (The Trust) administers the Mental Health Trust to improve the lives of beneficiaries. Trustees have a fiduciary responsibility to protect and enhance trust assets in perpetuity for the beneficiaries. The Trust provides leadership in advocacy, planning, implementing and funding of the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program; and acts as a catalyst for change.

Approved 5-12-09, Board of Trustee meeting
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Budget Process

Governor’s Office
Office of Management & Budget (OMB)

Alaska Legislature
(Legislative Finance)

Mental Health Budget Bill

MHTAAR Operating
(Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts)

MHTAAR Capital
(vehicles, long-life facilities, research / demonstration projects, 5 years to spend)

State General Funds
Mental Health Budget (GF / MH)

Trustees

Authority Grants

Focus Area Budget Recommendations

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Staff Recommendations for Ongoing Projects

Requests for Recommendations Outside Focus Areas

Trust Investment Areas:
Housing and Long-term Services & Supports, Beneficiary Employment & Engagement, Disability Justice, Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment, Work Force Development

Statutory Advisors:
Governor’s Council on Disabilities & Special Education, Alaska Mental Health Board, Advisory Board on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Alaska Commission on Aging

Stakeholder / Public Input

Alaska Brain Injury Network

0/23/2019
Annual Mental Health Budget Bill Process

**June – July**
- Trustees issue Request for Recommendations (RFR) for the next fiscal year
- Partner boards prepare RFR budgets

**July**
- Focus Area Workgroups prepare budgets

**August**
- RFR budgets due to COO
- CFO prepare budget spreadsheets
- Program & Planning Committee hears partner board and focus area proposals for budget recommendations

**August - December**
- Trust coordinates with Commissioners and their department directors regarding their funding requests for the next fiscal year

**September**
- Trustees meet to discuss partner board and focus area budget recommendations and approve budget recommendations for the next fiscal year
- Budget recommendations sent to Governor, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Legislative Audit (due Sept 15)

**September - December**
- Governor approves or modifies budget and sends to Legislature as Mental Health Budget Bill (due Dec 15)

**January - April**
- Legislature in session
- Trust works with Legislature on budget recommendations
- Mental Health Budget Bill adopted

**May**
- Trustees approval final budget for next fiscal year

Note: timeline represents those items in the green boxes in the chart entitled “Alaska Mental Health Budget Process”
Grant Approval Process for Authority Grant Funds
All annual budgets are approved by the full board of trustees at the September meeting

Partnerships
A Letter of Interest is submitted from potential grantee.
Trust program team reviews the Letter of Interest. If the team finds the proposal eligible, the grantee is invited to submit an application.
The CEO makes funding decisions for applications up to $100,000. Applications over $100,000 are forwarded to the program & planning committee.
The program & planning committee can approve requests up to $500,000. Requests over $500,000 must be approved by the program & planning committee and then forwarded and approved by the full board of trustees.

Focus Area Funding Allocations
Trust program officers and focus area work groups recommend annual specific allocations from focus area fund levels.
Funding from annual project budgets can be designated throughout the year. If the request is less than or equal to $100,000, the CEO can approve.
The program and planning committee can approve requests up to $500,000 because trustees have already approved the money at the fund level.

Trust Administered Mini-Grants
Applications are submitted monthly
Applications are reviewed by the Proposal Evaluation Committee and awarded monthly.

Emergency Grants
The potential grantee submits a letter requesting emergency funding.
The emergency request panel is convened within two weeks to determine if the request qualifies.

Note: this chart depicts those items included in the teal box labeled “Authority Grants” on the chart entitled “Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Budget Process”

Revised: 01/23/2019
# Alaska Mental Health Trust Annual Calendar

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Minutes for the
April 23, 2020
Full Board of Trustee Meeting
ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

SPECIAL FULL BOARD MEETING
April 23, 2020
4:50 p.m.
WebEx Videoconference/Teleconference

Originating at:
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 120
Anchorage, Alaska

Trustees Present:
Chris Cooke, Chair
Rhonda Boyles
John Sturgeon
Ken McCarty
Verne’ Boerner
Anita Halterman
Laraine Derr

Trust Staff Present:
Mike Abbott
Steve Williams
Carol Howarth
Miri Smith-Coolidge
Kelda Barstad
Luke Lind
Michael Baldwin
Carrie Predeger
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Jimael Johnson
Valette Keller
Eric Boyer
Autumn Vea
Allison Biastock
Katie Vachris
Kat Roch

Also participating:
Anne Applegate; Beverly Schoonover; Kristin Vandagriff.
CALL TO ORDER
CHAIR COOKE called the meeting to order and began with a roll call. He stated he had a quorum and asked for any announcements. There being none, he moved to approval of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION: A motion to approve the agenda was made by TRUSTEE BOERNER; seconded by TRUSTEE DERR.

TRUSTEE BOERNER asked to add the trustee comments.

CHAIR COOKE made that change.

*There being no objection, the MOTION was approved, as amended.*

ETHICS DISCLOSURES
CHAIR COOKE asked for any ethics disclosures. There being none, he asked Mr. Abbott to move to the additional COVID-19 response funding.

ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RESPONSE FUNDING
MR. ABBOTT asked if someone would make the motion described on Page 27.

MOTION: A motion to approve using $500,000 in FY20 Authority Grant funds to add to the COVID-19 Response Grant Program to assist organizations serving Trust beneficiaries to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. The Authority Grant funds for this grant program are outlined below, was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE DERR.

MR. ABBOTT stated that this motion reads a lot like the action that the board took in the special board meeting less than three weeks ago. As a result, Trust staff went through the FY20 authorized Authority Grant funds that have been approved for FY20 and identified $500,000 worth of grants that are not likely to be needed before the end of the fiscal year. Staff recommended that the three grant areas described on Page 4 be reallocated into the pot of money that previously had a million dollars in it for COVID-19 relief for the providers. He continued that, if the trustees support this request, staff will post for applications tomorrow and will begin accepting them. The first review of the applications received will be done, and a final decision made with a chunk of the funds going out a week from Monday. He added that another similar request is not expected before the end of the fiscal year.

CHAIR COOKE asked the trustees for any questions.

TRUSTEE BOERNER stated that she was in support and did not have any questions.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN asked about where the reallocated funds will be seen in the future.

MR. ABBOTT replied that for the most part the funds would not be needed in the current fiscal
CHAIR COOKE welcomed Trustee Boyles to the board and invited her to ask any questions or make comments that she may have regarding the motion and the presentations.

TRUSTEE BOYLE stated that she was fine with it.

TRUSTEE DERR also stated that she was fine with it.

TRUSTEE McCARTY asked if beneficiaries were struggling with employment or funding, and if this would have any impact on helping them.

MR. ABBOTT replied that it is not expected to slow down any support for organizations with workforce needs or any beneficiary-related workforce services.

TRUSTEE STURGEON stated support for the motion.

CHAIR COOKE stated that he also supported the motion and thanked Mr. Abbott for the presentation. He called the vote.

After the roll call vote, the MOTION was approved (Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee McCarty, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Derr, yes).

SEALASKA, INC. DONATION
CHAIR COOKE moved to the next item, which is another motion.

MOTION: A motion to approve the receipt of $25,000 from Sealaska, Inc. to be deposited into a single-purpose subaccount of the Mental Health Trust Settlement Income Account and granted by the Trust to Trust beneficiary-serving organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic was made by TRUSTEE BOERNER; seconded by TRUSTEE DERR.

MR. ABBOTT explained that he had received an unsolicited call from a representative of Sealaska stating that Sealaska had plans to donate a million dollars to a variety of entities for the purpose of COVID-19 relief, and they were planning to donate $25,000 to the Trust for use in support of the beneficiaries. He stated that this does not happen very often, and he did a bit of research to find where the legal authorities lie in this area. It is clear that the Trust can accept other income of this sort and put it to use inside of the Trust settlement income. It is not a lot of money, but does require trustee approval to both receive it and then to authorize expenditure. If approved, the intent would be to add these funds to the $500,000 that the trustees allocated a few minutes ago and expend it in the same grant-making process.

CHAIR COOKE thanked Mr. Abbott, and asked for any questions or comments.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN stated that the last of the applications that come in be looked at to make sure that the communities are represented in an equal, fair, and equitable way as possible. The parts of the state with a large population density that received distributions may not be
meeting a proportionate number of beneficiaries, and I would like to see that moving forward.

TRUSTEE STURGEON asked if the Trust is considered a 503 (c) or equivalent as far as tax exemption when donating.

MR. ABBOTT replied that the Trust is not a 503 (c). It is a corporation wholly owned by the State of Alaska. For the purposes of donations like this, it would be considered tax deductible. He will research to confirm that.

TRUSTEE BOERNER stated, on the record, a word of appreciation to Sealaska for this and for their commitment to the beneficiaries. The beneficiaries are among the most vulnerable, and to have this gesture from Sealaska is very meaningful and moving. She also concurred with Trustee Halterman’s requests and was in agreement.

CHAIR COOKE stated that he was pleased to see this and thought that the Trust did have the ability to receive grants and donations. He hoped that this money would find an appropriate recipient back in the Sealaska region to carry out beneficiary purposes and serve folks in that particular area. He called the question and did a roll call vote.

After the roll call vote, the MOTION was approved (Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee McCarty, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Derr, yes).

CHAIR COOKE moved to trustee comments.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS
TRUSTEE BOERNER appreciated this being added to the agenda. She stated that she was heartbroken when Brenda shared about the beneficiary who passed before being able to sign the lease. It is a reminder of the importance to get in there and get the beneficiaries services out as soon as possible to help address some of the issues that may be contributing to premature death. The help is needed and necessary. She also officially welcomed Rhonda Boyles and stated that she was glad to have her join the board of trustees. She thanked Chair Cooke for accepting the responsibility of serving as Chair. She thanked Trustee Sturgeon for helping find the personal protective equipment for the frontline workers and for helping to protect them and the beneficiaries. She thanked Autumn, Steve, Kelda, Katie, Jimael, Travis and Eric and a special thank you to Michael Baldwin. The work done in the remote sense and in this new environment is definitely challenging. She thanked them for their passion. She thanked the presenters today for their flexibility. She congratulated Jillian for welcoming her new baby and thanked all the trustees who have proved to be engaged and mindful stewards of the resources for the beneficiaries. She thanked Mike and Steve for the support in the preparation for her meeting as a whole.

CHAIR COOKE asked Trustee Boyle for any comments or observations.

TRUSTEE BOYLES stated that Trustee Boerner is one of the most polite and gracious chairpeople, committee coordinators that she has ever sat under, and she did a very good job. She continued that she is proud to be of service with all the trustees. She missed the one-to-one contact and had more interruptions when on a technology-related meeting.
TRUSTEE DERR stated that the Governor’s office called and said that they were not looking for someone to replace her at this time. The law says that a trustee serves two full five-year terms, and her first term was not a full term. The law also says that a trustee continues until replaced by someone who has been confirmed by the Legislature. The person who was appointed to replace her withdrew their name, and that allows her to continue. She added that she would be here for the foreseeable future, and had no further comments.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN welcomed Trustee Boyles and she stated that it was a delight going through the confirmation process with her, and she looked forward to getting to know her. She continued that she is delighted that Trustee Derr will stay and would like to get to know her, as well. She wished all a good night and thanked all.

TRUSTEE McCARTY welcomed Trustee Boyles and stated appreciation for Trustee Derr. He stated that hearing they were A-plus in all things was great, and added to keeping an A-plus concept of using means of helping the beneficiaries and not delaying the process. Kudos to the team.

TRUSTEE STURGEON joined everyone else in welcoming Trustee Boyles aboard. He thanked Mr. Abbott and the staff for the great job in preparing and for making the board look good. He also appreciated the work they do. He stated that he had a partner and friend in China and there is a FedEx MD-11 landing in Anchorage on the 29th that will be carrying 100,000 face shields, 800,000 pairs of gloves, 200,000 N95 masks, 31,000 coveralls, 1.2 million surgical masks and 26,000 gowns. That is equivalent to about 540 new containers of medical supplies. The people on the frontline will have the equipment they really need for COVID-19. This is welcome news.

CHAIR COOKE echoed everyone's sentiments about the hard work that staff put into both the materials to prepare for the meetings and the presentations. He gave a special acknowledgment to Miri Smith-Coolidge, the coordinator that enabled all to participate in this WebEx meeting. He stated that a lot of material was covered the last two days, and he appreciates the staff’s efforts in helping us through that process. He concluded his comments and asked for a motion for adjournment.

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

*There being no objection, the MOTION was approved.*

(Special Full Board meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.)
Minutes for the May 20-21, 2020 Full Board of Trustee Meeting
ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

FULL BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2020
10:40 a.m.
WebEx Videoconference/Teleconference
Volume 1 of 2

Originating at:
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 120
Anchorage, Alaska

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Trustees Present:
Chris Cooke, Chair
Rhonda Boyles
John Sturgeon
Laraine Derr
Ken McCarty
Verne’ Boerner
Anita Halterman

Trust Staff Present:
Mike Abbott
Steve Williams
Carol Howarth
Miri Smith-Coolidge
Kelda Barstad
Travis Welch
Luke Lind
Michael Baldwin
Carrie Predeger
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Jimael Johnson
Valette Keller
Eric Boyer
Autumn Vea
Allison Biastock
Sarah Morrison
Travis Welch

Trust Land Office:
Wyn Menefee
Jusdi Doucet

Other Participants:
Greg Jones; Bess Clark; Maxwell Mercer; Sandra Kinzer; Stuart Goering; Emily Palmer; Bev Schoonover; Kristin Vandagriff; Teri Tibbett.

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Full Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2020
CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR COOKE called the meeting to order and began with a roll call. With all the trustees present, he asked for any announcements. There being none, he moved to approval of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion to approve the agenda was made by TRUSTEE DERR; seconded by TRUSTEE BOYLES.

There being no objection, the MOTION was approved.

CHAIR COOKE stated the guiding principles are in the packet for review. He then asked for any ethics disclosures. Hearing none, he asked for a motion for the minutes of January 29th and 30th, and March 27th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: A motion to approve the minutes of January 29th, 30th and March 27th was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE BOERNER.

There being no objection, the MOTION was approved.

BOARD ELECTIONS

CHAIR COOKE stated that the elected chair, Mary Jane Michael, has termed out and left the board with the Legislature’s replacement being Trustee Rhonda Boyles. Article 5, Section 4 of the current bylaws states that when the chair becomes vacant, the vice chair succeeds on a temporary basis and serves until an election is held at the next board meeting. He continued that there is a need for an election at this meeting which applies to the interim period between now and the August meeting when the annual election of officers is done. He asked for any nominations.

NOMINATION: TRUSTEE BOERNER nominated Trustee Chris Cooke as chair; seconded by TRUSTEE STURGEON.

CHAIR COOKE asked for any other nominations three times.

MOTION: A motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Chris Cooke as chair of the board was made by TRUSTEE DERR; seconded by TRUSTEE BOYLES.

After a roll-call vote, the motion was approved unanimously. (Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Derr, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee McCarty, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes; Trustee Boerner, yes.)

CHAIR COOKE asked for any nominations for vice chair.
MOTION: A motion to nominate Anita Halterman as vice chair of the Trust was made by TRUSTEE DERR; seconded by TRUSTEE BOERNER.

CHAIR COOKE asked for any other nominations three times.

*After a roll-call vote, the motion was approved unanimously. (Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Derr, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee McCarty, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes, Trustee Boerner, yes.)*

CHAIR COOKE stated that Trustee McCarty remains as secretary as he was elected last August.

**CEO REPORT**

MR. ABBOTT recognized the outstanding performance of the Trust Staff, including the TLO, during some unforeseeable and unusual circumstances over the last 75 days. In that time the Trust Authority office on Community Park Loop went fully remote. The TLO team went primarily remote, although there were at least a few staff in their office during business hours, and that continues. He stated that, as the mandates from the State chief medical officer and the Municipality change, reopening the offices will be contemplated. He continued that he was not aware of any significant impacts on core work resulting from this, and the admin teams deserve a lot of the credit for this, as well as IT support.

TRUSTEE BOERNER added that, from her perspective, thinking of allowing continued working from home as a public health concern is good. She stated, for the record, that the Trust exercise extreme caution with regard to opening up too quickly and ensuring that social distancing recommendations can be fully followed. She asked that extreme caution be exercised.

MR. ABBOTT committed that would be at the forefront of the decision-making when it comes to staff, trustees and the partners. He stated that there had been a rural outreach trip planned for September or October; it is not known what type of travel may be allowable. After speaking with the Chair, it was decided to postpone that trip until early 2021 for planning purposes. He explained that the Alaska Legislature returned to Juneau for the sole purpose of affirming the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee’s decision to allow the State to accept federal funds associated with COVID-19-related relief and to allocate them as proposed by the Governor and authorized by the committee. Both of the votes were nearly unanimous, and there appeared to be a consensus that the program that the Governor laid out is a useful one for the application of close to $1.5 billion of federal funding. He added that some of that funding would be influential and impactful for the Trust beneficiaries. There was funding set aside by the Governor and affirmed by the Legislature for nonprofits in Alaska; a dedicated $50 million grant program. The Trust has encouraged the Governor to consider relying on existing funders of nonprofits to help guide the allocation of that $50 million. He continued that they would be working with Trust partners, the providers worked with, to help them apply for either of the funding streams. He stated that the Legislature adjourned sine die without conducting a joint session for the purposes of confirmations. He moved to another COVID-19-related update and thanked the trustees for...
support for the allocation of a little more than $1.5 million for grants specifically dedicated to help the providers help the beneficiaries during this time of significant disruption. He concluded his CEO report.

CHAIR COOKE recognized Eric Boyer for the Mission Moment.

MISSION MOMENT

MR. BOYER stated that he is a program officer with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and began by introducing Bess Clark, the executive director of Community Connections, and Maxwell Mercer, the deputy director there. He continued that they provide a wide range of social services to the beneficiaries in Southeast Alaska, from Ketchikan to Prince of Wales.

MS. CLARK stated that she has been the executive director of Community Connections for over 20 years. It is a nonprofit that serves southern Southeast, Ketchikan, Prince of Wales, and Metlakatla. She appreciated the opportunity to share stories about their services. She also introduced Sandra Kinzer, the communication coordinator. She began with an overview of their service and how they are a unique nonprofit which offers services from birth to elderly services. These services are provided one person at a time, which are unique to that individual. She asked Mr. Mercer to continue.

MR. MERCER began with an description of the children’s mental health program. He stated that there are eight psychotherapists, eight case managers, and about 35 direct-care staff that provide services to youth with serious emotional disturbances or at risk of out-of-home placement, and those already in protective custody of OCS in many cases. There are 19 licensed foster homes, therapeutic foster homes which are a big part of the model. There is also a lot of skill training provided in the community.

MS. CLARK stated that there was a downturn in year-round jobs in the southern Southeast. Ketchikan is dependent on the tourist industry, which will not happen this year. She continued that Community Connections in Ketchikan is the fourth largest private employer and is the second largest in Prince of Wales. The first primary year-round job is Viking. She added that before COVID, the Trust had helped in the process of a new phone system, which is huge because the new phone system connects us to Prince of Wales, and we do not have to pay long-distance charges. The Trust has had a huge impact on Community Connections and the services provided for the last 34 years. She asked Mr. Mercer to talk about children’s mental health and the positive impact from Trust dollars.

MR. MERCER stated that when the shelter-in-place order came about, lots of families were driven into either foster homes or biological homes. It was noticed immediately that many kids were starting to experience more depression or isolation, with issues coming up because of COVID. The Trust’s generous gift of equipment and access to televideo applications helped with getting connected with those kids. He continued that the capacity over the last few months
has been enhanced in ways that may become permanent. The therapists and staff have become more skilled and open to different mediums of providing services.

MS. CLARK stated that another funding opportunity that came through the Trust was in 2009 when a supported-living apartment complex called Opportunity House was built in Ketchikan.

MR. MERCER explained that adults with developmental disabilities may have a difficult time finding typical living arrangements. They need to either live in someone else’s home, in an assisted living home, or some kind of different congregate setting. He stated that Opportunity House is an eight-plex. All of the units are completely self-contained, ultra-accessible, and look and feel like typical apartments. The rent is based on income, and because HUD was also a part of the funding, that is offered and will be permanently affordable to people. He continued that these are permanent, stable places to live that are typical, private, accessible and normalized; a wonderful project.

MS. CLARK added that it is a unique model in the state because we can drop services in according to the need of the individuals. She shared a success story about Hydaburg. Hydaburg is a Haida Native community. In the heyday of timber and logging, it was the place where all the logging would come in. There has been a significant negative impact as a result of the timber industry downturn.

MR. MERCER continued that they were able to build a stable service structure in Hydaburg which came out of hiring local people. The main person there has been living in Hydaburg for 25 years, and the direct-care staff come from local families. They have integrated over the years so that supports can be provided.

MS. CLARK encouraged all to come to Ketchikan and to Prince of Wales to visit, share more stories and meet the staff and people that are served. She thanked all for this opportunity.

CHAIR COOKE thanked Ms. Clark and stated that it was a wonderful presentation.

TRUSTEE BOERNER also thanked them and stated that it is inspiring to hear and to be able to see what the resources that the Trust has contributed are doing for the communities and the beneficiaries. She stated that economic development is a critical part of being able to meet the needs of the beneficiaries, and the health benefits of being employed are innumerable.

TRUSTEE BOYLES complimented the Community Connections group and commented on the wonderful job they are doing. She asked Ms. Clark to contact her privately about her ability to provide shoes through an international group funded by Nike.

TRUSTEE DERR stated that it was a great presentation tying everything that the Trust does together.
TRUSTEE HALTERMAN thanked them for their presentation and stated that she has worked with Community Connections, and it was good to hear the perspectives on how the Trust impacts the populations.

TRUSTEE McCARTY thanked them for the presentation and commented on the good job they are doing.

TRUSTEE STURGEON also thanked them for the presentation. He enjoyed hearing about connecting resource development and what it means to the local community. He stated that it was a great job of connecting what resource development does to the beneficiaries and how important they are.

CHAIR COOKE stated that he was impressed with the scope of the activities and how the beneficiaries are served from all categories, at all levels and all ages. He moved back to the CEO’s report.

TRUSTEE McCARTY asked if Mr. Abbott was seeing a theme of people in unemployment status not taking jobs because of making more money on unemployment.

MR. ABBOTT replied that it did not directly impact the Trust, and he would be watching carefully how the anticipated transition from unemployment back to employment impacts the beneficiaries.

CHAIR COOKE asked if Mr. Sturgeon had any questions about the report.

TRUSTEE STURGEON stated that he had two points and things that he would like to see the Trust work on. One illustrated the connection between resource development in Alaska and jobs and the beneficiaries. The way the Trust goes about securing its revenue is a great example of the use for Alaska; it is a real obvious connection. He continued that it would be good to help people, especially the beneficiaries, make that connection, so they know where the money comes from. He added that in the board packet a lot of the partners had long-term goals laid out, and there was nothing about where the money to do all the things would come from. He would like that formal discussion put on the agenda for maybe the next meeting. Second was that he had the opportunity to watch Pat Pitney, the head of Legislative Audit, talk about the projections for the 2021 budget. He stated the need for a discussion on what these budget cuts will mean to the State of Alaska and the beneficiaries.

CHAIR COOKE asked if the first point would be something that can be discussed at the communications update tomorrow.

MR. ABBOTT replied that very similar messaging targeted some of the ongoing resource development activity that is happening now in Southeast Alaska. He stated that Allison will highlight that in her presentation tomorrow.
CHAIR COOKE talked about adding the lack of employment as a result of the stay-at-home situation. He asked if the Trust and partners noticed this kind of phenomenon and whether there is a strategy to address this issue and help inform the public on how to best cope with these situations.

MR. ABBOTT replied that significant data has not been generated through the typical processes yet because of the relative recency of events. Unfortunately, most of the good and strong data-gathering systems work on an annual cycle. He continued that as the data comes in, it will be shared, and we may be able to demonstrate where the support has helped providers address the need.

CHAIR COOKE called a lunch break.

(Lunch break.)

CHAIR COOKE reconvened the meeting and stated that up next are a few updates from the statutory advisors. He recognized Bev Schoonover.

**ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD & ADVISORY BOARD ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE**

MS. SCHOONOVER stated that she is the executive director of the Alaska Mental Health Board and the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. She continued that their mission is to advocate for programs and services that promote healthy Alaskans. She began with some brief organizational updates and highlighted several statewide planning activities that are happening. She also highlighted the list of workgroups that staff and boards participated in or coordinated. She added that there were a lot of Zoom meetings happening about statewide planning efforts. She stated that they have two response initiatives that they are working on: One is trying to direct Alaskans to call the care line if immediate mental health and substance use disorder supports are needed; and another is that many organizations are creating some pretty amazing online resources in support of Alaskans with mental health and substance-use disorder concerns. She went through a few examples and added that staff is working on vetting resources and putting them all together in a twice-a-month e-newsletter. She stated the hope of fostering some face-to-face engagements between their board members and the trustees this year to talk directly about the needs of beneficiaries, and to have some offline conversations about their work. She went through some of the legislative updates and stated that the legislative advocacy committee meets regularly. She asked Teri Tibbett to continue.

MS. TIBBETT talked about the Legislature adjourning sine die and about waiting to see what will happen with all the bills that were left on the table. She stated that they have a joint advocacy effort which is a coordinated effort between the partner advisory boards and Trust staff. They work together to come up with the joint priorities and the advocacy plan on how to
promote and advocate for programs and services that serve Trust beneficiaries. She went through the coordinated communication effort that continued during the interim. She added that they will work with the partners in the communities and throughout the state to identify the areas of needs and then also the mechanisms for how that money can be distributed so it has the best impact for Trust beneficiaries.

CHAIR COOKE thanked both Ms. Schoonover and Ms. Tibbett for their presentation. He asked for any questions.

TRUSTEE McCARTY asked if there was a tracking system to see the actual enactment of a bill rather than just it being passed.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN stated that there is the online bill-tracking process with the Legislature where you can sign up for bills and see when they are passed into law. It will give an indication of when it goes into effect. She continued that bills are often codified into law at a variety of different times, and it is not a quick process. She added that she had no questions, but highly recommended that people partake in those legislative conference calls.

TRUSTEE BOERNER thanked the ladies for the invitation for trustees to interact and meet the board members; and also thanked them for their presentation.

CHAIR COOKE pointed out that in the presentation of the website he did not see the address in the materials. He echoed the comments made about the opportunity to get together with the partner boards, including attending the meetings. He encouraged trustees to review those opportunities and participate, especially when live meetings resume.

TRUSTEE DERR stated that at one point in time a chairman of the Trust assigned each trustee to an advisory board to attend their meetings and report back or acknowledge the fact of attending. It was very well received by the advisory boards that there was a trustee at their meetings.

CHAIR COOKE liked the idea and thanked Trustee Derr. He stated that it was something to be discussed. He moved to the next group, the Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education.

GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

MS. VANDAGRIFF gave a short introduction and talked about the fact of having 26 council members with some of them swapping out at the end of June. She took some time to greatly thank the Trust for investing in the DD systems years back that led to this DD shared vision now being a state statute and being implemented widely in the state of Alaska. She stated that this systems transformation will have a profound impact. She continued explaining how the member leadership works as far as the different committees and the chairs of those committees and then also went into the staffing arrangements. She went through a number of highlights of their
activities and the stakeholder concerns. She did a shout-out to Director Lee with Senior and Disability Services who came out and issued a nondiscrimination statement for Senior and Disability Services, which was truly appreciated. Another issue that popped up was guardians as essential visitors. This was about guardians being able to visit in regard to a hospital setting to an individual with a disability in a group home or a residential setting. In practice this was supposed to be allowable, however it was not clarified in a list. With respect to essential visitors, members in the State agencies knew about the concern and appreciated that feedback that clarifying that list would be helpful to the community. She continued explaining how the information was shared. She stated that a council communications plan was completed which was important to make sure that what was focused on would be the most impacted. She continued to social isolation, which is hitting this population very hard. She added that the toolkit has a lot of good ways to stay connected even while physically distanced. She moved to the council research analyst, a position funded by the Trust. She is an emergency preparedness expert, helps to lead the Alaska Disabilities Advisory Group on emergency preparedness, and attends weekly COVID meetings. This is how they were able to bring the stakeholder concerns to the forefront and to be able to work with a myriad of partners on a local, state, and federal level to address issues, whether it is something with masks or with care rationing. It has been huge to have her at the table to bring forward that perspective. She moved to the five-year plan development process, which will be worked on between now and August 15, 2021. She also provided an update as far as the TABI advisory group. As of May 2020, there has been a determination by the TABI group to move under the University of Alaska Anchorage Center for Human Development to discuss its long-term home as part of its state plan, which is under development. She then touched on the Trust beneficiary employment engagement technical assistance effort that came from the Council. The COVID-19 employment task force has been initiated and is generally meeting weekly, led by DVR Director Mayes. She stated that it was very impactful to be able to hear what everyone has been doing this time and thinking about employment. This will be a huge piece moving forward over the next few years. She thanked Trustee McCarty for his suggestion in regard to having a one-stop shop, a link on the Trust page that could be on other state agency pages or partner pages for the Trust beneficiaries. She continued that if they were having issues with regard to employment during the pandemic, they could go there and get the resources they need to move forward with getting support.

CHAIR COOKE led a short question-and-answer session with the trustees on a few potential job opportunities where developmentally disabled individuals could be part of the manufacturing process. The trustees also commented on the professionalism and the presentation. He moved to the presentation about open meetings.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT PRESENTATION

MR. GOERING stated that he would be covering the Open Meetings Act which lays out the terms under which government business is presumed to be the public’s business and under which transparency is implemented. He continued that there are some exceptions to the Open Meetings Act, which will be discussed in detail, including executive sessions. He added that one
of the extraordinary things about the Open Meetings Act is that it predates the existence of Alaska. The policy statement was added in 1972. The presumption in the statute is that all meetings of a governmental body of a public entity are open to the public. Closed sessions are permitted only if there is an exception or some other specific law that provides differently. Then, any materials considered during the open meetings are also required to be available, even at a teleconference location. If more than three trustees meet, it is a meeting for the Open Meetings Act purposes; and this also applies to committees. He stated that one of the key elements is the requirement to give notice of the meetings, reasonable public notice, in advance of the meetings. The point of the notice is to make sure that people know of the meeting, and it needs to be provided in a consistent way. He discussed executive sessions and the procedures necessary before going into executive session. It is also important that action cannot be taken in executive session other than to provide direction to an attorney in a specific legal matter. There is a need to come back on the record and state a motion to take an action and take the vote where people can see how the individual board members voted. He moved on to the consequences of violations. He stated that if the Open Meetings Act is violated, it does not automatically invalidate the work done during that meeting. Those actions are referred to as “voidable,” which means that if someone felt strongly enough, they could go in and file suit against the Trust Authority in court and ask the court to void the action. He added that the Act specifically allows the violations to be cured either before or after the action is voided by a court. He explained this in greater detail and wrapped up that, as a governmental body, the Trust is expected to operate in public whenever possible.

TRUSTEES all thanked Mr. Goering for the presentation.

CHAIR COOKE asked about the status of emails where an email message may have some action taken by a group that all are participating in the mailing.

MR. GOERING replied that the Open Meetings Act does not directly address that, and the letter of the law suggests that email correspondence is not a meeting.

CHAIR COOKE talked about the governance book that is being worked on and suggested that the Open Meetings Act should be one of those statutes included in that collection.

MR. ABBOTT agreed and stated that steps will be taken to make that happen. He continued that the reason Mr. Goering was asked to come back was that in the legislative audit there was a very significant finding that the Trust had not met Open Meetings expectations in a couple of different cases, primarily in 2016. It was well documented, and the evidence was pretty clear that there had been deliberations among trustees on substantive matters that were not noticed or held in public. One of the ways that we responded was first to acknowledge the mistakes that had been made, and then we committed to ongoing periodic training for the trustees and staff on Open Meetings requirements.

CHAIR COOKE thanked Mr. Goering. He stated that public comments will begin at 2:15, and
called a break.

(Break.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIR COOKE stated that this is the time for public comment. Public comment opportunities are provided at all full board meetings of the trustees. He asked if there are any persons signed up for public comment.

MS. SMITH-COOLIDGE replied that no one signed up, but there are some people on the phone. She stated that she was not sure whether they would like to give public comment.

CHAIR COOKE read the guidelines for public comment. He stated that the Chair maintains the right to stop public comments that contain inappropriate or inflammatory language or behavior.

MR. ZIMMER stated that he was Chris Zimmer in Juneau and would like to comment.

CHAIR COOKE asked for anyone else. He noted, for the record, that there is a written testimony submitted by Faith Myers and Dorrance Collins, which was included in the material sent out by staff for this meeting. That testimony will be included in the record of this meeting of the board. He recognized Mr. Zimmer.

MR. ZIMMER stated that he was Chris Zimmer and is the Alaska director for an organization Rivers Without Borders. We do conservation work in the transboundary region along Southeast Alaska/BC border. He continued that he had been following the Constantine Metals Palmer proposal for some time and wanted to testify out of concern of the minutes from the January 29th Resource Management Committee meeting where it seemed that there were some statements about the preliminary economic assessment of the Palmer proposal. He added that there seemed to be a significant misunderstanding of what that preliminary economic assessment did. He stated that the minutes referred to a bankable feasibility study being done that someone would make a lot of money off the mine, that people could get loans and are ready to invest. It said everything was going to work. He bluntly stated that none of that was accurate. The preliminary assessment was done in July of 2019, but no bankable feasibility study was done. A bankable feasibility study is years away. He continued that the preliminary assessment by law cannot prove that somebody can make a lot of money off of this. The regulations about preliminary assessments say specifically that they cannot be used to demonstrate economic viability. His third point is that it is significant that in the preliminary assessment, only inferred and indicated mineral resources were identified. There is no certainty that it would be viable based on just those resources. He added that a detailed analysis of this PEA has been contracted, which will be done within days. He would send that to the Trust through Mr. Abbott. He urged having those minutes revised to reflect what the preliminary assessment actually said. He has a letter and a memo that he will send to Mr. Abbott which he hoped the Trust would find useful. He
stated appreciation for the opportunity to speak to the Trust.

CHAIR COOKE thanked Mr. Zimmer and stated that this was not a matter on the agenda for this month’s meeting. He welcomed the comments and submission of materials to Mr. Abbott. There are other interested parties in this matter, and the public will continue to be informed when the subject may come up before the board. He asked if there were any other persons interested in presenting public comment. There being no other public comment to come before the board, he concluded the public comment portion of the meeting. He asked for anything further for today. There being none, he thanked all for the efforts in participating here.

(Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Full Board meeting was recessed at 2:27 p.m.)
Trustees Present:
Chris Cooke, Chair
Rhonda Boyles
John Sturgeon
Laraine Derr
Ken McCarty
Verne’ Boerner
Anita Halterman

Trust Staff Present:
Mike Abbott
Steve Williams
Carol Howarth
Miri Smith-Coolidge
Kelda Barstad
Travis Welch
Luke Lind
Michael Baldwin
Carrie Predeger
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Jimael Johnson
Valette Keller
Eric Boyer
Autumn Vea
Allison Biastock
Sarah Morrison
Travis Welch

Presenters & Statutory Advisors:
Emily Palmer; Nancy Burke; Michele Brown; Linda Isaac; Gordon Glasser.
PROCEEDINGS

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR COOKE called the meeting to order and began with a roll call. With all the trustees present, he asked for any announcements.

TRUSTEE McCARTY announced that his son got accepted into med school and is on his way to becoming a psychiatrist.

CHAIR COOKE congratulated him. There being no other announcements, he moved to the update from the Alaska Commission on Aging and recognized Emily Palmer.

ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING UPDATE

MS. PALMER stated that she was the new executive director for the Commission on Aging. She thanked the staff for all their help and began with a brief overview on the Commission on Aging. She continued that their mission is to ensure the dignity and independence of all older Alaskans and to assist them in leading meaningful lives through planning, advocacy and education, as well as interagency cooperation. She added that Alaska does have the fastest growing percentage of 60 and older when compared to all 50 states. Those 60 and older make up 12 percent of Alaska’s population. She stated that roughly 10 percent of those 60 and older have a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease and dementia. There are currently 33,000 Alaskans caring for someone with Alzheimer’s or dementia. They are often family members that do not get paid for providing those services. She moved on and talked about the variety of different programs the Commission provides to help support older Alaskans and then spent some time talking about the impacts of COVID-19 on seniors. She then briefly talked about what was done for legislation this year; 29 different bills were tracked, and six of those were passed. House Bill 96 was for Pioneer Homes and decreased the rate for residents within the home. It changed the age for people to become eligible to get on the waitlist from 65 to 60. That makes an additional 45,000 Alaskans potentially eligible to move into one of those homes. She asked for any questions.

CHAIR COOKE thanked Ms. Palmer and recognized Gordon Glaser, one of the council members.

MR. GLASER stated that they are quite concerned and very involved with the pandemic and trying to end some of the concerns about protecting our people in place. He thanked the Mental Health Trust and Kelda Barstad, in particular, for all the help in this transition.

CHAIR COOKE asked for any questions.

TRUSTEE BOYLES asked about the long-term vision of senior care in the State of Alaska.

MS. PALMER replied that will be something that a lot of people will be looking at in the next few years. She stated that a lot of work has been going into the home- and community-based program. A lot of success has been seen in being able to support seniors to age in place for longer within their homes and communities and with their families. That has been successful.
TRUSTEE BOERNER thanked Ms. Palmer for her presentation and asked if there has been a good deal of uptake from utilizing some of the new tools like Zoom by elders in the state.

MS. PALMER replied that there has definitely been an uptick in elders across the state utilizing the technology. She stated that there are a lot of challenges with that. Not everyone has access to the Internet, and not everyone has devices to be able to use Zoom.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Palmer for her presentation. She asked what happened regarding the data showing a significant dip in the number of beneficiaries served in 2018.

MS. PALMER replied that in FY17 there was a regulation change made that redefined and changed how some services were delivered. There was a lot of confusion as to who could qualify and who no longer qualified. Over the course of the year that stabilized, and people were able to get services or requalify.

TRUSTEE McCARTY gave a shout-out to Steve Kowalski at the Chugiak Senior Center who turned 100 on April 7th. He asked about the numbers being seen regarding elderly directly getting the COVID virus.

MR. PALMER replied that Alaska has been fortunate in that the social isolation measures were put in place before things got really bad compared to the Lower 48. She stated that there were only three cases of people living in assisted living or a nursing home who got coronavirus.

TRUSTEE STURGEON also thanked Ms. Palmer for her presentation and asked about the availability of assisted living and nursing homes compared to the number of people that are wanting it.

MS. PALMER replied that she would have to get back on that. She stated a survey was done just in Anchorage, and there was an average occupancy rate within all assisted living nursing homes of 73 percent. She added that there is a huge variety, and unfortunately, that data is not tracked across the state.

CHAIR COOKE asked about the legislation affecting Pioneer Home and veterans’ home rates, and what the situation was now with regard to those homes.

MS. PALMER answered that the rates just passed and will go into effect on July 1st. In general, it will be roughly a 25- to 30-percent decrease in the rates that those residents are currently paying. She pointed out that no one has been evicted from the homes due to the rate increase or due to the inability to pay. The Pioneer Homes have a great payment assistance program to help all individuals who cannot afford the rates.

CHAIR COOKE asked about the relationship the council has with those programs.

MS. PALMER replied that with Pioneer Home boards there is a member of their advisory board sitting on our board, and our chair sits on their board. There is a lot of interaction. She stated that they also work really closely and directly with staff at Senior and Disability Services to make sure all of the different programs that are supported through grants are getting the assistance they need. There is also a lot of outreach with various senior centers across the state.
and we are looking at ways to increase that outreach over this coming year.

CHAIR COOKE asked about the issue of fraud and combating the efforts to separate seniors from their assets.

MS. PALMER replied that the Commission does not have a strategy other than having classes or putting out information on the various new ways of fraud. They will be looking at trying to develop some strategies, as it is a big concern.

CHAIR COOKE thanked Ms. Palmer and moved to the Finance Committee report update.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

TRUSTEE DERR stated that the discussion on all of these items took place at the Finance Committee on April 20th, and there are three motions from the committee.

**MOTION:** The Finance Committee recommended to approve the incremental building expenditures, totaling $10,405,837, budgeted for the fiscal year 2021, to be paid by the property manager from rents and other income collected from the properties.

CHAIR COOKE asked for any discussion or comments. He asked if it has always been the practice to bring this forward through a motion.

MR. MENEFEE replied that these come forward in the April Finance Committee meeting every year and are to deal with paying the property expenditures, the upkeep, the taxes, and all that is necessary to keep those buildings in order so that the revenue generating from them can continue. Motion 1 was dealing with those properties that can afford to pay all the expenses from the rents coming in from the tenants. Motions 2 and 3 deal with the costs exceeding the amount of money collected from the rents. The reason this is done every year is that the authority from the board is needed to make expenditures like this because it is not in the operating budget.

TRUSTEE McCARTY stated that the $10 million for Motion 1 is a large amount and asked for a brief clarification for the minutes, the public, and the beneficiaries.

MR. MENEFEE replied that the costs deal with the properties owned in Washington, Utah, and Texas. It also includes some of the TAB; the detox center in Fairbanks; Assets; Fahrenkamp; Denardo. He stated that when the operating expenses and capital improvements are added, the total comes to $10,405,836.85. Compared to fiscal year ’20, there is an increase of about $400,000.

CHAIR COOKE called the vote:

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Derr, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee McCarty, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes).

TRUSTEE DERR moved to the next motion from the Finance Committee.
MOTION: The Finance Committee asked the Board to approve funding for the Non-Investment/Program Related Real Estate and Real Estate Management Program Trust funded properties in the amount not to exceed $53,032 for the fiscal year 2021 from the Central Facilities Fund, which appropriation shall not lapse.

MR. MENEFEE stated that REMP stood for Real Estate Management Plan. He explained that the amount there is wholly for the Trust Authority building. The Trust Authority resides in that building and it is not fully funded with rents from all the tenants. There are also some capital improvements of $15,000.

CHAIR COOKE called the vote:

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Derr, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee McCarty, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes).

TRUSTEE DERR moved to the last motion.

MOTION: The Finance Committee asked the Board to approve and instruct the CFO to transfer up to $53,032 to the third-party property manager as requested by the TLO for capital improvements to the Non-Investment/Program Related Real Estate and Real Estate Management Program Real Estate Trust funded properties.

MR. MENEFEE added that it is “up to,” and the reason is that if the money is managed to be saved through the year then the full amount will not be used, and the full amount does not need to be transferred.

CHAIR COOKE asked who the property manager is.

MR. MENEFEE replied that Colliers manages multiple properties both in this state and Washington and Utah. He continued that they manage quite a few of the Trust’s properties. He explained that a property manager is used for all of the rent properties, and even when there is something that needs to be done with the building. The property manager does take care of those types of things.

CHAIR COOKE called the question:

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Derr, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee McCarty, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes).

TRUSTEE DERR concluded her report.

CHAIR COOKE stated that the subject of Item No. 4 will be considered further at future
meetings. He moved to the Resource Management Committee report.

RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

TRUSTEE STURGEON stated that there is one motion and read it.

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concurs with the Resource Management Committee and the Trust Land Office recommendation for the Executive Director to negotiate a disposal through lease or sale of all or part of Trust parcels S1005 and S82631, and the subsequent execution by the TLO of the documents necessary to facilitate the transaction and development.

MR. MENEFEE stated that the proposed motion has to do with the L Street property downtown. This property is well located and right off of Minnesota Drive and the area of 9th Avenue. He continued that it is vacant and there is interest from someone that might want to develop that. This is being set up to allow to do either a competitive sale, negotiated sale, competitive lease, negotiated lease, to be able to be done in a commercially responsive manner to be competitive with the competitors.

CHAIR COOKE stated that it was explained in detail that such a motion would give the TLO the flexibility to respond quickly to proposals that may be forthcoming. He asked for any other questions or comments, and then called the question:

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Derr, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee McCarty, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes).

TRUSTEE STURGEON concluded his report.

CHAIR COOKE moved to the communications update and recognized Allison Biastock.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

MS. BIASTOCK stated that she is the chief communication officer for the Trust and appreciated this opportunity to provide this update. She acknowledged Valette Keller who supports several of the communications initiatives, and also acknowledged Northwest Strategies, the communications contractor. She moved to the broad communication goals which were developed with a consideration of the Trust’s mission, the duties and some past research. The first goal addressed stigma; the second goal has to do with the perception of the Trust and the understanding of the purpose and the work; goal 3 touches on so much of the work, not just communications. This is a unique position in raising awareness of issues pertaining to the Trust beneficiaries. She walked through a few of the key communication tools. She focused on
Meltwater because a million emails are received from them, and they are the media monitoring service. She then continued on to social media and the Trust’s Facebook page. She commented on the cover photo, which features Trust beneficiaries. She highlighted the community outreach posts which also feature actual Alaskan beneficiaries or their friends and family members. She added that the Trust Land Office also maintains a Facebook page that is focused on their land sales efforts. She continued to the Instagram page, which is popular among younger followers. The things created for Facebook are cross-posted here. She then moved to the webpage, which is one of the most important communication tools because of all the information there. She briefly covered other communication tools and then covered COVID-19 and the resources available with a designated place on the homepage. She moved to the two current media campaigns and began with the statewide campaign addressing stigma. She stated that the most recent research indicated that there is still significant stigma attached to the beneficiaries, including the beneficiaries that misuse drugs and alcohol or who experience a mental illness. She continued that the targeted audience was to Alaska’s general public, with a secondary focus on key decision-makers and influencers. She acknowledged and thanked Corbin and his mom Keri, Anthony, Jennifer, and Betty and her daughter Toni, and Lily. She stated that it is a very big decision to be part of a televised statewide media campaign, and we are grateful that they shared their stories. This campaign was officially launched about a year ago and the total cost of the campaign, which included all the marketing and development, was about $300,000. She then shared some of the outcomes. She stated that a new campaign in Southeast Alaska was launched recognizing that a good share of the revenue-generating activity on Trust lands is happening in this region of the state. She talked about how all of the ads developed were focused on individual beneficiaries and the organizations that served them. She thanked the beneficiaries serving partners: JAMHI Health and Wellness in Juneau; Community Connections in Ketchikan; and the Southeast Alaska Independent Living, SAIL. She shared a radio ad that was aired that featured John, a beneficiary from Ketchikan.

(The radio ad was played.)

MS. BIASTOCK moved to the FASD prevention efforts. The funding for this effort comes from the Alcohol Treatment and Prevention Fund, which is from alcohol excise taxes in the state, and passed through to the Trust. She continued that the current effort is aimed at the provider community, which research has shown has a tremendous opportunity to impact and screen for FASDs. She added that all the materials developed as part of this effort were done in coordination with providers, ob-gyns, and aspects of the campaign were informed by past research and focus group efforts pertaining to this audience. She talked about the 25th anniversary event that was organized by a team of Trust and Trust Land Office staff. It included 20 partner booths and a booth about the Trust. She continued talking about the turnout and added that there was also some media coverage. She moved on and stated that both the stigma and the Southeast effort will continue next year. The plans and budgets are being finalized, and we plan to leverage the existing media that was developed for the stigma campaign and developing some new digital and other content to the video ad. She stated that future research
efforts to gauge perceptions of the Trust, the Trust Land Office and the beneficiaries are contemplated to begin. That data goes a long way to informing the communication efforts and the other work of the Trust.

CHAIR COOKE thanked Ms. Biastock, and called a ten-minute break.

(Break.)

CHAIR COOKE reconvened the meeting and did a quick roll call. He asked if there were any questions for Ms. Biastock.

TRUSTEE BOERNER asked if there were any infographics that could highlight the statutorily defined process and if there was a way to communicate to the communities and beneficiaries how the Trust and Trust Land Office have worked to incorporate in that process itself.

MS. BIASTOCK replied that point often comes up if there is a media interview about the statutory requirements. She continued that it is a great recommendation to think about how to incorporate that into some of the more broad communication efforts.

TRUSTEE DERR commented on the great job being done and on the difficulty of finding her way around on the webpage for meetings and trustee business.

MS. BIASTOCK appreciated the comment on the website and stated that it is a work in progress. She welcomed feedback pertaining to some of the usability aspects of the webpage at any time that will make it more user friendly.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN commented that the advertising and the outreach had been very professionally presented. She appreciated all of the social media outreach efforts and added that they are doing a good job.

TRUSTEE McCARTY also appreciated the advertisements and the IT abilities. He asked if the viewers can be differentiated from those in Alaska or all over the world.

MS. BIASTOCK replied that all of the media is targeted in Alaska. There was some special targeting for the Southeast effort, but the stigma campaign was a statewide effort.

TRUSTEE STURGEON stated that it was a great presentation and asked what percentage of the market or people in Alaska are hit with APR.

MS. BIASTOCK replied that about 95 percent -- thanks to Trust support under the mental health content initiative -- have access to public radio. She added that in Alaska radio is a valuable tool for sharing information.
TRUSTEE BOYLES stated that it was an excellent presentation and was pleased with the use of social media.

CHAIR COOKE asked if there was any coordination between the Trust and the material that is put out by Hope.

MS. BIASTOCK replied that in the most recent effort, there was not a coordination with Hope Community Resources. She stated that she would look to see if they had been one of the organizations that were partnered with in identifying beneficiaries and sharing their stories. She continued that partners are a very important part of the communication effort, and we will continue to work with them, especially in future iterations.

CHAIR COOKE stated that mentioned was direct communication with trustees regarding any suggestions, ideas or comments they may have that pertain to the communications effort. He asked if she is open to direct communications with individual board members.

MR. ABBOTT stated that he would be happy to facilitate conversations around communication over the next couple of months with individual trustees that may include Ms. Biastock and himself. He continued that he would reach out to trustees individually over the next few weeks and identify trustees that would like that opportunity.

CHAIR COOKE stated anything that works out would be fine and suggested even email. He thanked Ms. Biastock for an excellent presentation and moved to the approvals.

MR. ABBOTT suggested starting with a motion and then he would continue.

MOTION: A motion that the Board of Trustees approve the allocation of $500,000 of unobligated funds to the FY21 Housing and Long-Term Services and Supports focus area. These funds will be added to the Beneficiaries Have Safe Stable Housing with Tenancy Supports strategy was made by TRUSTEE BOERNER; seconded by TRUSTEE DERR.

MR. ABBOTT stated that this proposal requires two motions to execute. The first would be to take $500,000 of unobligated funds from the FY21 program. Currently, there is a balance of about $1.3 million of unobligated funds in FY21. These funds would be put into the focus area for Housing and Long-Term Services and Supports. If approved, Motion No. 2 would award a $500,000 grant to United Way of Anchorage for the Home for Good project. He called attention to a memo with supplemental information related to this proposal. He thanked the trustees, especially Trustee Boerner, for helping gain insight into the questions from trustees so that the information they would like to see was available in time for consideration during this discussion. He continued that an excellent demonstration of the way the committee process can work was
done at the Program & Planning Committee meeting in April. He suggested that the process is working as intended and that has helped staff to build information that meets the trustees’ needs in further considering this proposal. He asked Kelda Barstad to continue.

MS. BARSTAD stated that she is program officer with the Mental Health Trust Authority and covers the focus areas of Housing and Long-Term Services and Supports. The focus area of housing is an important body of work for the beneficiaries and the supplemental materials outline a great deal of information and touch on some brief points. The partner agencies worked very hard developing a majority of the supplemental materials and will be online for questions. She continued that housing improves health outcomes, reduces symptoms for both mental health and addiction; and is a solution for chronic homelessness. The proposed project targets individuals who are chronically homeless and are beneficiaries. She added that the intervention called permanent supportive housing is an effective intervention because it identifies housing for an individual that did not have the opportunity to have their own private space or felt safe for a long time. She added that about 150 people will be helped over three to four years with these funds, and they are all beneficiaries. This specific project also focuses on beneficiaries who have been involved with the Department of Corrections and have exhausted and fallen through all of the services and safety nets. She introduced the partners on the line: Michele Brown, president of United Way of Anchorage, and Nancy Burke, Housing and Homeless Services Coordinator for the Municipality of Anchorage.

CHAIR COOKE recognized Trustee Boerner for further discussion or comments regarding this motion.

TRUSTEE BOERNER thanked the trustees for the robust discussion that happened during the Program & Planning Committee and the care in which the information was taken. She asked for questions from the other trustees.

TRUSTEE BOYLES stated her concern on the amount of money which will only service a few individuals for that period of time. It will be a lengthy process to see how effective and efficient it will be.

TRUSTEE DERR stated she did not have any questions on this motion, but does for the next one.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN thanked staff and all the folks at the Trust that did the research necessary to answer the questions. She stated that she is still skeptical of housing programs and has watched a lot of money dumped into housing and homeless programs with very little success. She added that she was eager to see the Pay for Success model. She continued that she would like to see more medical treatment incorporated into the housing models throughout the state so people can be made whole medically as well as physically.
TRUSTEE McCARTY stated appreciation for the effort and concern about the homeless and trying to mitigate helping homeless situations efficiently and effectively. He stated his great concerns and shared some of the depth of the research he did regarding this.

TRUSTEE STURGEON stated that he was struggling with this and added that it is a very complicated problem with what appears to be a very complicated solution. He agreed with Trustee McCarty in that there are a lot of different demands out there for Trust money and asked if this is something that is going to solve a problem. He stated concern that the Veterans seem to have a much higher percentage of homelessness in Anchorage, and the amount of time they were homeless was the highest. He asked if people knew why the Veterans are affected more than others. He also stated that he did not see the Veterans Administration, or any Veteran organizations, listed as cosponsors to this.

MS. BURKE replied that Veterans tend to have the most comprehensive care system seen, and she would like to look at the data referencing the long stays in homelessness. She stated that the Veteran system tends to have the most responsive and fully funded program in the community. That is quite close to being described as a functional zero where any Veteran is homeless there are generally resources available for them to get supported housing, clinical support services, and case management. She added, that program serves as the basis for a number of housing programs, housing first focuses.

TRUSTEE STURGEON stated that the 531 days comes from the Homelessness in Anchorage report.

MS. BURKE stated that she would reach out to get more information but could not speak to that at this time. To the question of the absence of the Veterans organization, she replied that the folks that would be served in Home for Good do not have access to the VASH program, which includes all the same elements that are being replicated in Home for Good.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN talked about her experiences with the Veterans Administration not necessarily serving many of the Veterans that were eligible for services. They wound up dumped on Medicaid as beneficiaries that Medicaid served.

TRUSTEE McCARTY stated his concerns on this project not being a true collaborative community effort and was not seeing the VA or tribal organizations or other partners. He also talked about his concern of this additional $500,000 to the project, and if this would be a million dollars given to this project.

MR. ABBOTT explained that the Trust supported the pilot program associated with the Pay for Success project in FY18 for $500,000. That pilot was deemed to be successful and essentially validated that approach that this program would further implement. That led to the $500,000 request. He continued that the total funding for this would be a million over a three- to four-year
TRUSTEE BOERNER stated that the early numbers from that pilot project did demonstrate how this project met challenging, elite and the most vulnerable in society and beneficiaries.

CHAIR COOKE commented on the trustees' concerns and asked if this approach will help people emerge from homelessness and connect them with services that may support their progress into a more safe and stable living situation.

MS. BARSTAD replied that she had seen permanent supportive housing work across the state where there are permanent supportive housing programs and people had an opportunity to change their lives. People will choose to use fewer substances and drink less when they have safe, stable housing. That evidence was also presented from the Tanana Chiefs' permanent supportive housing, as well as Rural CAP supportive housing, that people will use fewer substances over time. People will engage more in mental health treatment and medical treatment more over time. In a way, that will complete the goals that they have set for themselves.

TRUSTEE DERR asked if the pilot program shows the results that this should go forward.

MS. BROWN shared some of the preliminary information and stated they have not yet been in a full year of operation. At this point, there has been a 60 percent reduction in shelter stays and a 78 percent reduction in arrests for this population. She stated that both individual improvement, quality of life, harm reduction and personal progress are observed. They are also strongly focused on the community consequences of the failure to serve this population and the high cost to the community. She continued that the initial data is consistent with what has been seen from other projects in a very sharp reduction of use of community services and improvement in either health or mental health outcomes.

CHAIR COOKE stated that he thought the original pilot was to involve 25, and only 19 were mentioned.

MS. BROWN replied that they have been engaged with 36 individuals through the referral system, and sometimes it takes some work getting folks ready to come into the program. She stated that 20 have been housed, and there are about seven getting intensive case management services from the core partners.

CHAIR COOKE asked if there will be capacity in mental health, health and substance abuse treatment services to meet the needs of this increased number of people that may be housed through the Home for Good program; and whether there will be resources to service that population.

MS. BURKE replied that it is encouraging that it seems the State is making progress on
implementing the 1115 behavioral health waiver. When this is opened, it is anticipated that it will be part of the ongoing sustainability strategy for the Home for Good population.

TRUSTEE McCARTY stated that he is having too many questions about this and suggested tabling it until some of the questions can be answered.

**MOTION:** A motion to table this was made by TRUSTEE McCARTY; seconded by TRUSTEE BOYLES.

CHAIR COOKE called the vote:

Trustee Boerner, no; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Derr, no; Trustee Halterman, no; Trustee McCarty, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Cooke, no. The MOTION FAILED.

CHAIR COOKE stated there was an underlying motion and asked for further discussion, or if it was ready for the question.

TRUSTEE DERR asked Mr. Abbott for any words of wisdom.

MR. ABBOTT replied that staff clearly recommends approval of this. He stated that staff is more than willing to provide additional information. He continued that a memo went out earlier in advance of the regular packet hoping to gain trustee comments on it and to augment it if there were additional information requests that were necessary for this meeting. He added that, regardless of how this issue is received, if the mechanism is not working for trustees in terms of identifying the information needed in advance of a meeting, please help staff understand how to get that information to you in a timely manner. There is no interest in bringing items forward that do not have the information that trustees want. He stated that this project, nor any of the previous ones, would individually resolve the issue of chronic homelessness in Anchorage, but they clearly make a dramatic impact on the lives of the individuals that are served. He continued that the Trust is not the only funder of this, and he believed that the Trust’s role in this is important because the beneficiaries are so clearly impacted by it.

The discussion continued on this project.

CHAIR COOKE called the question:

*After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Derr, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee McCarty, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes).*

CHAIR COOKE moved to the second element of this motion.
MOTION: A motion to approve a $500,000 FY21 Housing and Long-Term Services and Supports focus area allocation to the United Way of Anchorage for the Home for Good project was made by TRUSTEE DERR; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

TRUSTEE McCARTY asked if this amount of money would be expected for every year of the three-year project.

MR. ABBOTT replied that further funding for this project was not expected at this time. He stated expectation of seeing the results from this project over time without additional Trust funding.

An addition to the motion stated “United Way of Anchorage for the three-year Home for Good project’ was made by TRUSTEE DERR; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

CHAIR COOKE called the question:

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Derr, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee McCarty, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes).

TRUSTEE DERR suggested prevailing on Ms. Burke or one of the other project managers to spotlight the homelessness issue or bring up the historical data in regard to homelessness.

MR. ABBOTT stated that staff would be glad to work with the Chair on Program & Planning to build such a presentation. He added that he could not commit to having this at the July committee meetings because of the budgeting process.

CHAIR COOKE called a break.

(Break.)

CHAIR COOKE reconvened the meeting and stated that there is another approval submitted for consideration regarding Alaska Public Media. He asked for a motion.

MOTION: A motion for the Board of Trustees to approve $125,000 FY2020, Authority Grant to Alaska Public Media for the Mental Health Content Initiative -- Trust funding will come from the FY21 communications budget line -- was made by TRUSTEE BOERNER; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

CHAIR COOKE asked why there was FY20 on the first line, and then FY21 on the second.

MR. ABBOTT replied that he had the same question and would get the right language before the
vote. He stated that this proposal would fund the third year of a three-year project initiated in 2018 with Alaska Public Media as a way to increase statewide discussion of mental health and other related Trust issues around the state of Alaska. After working with Alaska Public Media, a local call-in show was converted into a statewide radio call-in show that reaches the entire Alaska Public Media network comprised of 26 radio stations serving around 95 percent of the population around the state. This would conclude the Trust’s commitment to this program.

MS. BIASTOCK continued that the purpose is to help Alaskan audiences increase their understanding of some of the challenges faced by the beneficiaries. This has been funded for two years, and staff is recommending this amount for trustee approval for the upcoming fiscal year. The intention of this grant was to expand and increase public affairs coverage of issues related to Trust beneficiaries. It is important to note that public affairs coverage is different from news coverage. She added that the initiative has been a success. She stated that Linda Isaac, the chief development officer for Alaska Public Media, is on-line and asked if she had anything to add.

MS. ISAAC stated that they are thrilled to have the opportunity and that this grant has given the chance to grow the capacity and allowed us to really delve into this very rich topic. She added that content was overdelivered because it was found that it serves the community and that is what they are asking for.

TRUSTEE BOERNER finds this a very valuable source, and reaching out to rural Alaska and providing services out there is something that she highly recommended.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN stated she wished she had known about the Line One broadcasts sooner.

CHAIR COOKE asked if the broadcasts are archived and could they be accessed.

MS. ISAAC replied that there are two places where they are archived, under the show itself or on the mental health page.

TRUSTEE STURGEON asked if there were any numbers on how many people actually listen to the show or what kind of an audience it is.

MS. ISAAC replied that the reach is one thing, and then listenership and connecting through digital is another. There are also ratings measured twice a year through Nielsen. The final annual report states how many are reached. There will also be digital measurement, as well.

CHAIR COOKE called the vote:

*After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Derr, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee McCarty, yes; Trustee*
MR. ABBOTT requested a correction of a typo in the motion. It should read “approve $125,000 FY21” and “FY21 communications budget line.”

CHAIR COOKE asked if there was a problem with simply correcting a typographical effort.

MS. SMITH-COOLIDGE stated the safe thing would be to restate the motion correctly and then do another vote.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve $125,000 FY21 Authority Grant to Alaska Public Media for the Mental Health Content Initiative -- Trust funding will come from the FY21 communications budget line -- was made by TRUSTEE BOERNER; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

*After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Derr, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee McCarty, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes).*

CHAIR COOKE moved to the Program & Planning Committee report.

**PROGRAM & PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

TRUSTEE BOERNER began with a brief summary of the Program & Planning Committee report and talked about the presentations on shelter and housing interventions for homeless beneficiaries. There was a Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Comp Plan update provided, and a discussion on the FY22-23 budget process and focus area overviews. She appreciated Michael Baldwin on his flexibility, and looked forward to that presentation in an upcoming Program & Planning Committee. She stated that the committee approved a $250,000 FY21 partnership grant with the Fairbanks Rescue Mission for the My Place Housing Project and Fairbanks Rapid Rehousing. She continued that the discussion for the Home for Good project grant application for Anchorage permanent supportive housing was tabled. She concluded her brief summary.

CHAIR COOKE stated that the packet included some of the materials about the focus areas which are building blocks around which the budget is constructed; things emphasized in the budgeting and allocation of the grants process. He asked Steve Williams to continue.

MR. WILLIAMS stated that some of the details were provided at the Program & Planning Committee meeting which explained the process used to develop the FY 22-23 recommendations. He continued that FY22 will be the focus of the two-year budget that will be developed. It will ultimately be approved and then submitted to the Administration and the
Legislature by the trustees for their recommendations for how the State should be spending the General Fund dollars, other dollars, and the appropriations of Trust funds. He added that an FY23 budget will also be developed and will be approved at the August meeting. That budget will be revisited next year. It will be prepared and gone through, but there will be another opportunity to hear presentations, recommendations for any adjustments, either reallocations or increases or new increments. He talked about the focus areas and the process by which the budget recommendations for those focus areas were developed. He went through the process of identifying the places that the Trust could be most effective and to address critical needs of beneficiaries to improve not only the individual beneficiaries, but also the organizations and then the system as a whole. He talked about the history of Alaskans being sent out of state to institutions. Some of those Alaskans did not come back, and some actually perished or died in those institutions in the Lower 48. That was the foundation of the work of the Trust: to provide prevention, early intervention, treatment access across the life span so that beneficiaries do not end up in long-term interventional levels of care as happened historically. He continued explaining how the focus areas came to be and the steps taken to get the budget adopted and presented to the Governor and the Legislature.

TRUSTEE BOERNER stated that in looking at the six areas of focus that have been dedicated energy and resources, there is a varying level of how it integrates with the overall comp plan. It is building awareness. She thanked the staff for addressing the six questions, as well, with regard to the focus areas.

CHAIR COOKE talked about the Crisis Now model and asked how the focus areas adapt to changing strategies.

TRUSTEE BOERNER stated that the Crisis Now model had the ability to hit a number of various focus areas looking at recidivism and trying to reduce the number of beneficiaries cycling through the Department of Justice system or staying for extended stays in the emergency department. The Crisis Now model has great potential to have impact on several of the areas.

CHAIR COOKE liked the suggestion of relabeling the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment focus area into a broader term such as Behavioral Health Treatment, because it seems that substance abuse may be a symptom of a behavioral health need.

TRUSTEE BOERNER agreed.

MR. WILLIAMS stated that Katie Baldwin-Johnson has been working on and getting input from the advisory boards and other stakeholders.

A discussion ensued.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that each program officer has their own area of emphasis.
expertise focus area. With that, there tends to be certain stakeholders that engage in the work that are concerned with those issues that have direct experience working with beneficiaries in various capacities and in various settings. She continued that the program officers were engaged in and have been actively reaching out and setting up meetings, discussions and video meetings. That work will continue through June, and that information will be compiled, analyzed and compared to past years’ information gathered through the stakeholders' processes. She added, that will be summarized and the information will go into one document which will be available to the trustees and the public. The information will include what folks are identifying as priorities and how the Trust responds to those recommendations and needs. The goal is to be able to bring forward to trustees a draft budget with proposed strategies for discussion at the Program & Planning Committee meeting in July.

CHAIR COOKE asked if the trustees had further matters concerning the focus area materials and the Program & Planning report to raise. There being none, he concluded the discussion. He stated that the final item on the agenda is trustee comments.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

TRUSTEE BOERNER thanked Chair Cooke and Vice Chair Halterman for stepping up and accepting roles of leadership for the Alaska Mental Health Trust. She stated that she was honored to serve with such an engaged group of trustees, and appreciated all the conversation. She recommended and remains interested in attending and meeting with the advisory board of directors, particularly since the joint board, ABADA and Alaska Mental Health Board, have seen some new changeovers. She was also impressed by the Trust staff and thanked them for bringing forth high-quality work and appreciated their commitment to the beneficiaries. She also recommended caution in moving forward with regard to reopening the offices. There is still a high level number of deaths in the country. She reminded management to keep the health and safety of the staff and the members at the highest level.

TRUSTEE BOYLES stated she was fine.

TRUSTEE DERR appreciated working with Mike Williams and with Greg Jones and his willingness to come back and share his experiences. She enjoyed the meeting and looked forward to July.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN thanked everyone for the amount of time it took to put everything together and appreciated the conversation.

TRUSTEE DERR asked if there was still a list of the acronyms available to share with all the trustees.

MR. WILLIAMS stated they will do a quick review of it and send it to all the trustees.
MR. ABBOTT stated that he would send out the most recent schedule for the balance of 2020 with his next weekly report.

TRUSTEE McCARTY concurred with what the other trustees said and stated that he was humbled in being part of this team and is trying to work through the existing challenges. He talked about the importance of strategic data collection.

TRUSTEE STURGEON stated that he had an opportunity to listen to Pat Pitney, head of Legislative Audit, give a presentation on the 2020 and the 2021 budget, which was very sobering. He reported on some of the budget items and added that the lack of State funds will probably put a bigger burden on the Trust. At the next meeting, he would like the board to discuss what may be happening and the impact on the beneficiaries and the Trust’s plan. He appreciated the staff and the way they prepare the trustees and how they care about the beneficiaries.

CHAIR COOKE thanked all and appreciated the confidence placed in him by selecting him as the entering chair. He stated that he was impressed with the diligence, preparation, and the focus of the trustees to take this important job seriously. He looked forward to all the meetings becoming more and more substantive. He also thanked the partners for their presentations, and to staff for the materials and the discussion of the materials so trustees can better understand the issues. There being nothing else, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE BOERNER wished Trustee Derr safe travels.

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

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

(Full Board of Trustees meeting concluded at 2:11 pm).
Current
Trust Bylaws
ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
BYLAWS

ARTICLE I
NAME

The name of this organization is the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

ARTICLE II
PURPOSE OF THE AUTHORITY

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority acts in the best interest of the beneficiaries of the trust. It is accountable to:
(a) Provide for sound governance, fiduciary oversight and direction in achieving the mission of the Trust Authority;
(b) Ensure an integrated, comprehensive mental health program for the State of Alaska in partnership with Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS); and
(c) Preserve, protect, and grow the trust corpus and administer trust assets.

ARTICLE III
BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Section 1. Trust Authority board of trustees composition:
(a) The Trust Authority shall be governed by its board of trustees.
(b) The Trust Authority board of trustees, hereafter referred to as the board, consists of seven members appointed by the governor in accordance with AS 47.30.016 and confirmed by the legislature.

Section 2. Term of office, vacancies, and removal:
(a) The members of the board serve staggered five-year terms. A member shall continue to serve until the member’s successor is appointed and confirmed by the legislature.
(b) A vacancy occurring in the membership of the board shall be filled within 60 days by appointment of the governor for the unexpired portion of the vacated term.
(c) The governor may remove a member of the board only for cause per AS 47.30.021.
(d) Except for a trustee who has served two consecutive five-year terms, a member of the board may be reappointed. A member of the board who has served two consecutive five-year terms is not eligible for reappointment to the board until one year has intervened as per AS 47.30.021(d).
ARTICLE IV
BOARD OF TRUSTEE DUTIES

Section 1: The role of the board is to:
(a) Set the vision for the organization;
(b) Set policies for the organization, including adoption of regulations as appropriate under AS 47.30.031;
(c) Adopt charters that define the role, authority, operating procedures, duties, and responsibilities of the board and standing committees; and
(d) Approve contractual agreements with advisors as defined in statute and the settlement agreement, specifically Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation (APFC), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Statutory Advisory Boards.
(e) Fulfill the duties listed in AS 37.14.007(b)(1)-(12).

Section 2: The board will conduct business in accordance with AS 47.30.036.

ARTICLE V
OFFICERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The board, by a majority vote of its membership, shall annually elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary from its membership.

Section 2. The officers will be elected by a majority vote at the annual budget approval meeting, and officers’ terms of office commence upon adjournment of that meeting. Officers’ terms of office end effective at adjournment of the meeting in which new officers are elected.

Section 3. Officers may be re-elected to the office in which they serve by vote of the membership of the board as above. The board’s intention is to allow board members the opportunity to serve in officer roles in support of ongoing board development. To that end, no member may serve more than 2 consecutive terms in the same office except as provided for by affirmative vote of 5 board members.

Section 4. If the office of the Chair becomes vacant, the Vice Chair succeeds to the office of the Chair and serves until an election held at the next board meeting. The newly elected Chair will serve until the next annual election.

Section 5. Except for the office of Chair, if an office of the board becomes vacant, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy at the next regular meeting following the vacancy. The officer will serve until the next annual election.

Section 6. The duties of the officers shall be as follows:
(a) Chair
1. Call all meetings. Preside at all meetings.
2. Appoint chairs of committees and committee members.
3. Serve as ex-officio (voting) member of all committees, but may not concurrently serve as board Chair and chair of any standing committee, with the exception of the Executive Committee.

4. Act as primary spokesperson for the board.

5. Act as one of the official spokespersons for the Trust Authority, together with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), when requested by the Chief Communications Officer.

(b) Vice Chair
1. Assist the Chair in the discharge of his/her duties.
2. Perform the duties of the Chair in the absence or incapacity of the Chair.
3. Perform other duties as assigned by the board.

(c) Secretary
1. Assume duties of the Chair when Chair and Vice Chair are unavailable.
2. Perform other duties as assigned by the board.
3. Assure that the records of board proceedings are maintained in accordance with these bylaws and in accordance with AS 37.14.007(b)(2) and the Records Management Act (AS 40.21).

ARTICLE VI
MEETINGS

Section 1. The board will hold four regular meetings each fiscal year. Committees will meet as necessary to accomplish their responsibilities.

Section 2. Special or emergency meetings of the board may be held at such time and place as the Chair may order; or upon the written request to the Chair of any four trustees.

Section 3. Reasonable public notice of board and committee meetings shall be provided in accordance with AS 44.62.310. Meetings of the board and its committees are subject to the Open Meetings Act, AS 44.62.310 and 44.62.312.

Section 4. A quorum at all board meetings shall consist of four board members. A quorum at committee meetings is a majority of the committee’s members.

Section 5. No member of the board may designate a proxy.

Section 6. The board will schedule at least one period for public comment during each regularly scheduled board meeting.

Section 7. Formal actions by the board are accomplished through adoption of motions.
ARTICLE VII
COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

There will be five standing committees of the board. Standing committee chairs and
members will be appointed by the Chair after polling the board regarding individual trustee’s
interest and ability to serve. A member may serve as chair of only one standing committee
at any time except as a stand-in until the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Standing
committees will have a minimum of 3 committee members. The board chair may designate
ad hoc committees to accomplish special purposes. Persons other than board members
may serve on the board’s ad hoc committees; however, such persons may not be voting
members of such committees, only appointed board members may vote on committee
actions. Committee recommendations will be reported to the board for action at the next
regular board meeting.

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the board is composed of three board officers, the
Chair, the Vice Chair, and the Secretary. The Executive Committee will:
(a) Ensure development of policies for governing the Trust Authority for approval by the
board.
(b) Oversee implementation of governance policies at the direction of and on behalf of
the board in accordance with law and the committee charter adopted by the board.
(c) The Executive Committee will meet only as needed.

Section 2. The Resource Management Committee will, in consultation with the CEO and
Executive Director (ED) of the TLO:
(a) Ensure development of policies for protecting, enhancing, and managing the trust’s
non-cash resources in the best interests of the beneficiaries for approval by the
board.
(b) Oversee implementation of plans at the direction of and on behalf of the board in
accordance with law and the committee charter adopted by the board.

Section 3. The Program and Planning Committee will, in consultation with the CEO and
Executive Director (ED) of Mental Health Policy and Programs.:
(a) Ensure development of policies to meet needs and improve the circumstances of
beneficiaries; and recommends to the board for approval.
(b) Oversee implementation of plans at the direction of and on behalf of the board in
accordance with Trust Authority statutes and regulations and the committee charter
adopted by the board.

Section 4. The Finance Committee will, in consultation with the CEO and Chief Financial
Officer (CFO):
(a) Ensure development of policies for investment and fiscal management for approval
by the board.
(b) Oversee implementation of approved investment and fiscal management policies on
behalf of the board in accordance with Trust Authority statutes and regulations and
the committee charter adopted by the board.
Section 5. The Audit and Risk Committee will, in consultation with the CEO and CFO:
(a) Ensure development of policies for managing the annual audit process and
identifying and addressing organizational risk for approval by the board.
(b) Oversee implementation of approved audit and risk management policies on behalf
of the board in accordance with Trust Authority statutes and regulations and the
committee charter adopted by the board.

ARTICLE VIII
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Section 1. The board shall select and employ a Chief Executive Officer as provided by law.

Section 2. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for day-to-day operations of the Trust
Authority including planning, organizing, coordinating, and directing all activities
necessary to enable the Trust Authority to exercise its powers and duties, and
fulfill the purpose of the Trust Authority. The CEO will operate and conduct the
business and affairs of the Trust Authority according to the statutes, regulations,
bylaws, policies, and charters adopted by the board. The CEO duties and
responsibilities shall be set forth in a CEO Job description to be adopted by the
board.

Section 3. The Chief Executive Officer shall oversee administration of the contract with the
Trust Land Office on behalf of the Trust Authority to ensure compliance with

Section 4. The board will evaluate the Chief Executive Officer’s performance annually in
writing. The board will define the process for conducting annual reviews and
include it in the Board Operations Manual.

Section 5. Termination of employment of the Chief Executive Officer is by majority vote of
the board.

ARTICLE IX
PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Unless otherwise provided by law or these bylaws, the board’s procedures shall be
governed by Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised. The Chair may appoint an appropriate
person to serve as parliamentarian.

ARTICLE X
ETHICS

Board members are required to comply with the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act
(AS 39.52) and AS 47.30.016(c)(2).
ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended at any meeting of the board. Amendment of these bylaws requires 5 affirmative votes of board members provided that written notice and copies of the proposed amendment have been submitted to the members 30 days prior to the meeting, or by unanimous vote without notice.

ARTICLE XII
DEFINITIONS

In these bylaws,

The Alaska Mental Health Trust means the sum of all assets owned by the Alaska Mental Health Trust as established by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Enabling Act, P.L. 84-830, 70 Stat. 709 (1956) and the Mental Health Settlement Agreement (June 10, 1994), including cash and non-cash assets.

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (the Trust Authority) means the entity charged with administering the trust, as trustee, is governed by a seven-member board. (AS 37.14.007, AS 47.30.011, AS 47.30.016)

The Trust Land Office (TLO) means the unit of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources that is charged with managing the trust’s natural resources, land, and other fixed assets. (AS 44.37.050)

Regular Meeting means a board meeting that is scheduled at the annual budget meeting to occur during the succeeding year, provided that a regular meeting that is rescheduled on reasonable notice to the public is still a regular board meeting.

Special Meeting means any board meeting other than a regular meeting, including an emergency meeting.

Emergency Meeting means any board meeting conducted for the purpose of addressing time sensitive matters that may not be capable of resolution within the statutory or delegated authority of the Executive Committee or the CEO. If an emergency meeting is conducted on less than the customary public notice, public notice shall be published as soon as practicable. If the agenda of an emergency meeting is not available in advance, the agenda will be published as soon as practicable after the emergency meeting.

Mary Jane Michael, Chair

Laraine Derr, Secretary
Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education
Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education

Trustee Meeting Presentation
August 2020
GCDSE Mission, Composition, & Roles:

26 Council members appointed by the Governor

Mission: Creating change that improves the lives of Alaskans with disabilities

DD Shared Vision: Alaskans share a vision of a flexible system in which each person directs their own supports, based on their strengths and abilities, toward a meaningful life in their home, their job and their community. Our vision includes supported families, professional staff and services available throughout the state now and into the future.
Council Member Leadership

Corey Gilmore
Council Chair

Heidi Lieb-Williams
Vice Chair

Alex Gimarc
DD Chair

David Kohler
Education Chair

Molly McManamin
Early Intervention Chair

Anna Attila
Employment & Transportation Chair

Art DeLaune
Legislative Chair

Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
Meghan Clark
FASD

Art DeLaune
Medicaid

Heidi Lieb-Williams
Autism

Ad Hoc/Workgroups
Council Staff

Kristin Vandagriff  
Executive Director

Anne Applegate  
Planner III

Ian Miner  
Administrative Assistant II

**Almost Hired**  
Program Coordinator II

Lanny Mommsen  
Research Analyst III

Elena Markova  
Program Coordinator II

Ric Nelson  
Program Coordinator I
COVID-19 Response:

Stakeholder Concerns:
- Mask requirement (businesses, airlines, community)
- Social isolation
- DD services providers - fiscal concerns and staying afloat
- Special Education students – skill regression
- Guardians and visiting

Council Research Analyst (funded by Trust):
- Attends weekly COVID-19 statewide meetings (bringing in the perspective of Alaskans with disabilities)
- Leads the Alaska Disability Advisory Group (ADAG) on Emergency Preparedness
- Reviewing local, state, federal guidance including mandates and press conferences
- Robust resource dissemination (social media, email listserv, website)
- Working with partners to create website link to more information regarding masks
COVID-19 Messaging Collaboration with DHSS

Remember: Some people may not be able to wear face coverings due to health and safety conditions, including:

- Individuals with Disabilities
- Children under the age of two

Patrons who state they have a functional need which prevents them from safely wearing face coverings should be allowed to enter a retail establishment.

COVID19.alaska.gov

Remember some people may need someone to go with them when going into the community due to health and safety conditions.

Support person might include:

- Personal care attendant
- Parent or family member

People who state they have a functional need preventing them from entering a retail establishment on their own may need assistance from a personal care attendant. Whether the assistant is a household member or other service provider type, they should also be allowed entry.

COVID19.alaska.gov
The *Alaska COVID-19 Toolkit Webinar* for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

**Friday, July 30th | 10AM-12PM**

**Sold Out!!! See below:**

For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Ric Nelson: Email: ric.nelson@alaska.gov; Call: 907-269-8989

If you were unable to sign up for the first Webinar before it sold out, please use this link to sign up for the second version of this Webinar, held on:

**August 7th at 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**


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**Living Well on the Last Frontier**

**A Health & Safety Toolkit for Alaskans with Disabilities**

**IN THIS TOOLKIT:**

Stay Healthy

Stay Safe

Stay Connected

Frequently Asked Questions

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**COVID-19 RESOURCE TOOLKIT**

**Information and Resources to Keep You Healthy, Safe, and Connected**

The coronavirus disease 2019, or COVID-19, outbreak has left a lot of people in need of new or different resources and clear information. While the situation continues to change all the time, we want you to have access to the information and tools you need to stay healthy, safe, and connected.

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**Alaska Specific Plain Language COVID-19 Toolkit** (everything from understanding the virus and how to stay safe, to ideas on how to keep engaging with people virtually):

- This was a collaborative effort with the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services.
COVID-19 Resources:

Following are some resources the Alaska Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education (the Council) has developed with partners to support Alaskans with disabilities and their families amidst the current pandemic.

• Compensatory Education and Extended School Year Services FAQs: http://dhss.alaska.gov/gcdse/Documents/pdf/Extended-School-Year%20FAQs--Accessible.pdf This was a collaborative effort with Stone Soup Group and Disability Law Center.


• FAQs – COVID-19 Stimulus Payments and ABLE Accounts: http://dhss.alaska.gov/gcdse/Documents/news/2020-Stimulus-FAQs--Accesible.pdf This was a collaboration with Department of Revenue and the Disability Law Center.
Empowerment Through Employment Guide

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EMPLOYMENT:
Employment Resources Guide for Alaskans with Disabilities

This resource was developed to help realize the vision of “Empowerment through Employment” for Alaskans experiencing a range of disabilities, including mental illness, substance use/abuse disorders, intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, and traumatic brain injuries. There are many resources available to support Alaskans with disabilities in becoming employed and maintaining employment. This document includes many of those resources with web links to where you can find more information.

Alaska is an ‘Employment First’ state and employment in the general workforce should be the first and preferred option for individuals with disabilities receiving assistance from publicly funded systems.

Alaskans with mental health and substance use disorders, developmental disabilities, as well as traumatic and acquired brain injuries may benefit from services and supports around employment to improve their health outcomes, including treatment and recovery efforts for some.

Trust Beneficiary Employment & Engagement Technical Assistance Efforts:

• COVID-19 Employment Taskforce (DVR-led)
• Alaska Work Matters Taskforce exploration (to implement Employment First)
  • Employment First = competitive & integrated employment
• Collaborative Employer Engagement efforts
  • Lead Business Employment Services Team (BEST) working with Department of Labor
• Held Virtual Transition Fair with partners
• Support Alaska’s Project SEARCH sites (Anchorage, Fairbanks, & Mat-Su)
• Presented nationally before Council on State Governments West – ADA 30 Year Celebration with Bobby Silverstein
GCDSE State 5-Year Plan Development:

Current GCDSE State 5-Year Plan (2016-2021)

GCDSE State 5-Year Plan
Community Forum Results:

Survey option to provide feedback: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PKK5P9R](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PKK5P9R)
On July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was passed by Congress, establishing America’s commitment to end discrimination against people with disabilities.

Council ADA Page Created: http://dhss.alaska.gov/gcdse/Pages/history/ADA-30-anniversary.aspx
Alaska Disability Pride 2020

• Disability Pride means accepting and honoring each person's uniqueness and seeing disability as a natural and beautiful part of human diversity.

• Disability Pride awareness events promote visibility and mainstream awareness of the positive pride felt by people with disabilities.

• Council Planner, Anne Applegate, was awarded as the 2020 Statewide Community Champion for Disability Pride!
SFY22/23 Trust Budget

• Joint Advisory Board Letter RE: Alaska Training Cooperative

• Early Childhood/Early Intervention Funding Investment
SFY22 and the Upcoming Legislative Session:

- Unknown dynamics regarding advocacy medium due to pandemic (in-person/virtual)
- Education on the importance of Home and Community Based Services
- Cost savings options being further developed
- Exploring the idea of possible cost savings from telework
  - Universal Design concept which will benefit people with disabilities as well as those without
    - As we work through this pandemic, telework for many with disabilities who fall under the “high risk” population will be critical in maintaining employment while balancing health and safety needs.
  - Per the State Exchange on Employment and Disability’s (SEED) Telework Policy Brief, public and private sector employers are reporting that telework can benefit organizations by:
    - Saving money by promoting management efficiencies and costs related to employee turnover and absenteeism;
    - Making organizations more resilient in response to emergencies;
    - Reducing real estate and energy costs, transit costs, and environmental impact;
    - Improving the quality of employee work-life; and
    - Increasing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.
GCDSE Mission Moment!

Inducted into the NACDD Self-Advocate Leadership Circle
The Betty Williams
Champion of Equal
Opportunity

Heidi Lieb-Williams
Alaska

Advocating for “Possibility Day” For the Alaska State Fair

National Presenter
Alaska State Fair Duchess
Business Owner
Autism Advocate

Artist and Business Owner

Meeting with U.S. Congressman Don Young

Meeting the Mayor

Meeting the Governor

Testifying before the Legislature on Supported Decision Making

Bill signing for Supported Decision Making Agreements Act
Questions?

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Approval
MEMO

To: Chris Cooke, Chair – Board of Trustees
From: Mike Abbott, Chief Executive Officer
Date: August 19, 2020
Re: Trust Cost Allocation Regulation Package

REQUESTED MOTION:

Move to adopt the proposed changes to 20 AAC 40.610 as put forth for public comment on July 1, 2020.

ANALYSIS

Proposed changes to Alaska Administrative Code, specifically 20 AAC 40.610, will allow the Trust to recover spendable income that was used to develop trust land for the purpose of producing revenue. Under the proposed regulations, spendable income used for development would return to the Trust Settlement Income Fund before the net revenue is allocated between principal and income. Under the current regulation, there is an automatic conversion of all income used in a revenue producing project to principal following trust land and resource sales.

During the August 2019 board meeting, trustees directed staff to move forward with a regulation update process that would allow for recovery of spendable income invested in Trust lands. Following that direction from trustees, this regulation package was developed in coordination with our Advisory Boards and the Department of Law, and has undergone a 30-day public comment period, during which no comments were received. Should these proposed changes to regulations be adopted by the trustees, they will be sent to the Department of Law and the Governor’s office for final review and approval; if approved, they will be sent to the Lt. Governor’s office for filing and publication.

Adoption of the proposed changes to 20 AAC 40.610 is recommended.

BACKGROUND

Trustees have a fiduciary responsibility to appropriately allocate revenues derived from trust lands to either principal or income. Existing regulations (20 AAC 40.610) set how that allocation is to occur. The existing regulations do not anticipate the need to recover development costs associated with revenue generating activities on Trust lands. Such development costs can be drawn from a subset of the Trust Settlement Income Fund. The Trust Settlement Income Fund is also where the Trust draws funds for beneficiary programs and administrative costs in alignment with the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan.

Following that direction from trustees, the Trust has proposed to adopt changes in Title 20 of the Alaska Administrative Code, specifically 20 AAC 40.610 dealing with the allocation of revenues earned by the Trust Land Office between Trust principal and income. Alaska Statute (AS
37.14.031(d)) requires the Trust to develop regulations pertaining to the allocation of revenues, and a change to our revenue allocation is consistent with the legal settlement agreement that created AMHTA in 1994.

The revised regulations would allow the board of trustees to allocate “net” proceeds from land sales and resource transactions to principal, where it is invested for the long-term benefit of AMHTA beneficiaries. This allows the Trust Settlement Income Funds to be used to enhance revenue from trust lands management, some of which will be returned to income, and hence available for programs and expenses, while the remaining revenue will continue to be invested in principal.

The result of this change in regulations will, for land sales to which this new provision is applied, increase the amount of income that is available for the board of trustees to allocate toward the management of the Trust or advocacy and programs that directly serve Trust beneficiaries. This change also allows trustees to better balance current and future beneficiary needs by returning income spent to generate revenue back to income for additional development or current programs, while still growing Trust principal and land values that will support long term beneficiary needs.

As a part of the regulation adoption process, Trust staff engaged with our statutory advisory boards, who represent our beneficiaries. Trust staff also worked closely with the department of law in the development of the proposed changes to the regulations, as well as the accompanying materials that provide additional information about what the proposed changes do and why they are being sought. It was important to the Trust that the information about the proposed change was clear and meaningful to our stakeholders and the public.

In addition, the proposed changes were noticed for public comment. As a part of that process, notice was published in the Anchorage Daily News, on the State of Alaska’s Online Public Notice system, as well at the Trust’s website. It was also sent directly to the Advisory Boards, all incumbent Alaska state legislators, and the Department of Law. During the 30-day comment period that ended on July 31, 2020, no questions or comments were received.

Here is a link to the public notice: [https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=198703](https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/Notices/View.aspx?id=198703)

Attachments to this memo are the same that accompanied the public notice:
- Proposed revisions to 20AAC 40.610
- A letter from the Trust CEO regarding the proposed revisions
Proposed Regulation Changes on the Allocation of Trust Land Revenues

Board of Trustees Meeting
August 26, 2020
What do the proposed changes to 20 AAC 40.610 do?
A Simple Example

Current Regulations:

- Trust Settlement Income Fund
  - Development costs for a Trust land parcel

Sale of Trust land parcel

- All proceeds from sale of Trust land parcel
  - Trust Principal

Proposed Regulations:

- Trust Settlement Income Fund
  - Development costs for a Trust land parcel

Sale of Trust land parcel

- Net proceeds from sale of Trust land parcel
  - Trust Principal
  - Development cost recovery
  - Trust Settlement Income Fund
Another Example

• We have a Trust parcel worth an estimated $1M
• Trustees decide to invest and recover $1M to improve the parcel by adding access roads and subdividing
• Following improvements, the parcel sells to a developer for $4M
• After the sale, the $1M for improvements would be recovered and returned to income before the net proceeds went to principal
• If trustees also pre-determined they would recover interest (example: 3%) in this same transaction, and the sale took place 10 years after the original $1M improvement, then $1.3M ($1M original investment, plus $300,000 in interest, or \(0.03 \times 1,000,000\)) would be recoverable to spendable income.
Regulation Adoption Process

• Followed the required state process
• Engaged with Statutory Advisory Boards
• Worked with the Department of Law
• Worked to ensure that support materials were clear and meaningful to our stakeholders and the public
• 30 day public comment period
Question:
What authority do we have to allocate how revenue is allocated?
Question: Why shouldn’t this money go to principal?
Question:
Will this impact the settlement that created the Trust in 1994?
Question:
Can these regulations be applied retroactively?
Question:
Will these new regulations be applied to all income expenditures on Trust land?
Question: How will this impact Trust beneficiaries?
Question: How will this impact Trust finances in the long term?
July 1, 2020

Re: Proposed Revisions to Revenue Allocation

Dear Alaskan:

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority [AMHTA] proposes to adopt changes in Title 20 of the Alaska Administrative Code, specifically 20 AAC 40.610 dealing with the allocation of revenues earned by the Trust Land Office between AMHTA principal and income. Alaska Statute requires the Trust to develop regulations pertaining to the allocation of revenues. A change to our revenue allocation is also consistent with the legal settlement agreement that created AMHTA in 1994.

This letter explains the proposed revisions to the regulations, why we are proposing this regulation package now, and how this action relates to Alaska Mental Health Trust revenues.

This regulation package was developed following consultation with our board of trustees and our partner advisory boards. If adopted, these regulations would not diminish our ability to grant funds to beneficiary programs or to fulfill our mission of serving Trust beneficiaries.

I invite you to review and comment on these proposed regulations.

Why Do We Need to Amend these Regulations?

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees has a fiduciary responsibility to appropriately allocate revenues derived from trust lands to either principal or income. Existing regulations set how that allocation is to occur (20 AAC 40.610).

The board of trustees has recognized that the existing regulations do not anticipate the need to recover development costs associated with revenue generating activities on Trust lands. Such development costs can be drawn from a subset of the Trust Settlement Income Fund. The Trust Settlement Income Fund is also where AMHTA draws funds for beneficiary programs and administrative costs in alignment with the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan.

The revised regulations would allow the board of trustees to allocate “net” proceeds from land sales and resource transactions to principal, where it is invested for the long-term benefit of AMHTA beneficiaries. This allows the Trust Settlement Income Funds to be used to enhance revenue from trust lands.
management, some of which will be returned to income, and hence available for programs and expenses, while the remaining revenue will continue to be invested in principal.

How do these Regulations affect Trust Beneficiaries?

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority revenue is to be used for the benefit of the Trust and improving the lives of its beneficiaries. These proposed regulations will allow the Trust to return income and interest that was used to acquire new trust land, or to develop trust land for the purpose of producing revenue for the Trust, to the Trust Settlement Income Fund before the net revenue is allocated to principal. This facilitates continued use of income for revenue-producing projects beneficial to both principal and income through additional trust land and resource sales.

The result of this change in regulations will, for land sales to which this new provision is applied, increase the amount of income that is available for the board of trustees to allocate toward the management of the Trust or advocacy and programs that directly serve Trust beneficiaries. This change also allows trustees to better balance current and future beneficiary needs by returning income spent to generate revenue back to income for additional development or current programs, while still growing Trust principal and land values that will support long term beneficiary needs.

How will the Regulations be Revised?

In summary:

20 AAC 40.610 is proposed to be changed as follows:

a. Under the section governing allocations to principal, “revenues” allocated to principal are the “net proceeds” after returning development costs and interest to income,

b. Defining “net proceeds”, “development costs”, and “trust land.”

**Current Regulations:**

- Trust Settlement Income Fund
- Development costs for a Trust land parcel
- Sale of Trust land parcel
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**Proposed Regulations:**

- Trust Settlement Income Fund
- Development costs for a Trust land parcel
- Sale of Trust land parcel
- Net proceeds from sale of Trust land parcel
- Development cost recovery
- Trust Settlement Income Fund
- Trust Principal
Opportunity to Comment.

Interested parties are encouraged to review the proposed regulations and submit any comments to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. Enclosed is the official “Notice of Proposed Changes in the Regulations of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority,” which lists the specific areas and provides the details regarding the submission of public comment. You can review the proposed regulations on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and at alaskamentalhealthtrust.org.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Valette Keller at 3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200, Anchorage, AK 99508. Additionally, the Department of Revenue, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority will accept comments by electronic mail at valette.keller@alaska.gov. The comments must be received not later than 5:00 pm on July 31, 2020.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Valette Keller, at 3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200, Anchorage, AK 99508 or Valette.keller@alaska.gov. The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period. The Department of Revenue, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and at alaskamentalhealthtrust.org.

Thank you for your consideration of these proposed regulations. The AMHTA looks forward to reading your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Abbott
CEO
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
Proposed Regulation Change

20 AAC 40.610 is repealed and readopted to read:

20 AAC 40.610. Allocation of trust land revenues between principal and income

(a) Revenues received from the management of trust land will be allocated between principal and income as follows:

(1) to principal,
   (A) net proceeds from land sales transactions;
   (B) net proceeds from royalties from resource transactions; and,
   (C) net proceeds from permanent easements;

(2) to income,
   (A) interest and transaction costs;
   (B) recovery of development costs from land sales, royalties, or other resource transactions and perpetual easements;
   (C) bonus bids; and
   (D) rents and other revenues from the temporary use of land, regardless of whether the use is exclusive or non-exclusive, or is short- or long-term.

(b) Development costs are attributable to the management of specific trust land in preparation for a transaction if approved in advance.

   (1) Approval must be based on a development plan that considers the value of the land or resource prior to the commitment of development costs compared to the value of the improved land or resource; the risk that the value of the improvement will not be realized; and the duration of time between improvement and consummation of the land or resource transaction.

   (2) Development costs not approved in advance are generally not attributable to the management of specific trust land in preparation for a transaction.

   (3) Notwithstanding (2), if a timber sales transaction is not subject to an approved development plan, net proceeds will be allocated 85% to principal and 15% to income.

(c) Valuations for the purposes of this section will be based on the best evidence reasonably obtainable. After reviewing the methodology and supporting evidence, the board may rely on Department of Natural Resources estimates of value.

(d) In this section,
(1) “net proceeds” means all financial or other consideration attributable to a transaction less

(A) interest; and,

(B) development costs.

(2) “development costs” means all expenses reimbursed to the Department of Natural Resources under AS 37.14.041(a)(4)(B) attributable to the management of specific trust land in preparation for a transaction, including surveying, marketing, clearing, accessing, improving, or otherwise enhancing the value or marketability of the land or resource.

(3) “trust land” or “land” has the meaning given in 11 AAC 99.990(2), except that interests in real property held indirectly through business entities are not land, but may be treated as intangible assets for purposes of allocation if the land and the entity are sold in the same transaction.

Authority: AS 37.14.031
Finance Committee Report / Update
REQUESTED MOTION #1:

The Finance Committee recommends that the full Board of Trustees authorize the Chief Financial Officer to transfer upon receipt of the proceeds from the Juneau Subport sales transaction from the TADA account to the Permanent Fund for investment.

Meeting Summary:

There has been one meeting of the Finance Committee since the last board report, occurring on July 30, 2020. The meeting was attended via the online WebEx platform by trustees Laraine Derr (chair), Vernè Boerner, Rhonda Boyles, Chris Cooke, Anita Halterman, Ken McCarty and John Sturgeon.

The July 30, 2020 Finance Committee addressed seven items:

Fiscal Year 2020 Financial Dashboard: The Committee reviewed the preliminary FY20 dashboard and asked questions and provided feedback to staff. It was noted Administrative costs were below plan, TLO revenues were strong (adjusting for Subport sales revenue expected in FY21), and Trust Fund and Reserve funds closed well below plan, but had largely recovered the large market losses in February and March to close the year near FY19 levels. The Committee acknowledged that the Reserves, at nearly 5 times the expected FY21 annual payout, exceed the target of 4 times the payout. A comment was made that consideration of the use of those funds could include inflation proofing as recommended in the AMPS.

Fund Balances: The Committee was informed of a change in the allocation method between Trust Fund and Budget Reserves managed by the APFC. The new method was used by earlier finance officials and uses principal contributions to the APFC since the Trust’s inception. The methodology can be consistently used in the future. The Committee was informed that the change resulted in approximately $20MM more in the Reserve account and $20MM less in the Trust Fund.

Revenue Forecasts FY21 – FY23: Staff shared preliminary estimates for FY 21 Annual Payout and available funding in FY21. It also shared forecasts for FY22 and FY23 using a conservative 2% earnings rate the Trust Fund and Budget Reserves, and incorporated projections for lapsed funds, TLO income
and cash interest. Staff should have more clarity on the expected performance of all Trust revenue sources in August and final FY21 estimates in November, after it receives final audited financials from APFC. Also discussed was the available funds relative to proposed budgets, and how unobligated (or contingency) funds could be used.

**Request for approval TLO Operating Budget: $4,393,800:** The TLO staff requested and gained approval of the TLO’s operating budget.

**Request for approval TLO Operating Budget: $4,179,897:** The Trust staff requested and gained approval of the Trust Administration’s operating budget.

**Commercial Real Estate Portfolio Discussion –Outlook and Status Quo/Refinance/Sale-Reinvest Evaluation:** Staff provided a market update on the commercial real estate market and relevance to the real estate portfolio. Staff provided an overview of analysis of four scenarios: sale of the real estate and investment in APFC managed funds, refinancing using interest only financing, refinancing three properties using interest only, and maintaining the status quo of amortized mortgages with two upcoming balloon payments. Trustees shared their opinions including the need to review materials more, the use of debt, inclinations towards the status quo and towards some form of interest only financing. Requests for more information were acknowledged by staff.

**NCL Sale – TADA Transfer Request:** The Committee approved the motion to recommend to the full board immediate transfer of $20MM proceeds to the Trust Fund upon receipt in the TADA account.

Finance Committee concluded at approximately 3:40pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Finance Committee is **January 6, 2021.**
Resource Management Committee Report / Update
Memorandum

To: Chris Cooke, Chair of the Board of Trustees
Through: Mike Abbott, Chief Executive Officer
From: Wyn Menefee, Executive Director
Date: August 12, 2020
Subject: July 30, 2020 – Resource Management Committee Meeting Summary

The Resource Management Committee met on July 30, 2020, received an update of key TLO activities from the Executive Director Report, and received one (1) consultation presented by TLO staff.

There were corrections made to the RMC Minutes and Consultation A in the original RMC packet:

1) There were two corrections to the 4/22 RMC Minutes. On page one, Trustee Boerner’s name was misspelled, and has been corrected on the revised minutes as Verné Boerner.

The last full sentence on page 2 of the minutes should read “They are in trespass and have no valid authorization, and the Forest Service is going through a process to remove those buildings”.

2) Correction on Consultation A for the Shelter Cove Timber Sale (MHT 9101005) to correct page 4 under section title “Trust Land Office Recommendation” to replace the original word “negotiated” with “competitive”.

Both the revised 4/22 Minutes and the revised 7/30 Consultation are included in this summary memo.

The Resource Management Committee concurred with the consultation.

The RMC concurred with the following Consultation:

1. Consultation Item A – Shelter Cove Timber Sale – MHT 9101005

Motion Proposed: “The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority board of trustees concur with Resource Management Committee for the disposal of the old growth timber acquired through exchange and reconstruction of road in the Shelter Cove area, near Ketchikan, through a competitive timber sale on Trust Land on Revillagigedo Island.”

Anticipated Revenues/Benefits:
1. The timber sale is expected to generate approximately $15,000,000 in revenue over Fiscal Years(s) 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 26.
2. Harvest of timber will maximize revenue while providing for timber regeneration and future timber harvests.

cc: Board of Trustees
   Mike Abbott, CEO Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
   Wyn Menefee, Executive Director, Trust Land Office
Proposed RMC Motion:

“The Resource Management Committee recommends that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority board of trustees concur with the disposal of the old growth timber acquired through exchange and reconstruction of road in the Shelter Cove area, near Ketchikan, through a competitive timber sale on Trust Land on Revillagigedo Island.”

Background:

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Transaction/Resource: The Trust Land office (TLO) will offer approximately one hundred million board feet (100 MMBF) of old growth (not previously harvested) timber through a competitive sale on a portion of the approximately 8,224 acres of Trust land acquired through the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land (AMHT) Exchange Act of 2017. These lands have been extensively harvested by the USFS in the past. It is expected that there is 4,304 acres of old growth timber to be harvested. The federal land exchange appraisal process should allow conveyance of most if not all the lands identified in the AMHT land exchange.

The sale will encompass all old growth (OG) timber deemed economic to harvest by the purchaser within the Trust’s Shelter Cove exchange lands which are expected to total approximately 8,224 acres. The sale will start with the reconstruction of road and bridges on current Trust lands (Leask Lake parcel, C70932 & C32118) through funding supplied by the Alaska Department of Transportation. The harvest of timber will commence upon the Trust receiving conveyance of the exchange land. This could be up to 4,304 harvestable acres of old growth timber (100 mmbf). The land exchange is expected to be completed in January 2021.

The Shelter Cove road and bridge upgrades are essential to make this a viable timber sale because it is how the timber will be transported from the timber sale units. The existing bridges are degraded to a point that they are not useable for timber operations. The party awarded the timber sale will have the
responsibility to complete the road and bridge work as part of the sale. Upgrades of the Shelter Cove road on Trust lands will commence as soon as possible with funding made available from the AKDOT. The upgrades will include replacement of 5 existing bridges and resurfacing, realignment of road on 3.2 miles of road and other miscellaneous road work.

The timber sale will be for ten years, which may be extended upon consent of both parties. The remaining Shelter Cove young growth timber will be offered when it is determined that the stands are ready for harvest and market conditions are suitable for disposal.

Property Description/Acreage/MH Parcel(s): The property is about 14 ½ miles NE of Ketchikan on Parcel CRM-T73S, R92E, portions of sections: 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35 & 36 of Parcel CRM-T73S, R91E portions of sections: 24 & 25; CRM-T74S, R92E portions of sections: 1, 2, 3 & 4 of Parcel CRM-7059; approximately 8,224 acres.

General Background: The TLO has engaged in the sale of timber as a major contributor to its traditional revenue portfolio. The proposed timber sale will dispose of old growth (not previously harvested) commercially viable timber on Trust lands located on Revillagigedo Island, near Ketchikan. The proposed timber sale is the result of both State of Alaska (SB 88) and Federal (S.131) legislation passed in 2017. The proposed sale is composed of timber on lands to be acquired through the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Exchange Act of 2017.

The Trust Resource Management Committee has heard and approved various consultations on the land exchange beginning in 2005. An excerpt from Resolution 10-2 approved by the full board of Trustees on May 11, 2010 reads: “Whereas, the TLO presented a consultation to the Resource Management Committee (RMC) on a timber lands exchange with the US Forest Service (USFS) on May 15, 2007, during which the following motion was passed. “The RMC recommends the Board of Trustees authorize the TLO to exchange certain Trust Land to the US Forest Service for National Forest Land both shown on maps attached to the May 15, 2007 RMC consultation.” This motion also passed with Full Board approval on May 30, 2007.

At the January 4, 2018 meeting, a revised exchange proposal was presented to the RMC and passed with the following resolution: “The Resource Management Committee recommends that the Alaska Mental health Authority board of directors concurs with the Executive Director of the Trust Land Offices’ decision that the land exchange contemplated by the Alaska Mental Health Land Exchange Act of 2017 is in the best interests of the Trust, as required by 22 SLA 17, Section 6 (a)(2).” In this same consultation the RMC increased the allocated budget for the exchange from $3.1 million to $6.2 million. This timber sale will assist in recouping that investment.

The TLO has positioned the land exchange to play a key role in the preservation of the existing timber industry in SE Alaska. A healthy timber industry is a key component to maximizing timber receipts to the Trust. The consultation stated, “making this funding available will allow the TLO to take advantage of the congressional support and potential alignment of the national forest plans toward addressing “Sustainable Forestry in Southeast Alaska” with this important initiative.”
The continuing operation of the remaining SE timber industry was a key component in the passage of the AMHT Land Exchange Act of 2017. It is hoped that the proposed timber sale will assist in providing sufficient timber to the southeast Alaska timber industry to remain operable until other landowners can market additional timber. The support garnered from the Tongass Futures Roundtable, the Governors Timber Task Force, Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack, Senator Murkowski, Tongass Advisory Committee, and others was centered on retaining the existing industry. This benefits the Trust by maintaining viable customers to buy Trust timber.

A signing ceremony for SB 88 was held in Ketchikan on August 10, 2017. This event was attended by Senator Murkowski, Governor Walker, State Senator Stedman and Representative Ortiz and others. “This is an opportunity to help the Alaska Mental Health Trust as they seek to provide for the most vulnerable in our state,” Murkowski said. “Because of this exchange, we have protected viewshed, we have allowed for support for our timber industry because of the exchange and again, provided a valuable resource to the Alaska Mental Health Trust.”

The support of the Alaska Forest Association (AFA), City of Ketchikan, and SE Conference hinged upon the fact that old growth timber located in southeast Alaska would be made available for harvest. The lobbying efforts of these organizations were major factors in the passage of the legislation. The Trust sold the Naukati Exchange Timber sale to Viking Timber, a sawmill operating in Klawock, in 2018. Operations on the Naukati portion of Trust exchange lands commenced in March 2019. This timber has allowed that sawmill (last remaining medium size sawmill in Alaska) to remain in operation.

The proposed Shelter Cove Timber sale will assist timber companies in SE Alaska to obtain sufficient timber to remain in operation. This sale will be a competitive sale at fair market value and produce revenues which exceed the average return of State and Federal timber sales which include domestic production.

**Anticipated Revenues/Benefits:**

1. The timber sale is expected to generate approximately $15,000,000 in revenue in Fiscal Year(s) 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 & 26.
2. Harvest of timber will maximize revenue while providing for timber regeneration and future timber harvests.

**Anticipated Risks/Concerns:** There may be some anticipated public concern associated with the timber harvest. The land exchange has been a public issue for years and received the support from several environmental groups to provide timber to the SE Alaska Timber Industry. This timber sale should be an anticipated result of the exchange. The Shelter Cove area has a long history of timber harvest.

Although there have been concerns about the price reduction of timber in the overseas markets, this fluctuates over time dependent on geopolitical issues, market demand and other factors. However, this 10-year sale should provide sufficient time to allow companies to appropriately time their harvests to realize expected profits and pay acceptable stumpage fees. The competitive offering will
set minimum bids and use terms to capture additional revenue in a substantially improved timber market.

**Project Costs:** TLO staff time and travel costs. The administrative oversight of the road construction portion should be paid for out of AKDOT funds.

**Other Considerations:** Sale of this timber may assist the Southeast Alaska forest products industry to remain in operation while alternate timber supplies from the US Forest Service and the State of Alaska become available.

**Due Diligence:** TLO staff members have visited the project area and conducted sale layout and timber cruises are being conducted. On-going field inspections and financial tracking will be conducted by TLO staff during the timber sale.

**Alternatives:**

1. **Do Nothing:** This alternative assumes that timber values will not be maximized by harvesting at this time. Timber is a commodity and the current markets are in fluctuation it is anticipated that this can be mitigated with an extended contractual time period.

2. **Alternate Development:** Due to the character and location, the parcel does not lend itself to other development opportunities that would produce a return to the Trust comparable to a commercial timber harvest. Commercial harvest of the timber will, in some cases, facilitate other commercial opportunities on the lands.

3. **Proposed Alternative:** This alternative will provide the Trust with revenue and will help to maintain customers for future timber sales. The harvest should not adversely impact other future development. Harvest now will allow a new forest to start. It is crucial to complete the Shelter Cove Road improvements while funding is available.

**Consistency with the Resource Management Strategy:** The proposal is consistent with the “Resource Management Strategy for Trust Land” (RMS), which was adopted March 2016 in consultation with the Trust and provides for the TLO to focus first on land or resources at the high end of the market values (“best markets”). Given the current market values of timber, the prospective lands affected by this decision will be sold with an extended contractual period. This will allow a competitive environment to maximize value of proposals by potential purchasers.

**Trust Land Office Recommendation:** Proceed with the competitive timber sale on the old growth portion of the Shelter Cove portion of the land exchange (CRM-7059).

**Applicable Authority:** AS 37.14.009(a), AS 38.05.801, and 11 AAC 99.

**Trust Authority Consultation:** This briefing document fulfills the consultation requirements that are applicable to the transaction. In the event that significant changes to the transaction are made necessary by the public notice process, the Trust Authority will be consulted regarding the changes.

**Exhibit(s):**
Exhibit A – Shelter Cove Legislative Map
Exhibit B – West Shelter Cove Map
Exhibit C – Center Shelter Cove Map
Exhibit D – South Shelter Cove Map
Exhibit E – Shelter Cove Road Project Map
Exhibit A

Alaska Mental Health Trust Act of 2016
Shelter Cove Area
Map 7

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Southeast Alaska

References

Data acquired from a variety of sources of differing accuracy, precision and reliability. Features represented by the data may not represent accurate geographic locations.

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U.S. Forest Service - Alaska Region
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Alaska At-Large U.S. Congressional District

Legislative Map Senate Bill No.:
Shelter Cove Area
8224 Approximate Acres

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Revenue Projections: Principal (Up to) $700,000

Transaction/Resource: The Trust Land Office (TLO) received an application for a material sale after the RMC met in July. The TLO would like to offer approximately 400,000 cubic yards of gravel material in support of the Haines Highway Improvement Project on two Trust Land parcels located immediately adjacent and within the highway project at approximately Mile 18 of the Haines Highway. The Haines Highway Improvement Project is a federally funded Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) construction project beginning in late Fall 2020 and continuing through the 2023 construction season. The goal of the project is to bring the segment of road up to a 55 MPH design, which requires realigning, widening and straightening portions of the roadway.

The sale will encompass road construction grade gravel material located centrally to the project and will be supplementary to the material available to the contractor via the ADOT right-of-way.

The sale will be for a period of three years which may be extended to accommodate for potential construction delays.

Property Description/Acreage/MH Parcel(s): The properties are located at approximately Mile 18 of the Haines Highway on Parcel CRM-0386 and CRM-0387 both within T029S, R057E, Section 15 of the Copper River Meridian. The approximate acreage for both parcels is 66.67 acres.

General Background: The TLO has engaged in the sale of material resources as a contributor to its traditional revenue portfolio, however, sales of material from Trust lands have historically been just a few thousand cubic yards to support small construction or repair projects. The TLO has begun marketing and leveraging available material on Trust Land for significant construction projects such as the Haines Highway Improvement Project.
Highway Improvement Project, offering a strategic opportunity to capitalize on the revenue generating potential of material resources.

Material extraction will be conducted by the ADOT contract awardee, Colas dba Colaska. Colaska is a leading material and road construction company prevalent in industry since 1999. Colaska’s subsidiaries include Quality Asphalt Paving (QAP), Emulsion Products, Exclusive Paving, and SECON and are well positioned to conduct the scope of work required for this size of material extraction.

**Anticipated Revenues/Benefits:** The sale is expected to generate approximately $700,000 in total revenue for Fiscal Years 21, 22 and 23. The sale will maximize revenue potential of the two source parcels, as their location and topography do not lend to alternative uses.

**Anticipated Risks/Concerns:** There may be some anticipated public concern associated with the material harvest, erosion control, impacts to nearby water bodies and post extraction uses. Anticipated concerns have been mitigated proactively through rigorous Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) planning, and site design. The TLO anticipates the public’s interest in purchasing material after the project has been completed and will factor that opportunity into its management of pit reclamation.

**Project Costs:** TLO staff time and travel costs. The administrative oversight of the road construction portion should be paid for out of ADOT funds.

**Other Considerations:** Sale of this material to facilitate the completion of the road rehabilitation project will have positive subsequent effects for significant mineral exploration projects on Trust Lands within the Haines area, should those projects go into development in the future.

**Due Diligence:** TLO staff members are familiar with the project area and nature of available material. On-going field inspections and financial tracking will be conducted by TLO staff during the material sale contract period, and post-reclamation site monitoring may be conducted as needed. A reclamation plan will be required by the TLO. Additionally, a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be developed for the site to mitigate potential erosion.

**Alternatives:**
1. **Do Nothing:** This alternative assumes that the sale of material will not be maximized by extraction at this time. Material is a commodity and the current markets are consistent with local demand increasing.
2. **Alternative Development:** Due to the topography and location, the parcels do not lend themselves to other development opportunities that would produce a return to the Trust comparable to a material sale of this size.
3. **Proposed Alternative:** This alternative will provide the Trust with revenue. The material sale should not adversely impact other future development or uses of the parcels post reclamation. Facilitating the material use now will ensure the Trust capitalizes on the material demand for this project. Future demand for material quantities of this size, at this location, is unlikely to occur in the near term.

**Consistency with the Resource Management Strategy:** The proposal is consistent with the “Resource Management Strategy for Trust Land” (RMS), which was adopted March 2016 in consultation with the
Trust and provides for the TLO to focus first on resources at the high end of market values ("best markets"). Given the current market values of material, facilitating this sale supports the Trusts’ objectives of diversifying revenues of resources.

**Trust Land Office Recommendation:** Proceed with the negotiated material sale on parcels CRM-0386 and CRM-0387.

**Applicable Authority:** This briefing document fulfills the consultation requirements that are applicable to the transaction under AS 37.14.009(a), AS 38.05.801, and 11 AAC 99. If significant changes to the transactions are made necessary by the public process, the Trust Authority will be consulted regarding those changes.

**Trust Authority Consultation:** This briefing document fulfills the consultation requirements that are applicable to the transaction. In the event that significant changes to the transaction are made necessary by the public notice process, the Trust Authority will be consulted regarding the changes.

**Exhibit(s):**
Exhibit A – Map of Sale Area
Exhibit B – Map of Sale Area
Revenue Projections: Principal $1,000,000 or more

Transaction/Resource: The Trust Land Office (TLO) received an application for a material sale after the RMC met in July 2020. The TLO would like to offer approximately 300,000 tons of construction gravel material in support of the Parks Highway MP 44-52 Phase III Improvement (the “Project”).

Quality Asphalt Paving (QAP) is the Alaska Department of Transportation (ADOT) contract awardee and has also requested the continued use and extraction of material from this site post Project to support additional developments in the region. QAP has requested up to 50,000 cubic yards of material per year for a 20-year period.

Property Description/Acreage/MH Parcel(s): The property is located on Sylvan Road in Wasilla, on Parcel S20525 within Township 17N, Range 2W, Section 10 within the Southwest quarter section. The parcel contains 160 acres more or less.

General Background: The TLO has engaged in the sale of material resources as a contributor to its traditional revenue portfolio, however, sales of material from Trust lands have historically been just a few thousand cubic yards to support small construction or repair projects. The TLO has begun marketing and leveraging available material on Trust Land for significant construction projects such as the Parks Highway MP 44-52 Project, offering a strategic opportunity to capitalize on the revenue generating potential of material resources in the Trust portfolio.

This federally funded Alaska DOT&PF Project will divide this section of the Parks Highway to reduce the safety corridor rating and will also significantly modify frontage roads, intersection spacing and consolidation of driveways approaching the highway. This is the third and final phase of the project,
which will address that portion of the Parks Highway between Pittman Road and Big Lake Road. Phase III construction is anticipated to begin late fall 2020 and continue through the 2021 construction season. The DOT Plan Engineer anticipates a minimum material quantity need of 1.1 million tons for the project.

Parcel S20525 is situated in an industrial location adjacent to the Project with access bordering two sides of the property. This will facilitate desirable ingress and egress from the property and reduce the use of backup alarms for haul trucks and equipment. Additionally, material extraction is slated to come from the northwest corner of the parcel, therefore, there will be an approximate 100’ buffer on the north and west sides of the parcel.

**Anticipated Revenues/Benefits:** The sale is expected to generate approximately $350,000 in Fiscal Years 21 and 22 with non-Project material sales of approximately $650,000 over the life of the contract.

**Anticipated Risks/Concerns:** There are limited risks and anticipated concerns with this site. Approximately 10 acres of the parcel is designated wetland, for which the TLO will mitigate in site management. Additionally, the TLO will require the contractor to restrict access post closure to mitigate potential for future trespass use.

**Project Costs:** TLO staff time and travel costs. The administrative oversight of the road construction portion should be paid for out of AKDOT funds.

**Other Considerations:** None.

**Due Diligence:** TLO staff members are familiar with the parcel and nature of available material. Test pits were dug to determine the suitability of the material for construction in July 2020. On-going field inspections and financial tracking will be conducted by TLO staff during the material sale and post-reclamation site monitoring may be conducted as needed. A reclamation plan will be required by the TLO. Additionally, a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be developed for the site to mitigate potential erosion.

**Alternatives:**
1. **Do Nothing:** This alternative assumes that the sale of material will not be maximized by extraction at this time. Material is a commodity and the current markets are consistent with local demand increasing.
2. **Alternative Development:** Sale of the parcel would generate approximately $208,000. The parcel is in an area surrounded by industrial developments.
3. **Proposed Alternative:** This alternative will provide the Trust with revenue. The material sale should not adversely impact other future developments or uses of the parcel post reclamation. Facilitating the material use now will ensure the Trust capitalizes on the material demand for this project.

**Consistency with the Resource Management Strategy:** The proposal is consistent with the “Resource Management Strategy for Trust Land” (RMS), which was adopted March 2016 in consultation with the Trust and provides for the TLO to focus first on resources at the high end of market values (“best markets”). Given the current market values and prevalence of material in the region, facilitating this sale supports the Trusts’ objectives of diversifying revenues of resources.
**Trust Land Office Recommendation:** Proceed with the negotiated material sale on parcel S20525.

**Applicable Authority:** This briefing document fulfills the consultation requirements that are applicable to the transaction under AS 37.14.009(a), AS 38.05.801, and 11 AAC 99. If significant changes to the transactions are made necessary by the public process, the Trust Authority will be consulted regarding those changes.

**Trust Authority Consultation:** This briefing document fulfills the consultation requirements that are applicable to the transaction. In the event that significant changes to the transaction are made necessary by the public notice process, the Trust Authority will be consulted regarding the changes.

**Exhibit(s):**
Exhibit A - Map of Sale Area

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**Exhibit A**
The meeting occurred on July 28–29, 2020 and was attended by trustees Verné Boerner (chair), Chris Cooke, Anita Halterman, Ken McCarty, Rhonda Boyles, John Sturgeon, and Laraine Derr. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meeting was not held in person, rather it was held using video and teleconference technologies.

**Meeting Summary:**
The following items were presented and discussed by the committee.

1) *Fiscal Policy Presentation*
Pat Pitney (Director of Legislative Finance), provided an overview of Alaska’s current and future fiscal outlook. Her presentation covered three main areas: (1) Alaska’s general state revenue forecast, (2) Alaska’s fiscal reserves, and (3) Options to address the growing structural budget deficit.

2) *Tribal Health System presentation*
Alberta Unok (Chief Operating Officer, Alaska Native Health Board) and Cody Chipp, (Director of Behavioral Health Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium) provided an overview of the Alaska Tribal Health System (ATHS). Ms. Unok’s presentation included, but was not limited to, the history of Alaska Native Health Care, an introduction to the Alaska Tribal Health System, the economic impact of the ATHS and the relationship of the Alaska Native Health Board and the Alaska Tribal Health System.

Mr. Chipp’s presentation provided an overview of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) and the Alaska’s Tribal Health System. It included a description of the how the ATHS is structured (Alaska Native Medical Center, Regional hospitals, Sub-regional clinics & Community Health Aide Clinics). The majority of the presentation focused on ANTHC’s Behavioral Health program.

3) *Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program Plan (COMP Plan) presentation*
Jillian Gellings (Project Analyst) and Rebecca Topol (Research Analyst) from the Department of Health and Social Services and Autumn Vea (Trust Evaluation & Planning Officer) provided an update on the COMP Plan. This included a brief history of the COMP Plan, the progress on the development of a data scorecard for COMP Plan, the status of the hiring for a position within the Department of Health and Social Services to focus internally
on the COMP Plan, and how the COMP Plan informed and grounded the FY22/23 budget recommendations.

4) FY22/23 budget recommendations
Trust staff presented their FY22/23 budget recommendations to the Committee for discussion, no official action was taken by the Committee on the budget recommendations. The focus of the presentations was on FY22; however, information and questions were asked regarding the FY23 budget. Trust staff provided an overview of the Trust’s two-year budget cycle and the stakeholder process used for gathering input and information to develop the budget recommendations. A presentation of each major budget area was made by staff, questions by trustees were answered and requests for additional information were noted. The presentations included:

- Workforce Development;
- Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention;
- Mental Health and Addiction Intervention;
- Disability Justice;
- Beneficiary Employment & Engagement; and,
- Housing and Home & Community Based Services

Each budget area presentation covered the following:
1) the mission/goals and a high-level budget summary total for the respective area
2) how the work is connected to the COMP Plan
3) key budget sections and the work identified and deployed to achieve, mission, goals, positive impacts to beneficiaries and the system; including,
   - a few programmatic highlights
   - descriptions of any significant changes/shifts in approach
   - identifying new budget line-items or projects
   - identifying any general fund/mental health (GF/MH) recommendations
   - how success is monitored and measured

During the course of the budget presentations there was dialogue between trustees and staff about how much the Trust should put forward as GF/MH as budget recommendations. There was not amount or cap identified. Rather, there was general consensus that the Trust should be cognizant of the State’s fiscal situation and make recommendations connected to critical needs and services for beneficiaries.

Trustees asked several questions that required additional research. Trust staff took note of the questions and committed to providing written responses to the questions. The questions and staff responses would be in a memo and included in the upcoming board packet.

There were no approval requests presented to the Committee.

The Program and Planning Committee adjourned at approximately 2:30pm on July 29, 2020. The next scheduled meeting of the committee is January 6, 2021.
FY22/23 Budget Recommendations
REQUESTED MOTION #1:

I move the full Board of Trustees appropriate MHTAAR, MHT Admin and Authority Grant funds for FY2022 in the amount of $32,768,600. This consists of $16,683,700 of MHTAAR and MHT Admin and $16,084,900 of Authority Grants. These funds are to be used for the programs and activities described in the detailed FY22-23 Budget Recommendations document prepared for the August 26 & 27, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting. Included in this motion is a recommendation by the full Board of Trustees for a State of Alaska appropriation of $12,397,500 of GF/MH funds and $8,100,000 of Other funds for FY2022.

REQUESTED MOTION #2:

I move the full Board of Trustees appropriate MHTAAR, MHT Admin and Authority Grant funds for FY2023 in the amount of $32,716,300. This consists of $16,381,600 of MHTAAR and MHT Admin and $16,334,700 of Authority Grants. These funds are to be used for the programs and activities described in the detailed FY22-23 Budget Recommendations document prepared for the August 26 & 27, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting. Included in this motion is a recommendation by the full Board of Trustees for a State of Alaska appropriation of $17,036,500 of GF/MH funds and $8,138,100 of Other funds for FY2023.

Background:

The Trust prepares budgets on a two-year cycle, which incorporates the use of Trust spendable income for operating costs of the Trust Authority, Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts (MHTAAR), and recommended Authority Grants. The budget additionally includes recommendations to the State of Alaska for the appropriation of General Fund/Mental Health (GF/MH) and Other fund sources for mental health programs that benefit Trust beneficiaries.

The FY22-23 Budget Recommendation document (included in the board meeting materials) provides the details for how Trust spendable income (MHTAAR, MHT Admin, and Authority Grant) and non-Trust funds (General Funds/Mental Health and Other) are allocated. This budget incorporates two changes, for both FY22 and FY23, from the recommended budget presented at the July 28 & 29, 2020 Program & Planning Committee meeting:

- Under Non-Focus Area Allocations-Line 56: an increase of $45,000 for Beneficiary Mental Health Status Data Collection.
- Under Disability Justice-Line 27: a paralegal position, Centralized Competency Calendar Paralegal, for ACS/Therapeutic Courts, previously omitted as discussed in Committee, in the amount of $78,300.
• **Under Other Priority Areas:** the elimination of $20,000 for YRBS Mental Health Data Collection under “Reduce Instances and Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)” This results in a total budget increase of $103,300 for both FY22 and FY23.

The Non-Focus area section of the document includes line items for the FY22 and FY23 Trust Authority MHT Admin budget ($4,179,900 for both years) and the FY22 and FY23 Trust Land Office operating budget ($4,393,800 for both years). These administrative operating budgets were discussed and recommended for approval at the July 30, 2020 Finance Committee meeting.

As discussed in the July 30, 2020 Finance Committee meeting, revenue for FY2022 and FY2023 are estimated at $34.6 million and $35.8 million, respectively. These revenue projections will be refined for the August 26 & 27 Board of Trustee meeting to incorporate FY21 projections expected from APFC and the Department of Revenue. The FY22-23 Budget Recommendations will not fully utilize anticipated revenues. After accounting for the proposed spending levels, we estimate $2MM of unobligated FY22 funds and $3MM of unobligated FY23 funds. Staff recommends these funds not be allocated for specific programmatic purposes at this time. Uncertainties regarding the state’s policies and funding levels for behavioral health care as well as uncertainty on future investment returns make it important to provide flexibility to ensure the best possible allocation of funds as needs are identified. We expect to bring to Trustees recommendations regarding any allocation of FY22 unobligated funds in January 2021, well before the start of FY2022.
During the July 28-29, 2020 Program and Planning Committee meeting trustees asked several questions during the staff presentation of the FY22/23 budget recommendations that required additional research and gathering of information. Below are staff responses to the noted questions.

**Workforce Development**

**Please provide retention data of those contracted for student loan repayment through the SHARP program that remained in the Alaska workforce.**

**Staff Response:** Eric Boyer is working with Dr. Robert Sewell with the Division of Public Health to gather retention data on SHARP (Supporting Healthcare Access through Loan Repayment) clinicians statewide. To date, there have been 349 clinicians contracted through the SHARP program with a 93% retention rate for completing the contract period. Some clinicians contracted for more than one two-year period of time.

A data-gathering plan focused around their continued retention with specific agencies, region, and state is being discussed with researchers within the Department of Labor & Workforce Development (DOLWD). The initial plan under the direction of Dan Robinson with the DOLWD will be to conduct a longitudinal study for (assorted) workforce cohorts using birthdates and social security numbers. The hope is this information can be obtained before the Trust Board meeting in November.

**Provide an historic overview of the Alaska Training Cooperative (AKTC).**

**Staff Response:** The Alaska Training Cooperative (AKTC) was created to provide training, technical support, and career development opportunities for direct service professionals (DSP) and supervisors who work in the social service field. These workers provide the day to day support and care for our Trust beneficiaries. A DSP is defined as a staff who spends over 75% of their work shift in direct contact with a Trust beneficiary. The AKTC is housed at the University of Alaska Anchorage, within the Center for Human Development.

In the 2008-10 timeframe, the AKTC was developed, with funding from the Trust, in response to overwhelming training support requests being made to the Trust, the Alaska Mental Health Board, the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, and multiple divisions within the Department of Health and Social Services. The Federal Health Resources and Service Administration (an agency in U.S. DHHS) funded a research project of direct support staff in the social service industry across Alaska in...
This study provided the basis for establishing the AKTC as a training entity to address the training needs and concerns expressed by direct care staff. In terms of retention, staff requested consistent training support in best practices, professionalism of their field, and improved training for people in leadership (specifically mid-level managers who provide the mentoring and coaching for direct care staff). The 2009 evaluation found that supportive managers were the single greatest mechanism for retaining staff. This led to the development of the AKTC Frontline Leadership Institute, which has become Alaska’s foremost skill development course for mid-level managers and supervisors in the field.

The AKTC has been able to work with the state and providers to standardize the teaching and implementation of evidenced-based practices across the social service continuum of care at a reasonable cost. Most courses within the AKTC system range from free to $100.00, which allows most agencies to participate. Over 70% of Alaska’s developmental disability providers, who provide essential services to Trust beneficiaries, employ under 20 staff, which gives them limited ability to provide internal training or to fund outside training. These are some of the reasons why the Trust has funded the training support statewide at the current level of funding. During the Trust’s investment in and support for reform of the behavioral health system through Medicaid redesign, the AKTC was ready and poised to offer trainings in conjunction with the DHSS Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) to ready the statewide community behavioral health system to be better prepared for a changing system of care, which included the onboarding of an Administrative Service Organization.

Another significant development at the AKTC was the creation and implementation of the Learning Management System (LMS). The LMS is a clearinghouse for training that supports the workforce that serve our Trust beneficiaries. The LMS is a one-stop shop of training opportunities for direct care staff to manage their own training portfolios, search and register for trainings, as well as the marketing of available classes. The LMS electronically tracks individual’s trainings, which makes it easier to document CEUs for certification and licensure.

**Is the University of Alaska, Anchorage the best partner for delivering training to our beneficiary serving partners?**

**Staff Response:** The University of Alaska Anchorage gives the AKTC the foundation to provide the needed training and support to Trust beneficiary serving agencies. This infrastructure includes being a part of the Center for Human Development (CHD), which is a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. This allows them access to experts in every discipline and field impacting one of our beneficiary groups. CHD is also a Super Hub for ECHO clinics, which means they have achieved the highest standard of excellence in delivering ECHO clinics. ECHO clinics were one way of delivering evidenced based healthcare knowledge and application before the COVID pandemic, which makes it even more important as we navigate these uncertain times. The University provides the AKTC with full access to its distance delivered technical capabilities through zoom, blackboard, ECHO, and various mixed delivery methods.

The Trust has supported the AKTC with Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts (MHTAAR) funds over the last 12 years. The current FY 22-23 proposed budget plan is to potentially ramp down those funds by 10% per over the next two year budget cycle, which will allow the Trust to
reduce its financial stake in this custom-built training entity over a measured period of time. This proposed budget cycle will allow the AKTC to adapt and change their model as needed with the reduction in Trust dollars. This planned ramp down timeframe is critical to our Trust beneficiary serving agencies, as they depend on the services of the AKTC. Giving them time to adapt to these changes will allow them both to manage this in a productive manner, and prevent a negative impact on the workforce. In 2009, the turnover rate among our non-profit social service agencies was over 50%, and is currently holding at 36% as of the National Core Indicator (NCI) study done in 2019. If the AKTC is reduced too quickly, a return to those higher turnover rates could be forthcoming.

The AKTC is custom-built and has been able to design and create evidenced-informed trainings with the help of Alaska native elders and clinicians. Many of the AKTC’s courses and trainings have been customized to fit our beneficiary group’s needs. In partnership with the Department of Corrections, Re-entry Coalitions, Division of Behavioral Health, Office of Children’s Services, and the Division of Senior Disabilities and Services, AKTC staff have developed these trainings for the workforce, which are delivered in person, mixed, and distance delivered. In the early 2000s, the Trust funded the Annapolis Coalition to work with the AKTC, DHSS, and providers to develop a set of standardized trainings that entry level staff would need in the social service field. The Alaska Core Competencies was created and implemented in 2012. To date, there have been thousands of DSPs trained up in this training, and is a foundation from which the AKTC works to train and support our beneficiary serving agencies.

The UAA Center for Human Development, which houses the AKTC, has a funding agreement with the Trust wherein the Trust does not incur any indirect costs. Within a university system, this type of arrangement is almost unheard of, and is a significant reason why this partnership has been so productive over the years.

The MHTAAR grant allocated to the AKTC allows the organization to work directly with our Trust beneficiary serving agencies in meeting the needs of our workforce. This partnership allows Trust staff to work in a monitoring capacity, which frees program staff to concentrate on other Trustee directed initiatives. If an outside entity took on the function of the AKTC, it would require more Trust program staff time and effort in coordinating with this entity and the provider system as a whole. The AKTC is a partner with the beneficiary serving networks and is highly responsive to the needs of the system, and to continuously help move the system towards the use of evidenced-based and best practice models which ultimately support the quality and competence of the workforce serving Trust beneficiaries. This model has been much more effective and valuable to the system versus the pre- AKTC statewide training scenario, which was not coordinated, lacked efficiencies in both time and cost, and provided no reasonable way to ensure the quality and competency of the workforce.

Currently, there is a high level of trust between the AKTC, State of Alaska departments, and our provider networks. The current proposal also allows for the Trust to reduce its financial commitment in a thoughtful and strategic manner. The plan to reduce funding in this workforce priority area does not lend itself to beginning a new proposal process with a new organization through a request for proposal process. The Trust is committed to the social service healthcare industry workforce, as evidenced by the millions of dollars put towards this priority area over the years. It will continue to do that through new and innovative projects in years to come.
**Are AKTC classes being offered online/via distance delivery, and how have they adapted during the pandemic?**

**Staff Response:** The AKTC provides a menu of online web-based anytime trainings. Many of these courses were written and developed with support from local Alaska experts, which helps provide the cultural continuity needed to meet the needs of our beneficiaries. Before the COVID pandemic, the AKTC's distance delivered classes, whether on-line or through zoom, accounted for about 15-20% of their output. This experience gave the AKTC the ability to shift gears back in March and move to a full-time distance delivery system of training. Since March, the AKTC has trained several thousand DSPs that work across the state. The infrastructure and expert staff at the AKTC have positioned themselves to respond to changes in our community and state.

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**Mental Health and Addiction Intervention**

**Provide an overview of Trust Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment (SAPT) focus area investments in substance abuse treatment services.**

**Staff Response:** Recognizing the magnitude of the negative impacts of alcohol and drug abuse on Alaskans, trustees approved a substance abuse prevention and treatment (SAPT) focus area in 2014, which provided a framework for Trust related strategies. Prior to establishment of the focus area, the Trust supported a range of projects impacting Trust beneficiaries with alcoholism and drug addiction through our grant partnership process. SAPT has been focused on the full continuum of care from prevention and early intervention to treatment and recovery for beneficiaries impacted by both drugs and alcohol.

Trust grant making in this area that both pre-dates the establishment of the focus area and inclusive of the existing focus area has included projects that address education, prevention, expanded or enhanced access to treatment, and general capacity building of the system as a whole, which includes capital and facility needs, start-up as well as training of the addiction professional workforce.

In order to cast a broad net to cover what trustees may be interested in, the following is a list of projects funded by the Trust in this area of concentration, which captures substance abuse, and not just alcohol abuse related projects as well as a variety of other services. While we understand the request was perhaps more focused on “treatment” related grants, we thought a more inclusive list will help trustees understand the Trust’s longstanding interest and support of projects that benefit this beneficiary group.

Please note that this summary is not a comprehensive list of all Trust funded projects addressing beneficiaries experiencing substance use disorders.

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**SAPT: Community Health Improvement Collaborative Pilot Project (FY15)**

- Division of Public Health: $15,000.00 (FY15)

**Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment: Fairbanks Daily News Miner Media Project focused on addiction in Alaska (FY15)**

- Alaska Community Foundation: $25,000.00 (FY15)

**SAPT: JAMHI Primary Care Behavioral Health Integration into services for Equipment & Renovation (FY16)**

- JAMHI Health & Wellness, Inc.: $30,000.00 (FY16)
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### Homer Residential Substance Use Disorder Capacity Building
- **Beneficiary:** Set Free Alaska
- **Amount:** $300,000.00
- **Fiscal Year:** FY20

### Four A's Syringe Access Harm Reduction Program (FY20)
- **Beneficiary:** Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association
- **Amount:** $50,000.00
- **Fiscal Year:** FY20

### Capacity building - Electronic Health Record for FNA Addiction programs
- **Beneficiary:** Fairbanks Native Association
- **Amount:** $50,000.00
- **Fiscal Year:** FY21

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**What is the Trust funding commitment for the Mental Health Professionals Off-site Evaluations in the Mental Health and Addiction Invention focus area?**

**Staff Response:** These funds support one strategy included in the Department of Health & Social Services’ (DHSS) report, “Addressing Gaps in the Crisis Psychiatric Response System of Care” in response to a court order by Judge Morse to submit a written plan explaining how DHSS intends to address flaws in the Title 47 system. The order focused on places where the system has backed up individuals on mental health holds, specifically the Department of Corrections (DOC) facilities and emergency room departments. Funds provide contractual resources to support provider agreements to perform clinical reviews of ex parte evaluations for individuals awaiting transfer to a Designated Evaluation Stabilization/Treatment center and Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API). Through provider agreements, DHSS will ensure that individuals subject to a Title 47 evaluation order, who are waiting to be admitted to an evaluation facility have a mechanism to be evaluated outside of an evaluation facility to determine if that individual no longer meets evaluation criteria and can be transported to an alternate facility.

The budget recommendation for this strategy is to support funding for a period of 3 years (FY21- FY23). There is no data to report at this point in time because the contract was only recently awarded with FY21 funding.

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**Disability Justice**

**Assess the Reentry Coalition Coordinator funding for the four Trust funded coordinator positions; specifically, the travel allocation to assess any savings from virtual in reach for coordinators that could be reallocated.**

**Staff response:** As a result of COVID-19, the Department of Corrections (DOC) enacted temporary policies and procedures that have prevented members of the reentry coalition from conducting in reach activities within DOC institutions. While the policies and procedures are necessary to protect the DOC population and staff it prevents soon-to-be-returning citizens from learning about reentry services in Alaska’s communities and connecting with service providers.

In response to these temporary policies and procedures DOC and the Juneau Reentry Coalition have begun working on a virtual reentry materials that will be used to provide reentry information to those individuals who are preparing to release from custody. These materials are meant to be used during times when DOC has to close their doors or limit providers’ access or to supplement in person in reach efforts once DOC rescinds their current COVID-19 temporary policies and procedures.
It is important to note that the closing of DOC facilities to service providers is only temporary and not intended to be permanent. In-person in reach by coalition members will be resumed once the temporary COVID-19 policies and procedures are rescinded.

The current proposed funding allocation for the reentry coalition coordinators in the Trust budget for FY22/23 is $412.0 with 3% ($14.0) of that funding budgeted for travel. The $412.0 is divided up between the four coalitions in Anchorage, the Mat-su, Fairbanks, and Juneau and to fund the coordinator position and coalition expenses such as personnel services, travel, contractual costs, supplies, and other costs in each community – each location receiving approx. $100.0. The amount of each budget line such as travel varies by coalition based on that coalition’s needs, and travel funds are not allocated exclusively for in-reach travel. The funding is intended to support travel for training, conferences, to attend meetings which may require traveling to Anchorage or other communities within Alaska, and can also be used to travel to correctional facilities to meet with groups/individuals who are preparing to release.

While the coalition coordinators do some in reach to connect with individuals preparing to release from DOC correctional institutions, the bulk of their focus, time, and energy is spent supporting local community coalition members who provide reentry services to returning citizens. The role of the coalition coordinator is to work closely and collaboratively with its reentry coalition membership, the Trust, the DOC, and the Department of Health and Social Services and other key state and community stakeholders as a partner in the Alaska Community Reentry Program. The coordinator is a facilitator of coalition activities, conducts various coalition and community assessments, supports the work of the coalition to address gaps in resources and increase service capacity where needed, conduct community outreach presentations (such as the reentry simulations) to educate the community on the Alaska Community Reentry Program, and conduct institutional presentations about reentry resources and services as well as the goals of the Alaska Community Reentry Program.

While staff does believe the virtual in reach materials will be valuable for the overall reentry efforts throughout the state it is not meant to replace in person in reach efforts which will resume once DOC’s temporary COVID-19 policies and procedures are rescinded. Based on this and the information stated above, staff does not recommend reducing the travel budget line in the local reentry coalition coordinator proposed budget allocation for the FY22/23 Trust budget.

**Beneficiary Employment and Engagement**

**Provide an overview of the Microenterprise program as well as program requirements.**

**Staff Response:** The Micro Enterprise Fund strives to increase access to Micro Enterprise and self-employment opportunities for persons with disabilities who are Alaska Mental Health Trust Beneficiaries. Grant funds may be used for costs associated with starting a new business, expanding a current business or acquiring an existing business. The business must meet the definition of a microenterprise, which is a business with total capital needs of not more than $35,000 and fewer than five employees. Beneficiaries have the option of working with a business consultant who can help them refine and clarify their Microenterprise concept. Many also choose to work with Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and the small business
center at University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA). A multidisciplinary team reviews applications twice a year to determine which projects are funded. Beneficiaries whose projects are not funded have the opportunity to reapply and are offered comprehensive feedback and support if they wish to do so. Venture capital is not required to receive microenterprise grant dollars.

The Microenterprise program typically funds 20-25 Trust beneficiaries annually. The types of businesses funded each year vary widely from service businesses such as hair salons, cleaning both residential and commercial, tree trimming services, animal care services, etc. to sales of art, crafts, and photography. Provide video links to vignettes of participants of the Microenterprise program.

Staff Response:

- Alaska DHSS Vimeo - Becca’s Alpacas: https://vimeo.com/229304979
- KTVA Broadcast - Ian’s Game Paradise: https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/center-for-human-development/megrant/ktva-alaska-grant.mp4

### Housing and Home & Community Based Services

**What are the new regions targeted for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)?**

**Staff Response:** Areas to be targeted are where there is not an Aging & Disability Resource Center in the region and there is readiness to implement the services required of an ADRC, with the Request for Proposal (RFP) subject to State of Alaska procurement rules. Areas of the state that currently have ADRCs include: Anchorage, MatSu, Fairbanks, Southeast, Kenai Peninsula and Valdez/Cordova/Kodiak, and Dillingham/Bristol Bay Area. Based on population size, Yukon-Koyukuk, Nome or Northwest Arctic regions would be the areas that are likely next candidates, however Northern Alaska and the Aleutians are also areas that do not have an ADRC in their region. Regions without an ADRC are currently served by existing ADRCs.

**What is the current system capacity for providing neuropsychological evaluations and to diagnose Alzheimer’s Disease and other related dementias?**

**Staff Response:** Prior to diagnosis, the consistent use of available screenings among medical staff, professionals and paraprofessional staff is critical to identify dementia in its early stages and to ensure that diagnostic resources are receiving the right referrals. Use of dementia screenings is inconsistent. A neuropsychological exam with physical and history yields the best results for a dementia diagnosis. Currently, the wait time in Alaska for this exam is 2-4 months with a 4-6 week wait to receive results. Geriatric specialists, neurologists and psychiatrists continue to be in high demand with additional workforce needed in these specialties.

### Non-Focus Area Allocations

Provide an overview of the Trust dental programs history.
**Staff Response:** The Trust Directed Projects - Dental was established in FY09 after (1) a review of the number of dental requests submitted through the Trust mini-grant program, (2) recognizing the limited coverage through public and private insurers and (3) recognition that dental care is critical to beneficiaries overall health, quality of life and the employability of those beneficiaries capable of work or volunteer activities. The Trust provides funding to the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) in Anchorage and the Interior Community Health Center (ICHC) in Fairbanks to help Trust beneficiaries access preventative, emergent and other dental services not covered by private, public insurance or other resources. Beneficiaries are referred from local Trust beneficiary serving providers to receive dental services either directly from the clinic or, if necessary, through referral to appropriate specialists for dental services.

In FY19, 138 Trust beneficiaries were served by these programs with services including exams, evaluations, crowns, dentures, extractions, and other essential dental procedures. The FY19 grant evaluations for both the Interior Community Health Center and the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center grants are attached. Note: The Trust does not have beneficiary demographic information on the recipients of these services.

**Trust Dental Grant Funding – Fairbanks & Anchorage (FY15-FY19)**

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The FY19 final grant evaluations for both the Anchorage and Fairbanks projects are attached.
How does the Trust ensure grantees are using approved Trust funds in the manner for which they were approved and following the terms of the grant agreement or contract?

**Staff Response:** To monitor grantee compliance with the approved project scope, each Trust grant or contract has an individualized agreement that contains:

1. Description of the agreed upon project description/activities (grant) or scope of work (contract)
2. Individualized project performance measures (grant) or deliverables (contract)
3. Project budget by category (both)
4. Reporting schedule and reporting requirements (both)
5. Payment schedule outlining grant advance or other payment structure (both)
6. Any other special terms and conditions that may exist for a particular grant (both)

A copy of a grant agreement is attached for reference.

Throughout the term of the grant or contract, Trust staff, including the assigned Program Officer, the Grants Accountability Manager, the Grants Administrator, and/or the Administrative Manager are in contact with grantees or contractors. In some circumstances during the term of a grant or contract, modifications to the project budget or the project term are requested by the grantee or contractor. In these cases, the Assigned Program Officer reviews the requests and if appropriate coordinates with the Grants Administrator or the Administrative Manager to execute an amendment.

The scheduled grant reports are reviewed by both the Grants Administrator and the Grants Accountability Manager to monitor compliance with both the approved project budget and with agreed upon performance measures. The scheduled contract deliverables are reviewed by the assigned Trust staff and Administrative Manager to monitor compliance with both the approved project budget and with agreed upon scope of work and contract deliverables.

At the conclusion of either a grant or contract a final status report or contract report is reviewed by Trust staff to assess project outcomes and compliance with the grant or contract conditions. In cases where there was not in compliance, Trust staff will work with the grantee or contractor to bring them into compliance with the terms of the agreement. In the rare occasions that a grant is unable to be brought into compliance, any disbursed funds will be recovered from the grantee, and the grantee will be flagged in the Trust’s database. In the rare occasion that a contractor is in breach of compliance, the Administrative Manager will issue a demand letter, providing the contractor time and opportunity to cure the breach. If the contractor is unable to come into compliance, the contract will be terminated.

How does the Trust influence utilization of and accountability to best practice models?

**Staff Response:** Trust staff actively pursue data, information, and training in a variety of content areas in order to stay aware of current knowledge and trends, including Trust beneficiary related best and promising practices. Program staff review the professional literature, participate in trainings and conferences, as well as network and engage local, state, and national content experts such as the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. Guidance is also received from the Trust’s Statutory Advisory Boards – Alaska Mental Health Board/Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Governor’s Council on Disabilities and
Special Education, and the Alaska Commission on Aging. This knowledge and expertise is brought to the work staff does with partners, stakeholders and grantees, and is incorporated into the Trust’s grant making, advocacy and policy work, and initiatives.

As a result, the Trust encourages the use of best practice and practice-informed models in our daily work with partners, stakeholders and grantees. For example, the Trust ensured that a core value of the DHSS Strengthening the System – Alaska’s Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program (COMP Plan) is the use of best practices and practice informed in the services and initiatives implemented to improve the quality of life for Trust beneficiaries. The COMP Plan contains recommendations for systemic and practice reform, practice-informed programming, integrating local and traditional knowledge, and fiscal service improvements to address gaps. Strengthening the System is striving to present long-term strategies, based on best practices to build a framework that links community-level mobilization to individual behavior.

When we review funding requests from the State, Tribal Health, or community based organizations, or are collaborating on initiatives, we encourage and support the use of best practices. Overtime, Trust staff have been involved in a number of projects focused on evaluating the fidelity to the best practice models. Additionally, the Trust has supported the development of practice informed and best practices in Alaska, where national models weren’t appropriate, or had to be adapted.

How does the Trust encourage coordination of care?

**Staff Response:** Trust staff are in the unique position of being involved in various project and policy planning and implementation efforts with stakeholders at the individual organization and local, state, tribal and federal government levels. As a result, staff often become aware of efforts that could be duplicative, contradictory, or streamlined. This affords Trust staff opportunities to raise awareness and facilitate connections to that projects and policies can be the most effective and efficient. Thus, staff consistently, encourages integration and coordination of care by advocating for, and funding, programs that embrace integrated care across the spectrum of Trust beneficiary related services. The Trust works, in collaboration with community partners and stakeholders, to provide the State input on proposed statutes and regulations that guide services and coordination of care for Trust beneficiaries.

How does the Trust encourage and track whether organizations are using the right, most current technology?

**Staff Response:** The Trust does not actively audit organizations for whether they are using the most appropriate or current technology. If we fund a project that includes health information technology elements, we will work with grantees to ensure they are implementing the technology option most optimal to their needs.

We do work with our partners, such as the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), to support providers in selecting or maintaining the most appropriate technology for their work with Trust beneficiaries, and that is also compliant with state and federal regulatory standards.
Over time the Trust has participated with, and supported, State and community partners in a number of health information technology related initiatives ranging from Medicaid reform (SB74) related efforts (i.e., 1115 Demonstration Waivers, Telemedicine and Health Information planning etc.) to the State’s Health Information Exchange.
**Project Title:** Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center Dental Grant  
**Grantee:** Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center  
**Fund:** Authority Grant  
**Geographic Area Served:** Anchorage Municipality  
**Project Category:** Direct Service  
**Years Funded:** FY09 to Present  
**FY19 Grant Amount:** $140,000.00  

**High Level Project Summary:** In partnership with the Trust, the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center’s Dental Clinic provides dental services to Trust beneficiaries referred by behavioral health providers/agencies. This grant allows beneficiaries who are low-income or otherwise disadvantaged to receive emergent, preventive, restorative and prosthetic dental care. The Trust has funded the dental grant with the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center since FY2009. This grant provides essential dental services to Trust beneficiaries who would not otherwise have access. This crucial safety net dental program ensures beneficiary access to basic dental health care and improves quality of life.

Trust staff recommend continued funding for this project in FY22 to support continued access to critical dental services for Trust beneficiaries in Anchorage. This project directly relates to the Alaska Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan objective 2.1 access and receiving quality healthcare.
Project Title: Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center Dental Grant

Staff Project Analysis: In FY19, the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center dental program satisfied the established grant performance measures. Dental services were provided to 59 Trust beneficiaries. Services supported by the grant include quarter dental cleaning, restorations, crowns, extractions, Partial dentures, complete dentures, (consults, and postoperative checks, etc. for prosthetics). Letters of testimony from individuals receiving services are attached in the grant report and confirm the efficacy of the program for Trust beneficiaries who would otherwise not have access to necessary dental treatment.

This project directly relates to the Alaska Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan objective 2.1 access and receiving quality healthcare.

Project Description: Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANHC) will perform dental services for Trust beneficiaries that are referred by behavioral health treatment agencies as part of a demonstration project to better meet the needs of beneficiaries previously served under the mini-grant program from The Trust. The ANHC agrees to outreach to local behavioral health agencies to set up a system for referral of behavioral health beneficiaries to receive dental services either directly from ANHC or, if necessary, through referral by ANHC to appropriate specialist for dental services that ANHC is unable to perform. ANHC will work with The Trust over the life of the project to assess the project success and to refine the project process to best meet the needs of ANHC and Trust beneficiaries.

Outreach to local behavioral health providers to set up system, using vouchers, for referral of eligible Trust beneficiaries. The program will be focused at Trust beneficiaries being served by local behavioral health providers and who have need of dental treatment and who do not have any other source of resources to pay for dental treatment.

ANHC will manage referrals, provide exams and treatment plans and work to prioritize services to Trust beneficiaries in an appropriate manner.

ANHC will bill The Trust fund source at a rate of 85% of the schedule rate for services provided.

ANHC will be able to refer Trust beneficiaries out for dental treatment that is not able to be provided within the agency and bill the Trust funds for the services provided.

Grant tracking will be performed by the accounting department on a quarterly basis.

ANHC will work with Trust staff to track the progress of the demonstration project and to make suggestions for refining the demonstration project process throughout the year so that it may be replicated at other sites and to help determine the feasibility of expansion and continuing in future years.

Grantee Response - FY19 Grant Report Executive Summary:

Outreach: Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center (ANCH) is a private, non-profit health and dental practice that has provided care in Anchorage since 1971. ANHC’s mission is to provide wellness by providing the highest quality care with compassion and accessible services for our community. ANHC accepts all patients insured and uninsured and is committed to providing affordable dental services. Access to affordable oral health care is one of the most critical needs in Anchorage, statewide and
nationally. In partnership with the Mental Health Trust Authority the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center’s Dental Clinic provides dental services to Trust beneficiaries referred by behavioral health providers/agencies. This grant allows beneficiaries who are low-income or otherwise disadvantaged to receive emergent, preventive, restorative and prosthetic dental care.

Outreach is set up with local behavioral health providers and vouchers are used to refer eligible Trust beneficiaries. The referral process is in place and we continue education as needed for new referring staffers with said agencies. It can be challenging to get referrals completed appropriately due to staff turnover in the referring agencies however we do spend a considerable amount of time going over the criteria and requirements via phone with the referring clinician.

**Treatment:** This fiscal year we provided dental services to 59 mental health beneficiaries. Services supported by the grant this quarter dental cleaning, restorations, crowns, extractions, Partial dentures, complete dentures, (consults, and postoperative checks, etc. for prosthetics).

Quantity and Prevailing rate for dental services: The total dollar amount for dental services at ANHC’s current fee schedule for this quarter was $120,089.

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Total Balance Due: $22,702.45

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Average cost per beneficiary: $1,261.25
Referrals to outside providers: 2

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Average cost per beneficiary: $683.70
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Trust Beneficiaries Served: 148
Average Cost Per Beneficiary: $1,116.28
Referrals To Outside Providers: 0

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**Project Title:** Interior Community Health Center Dental Grant  
**Grantee:** Interior Community Health Center  
**Fund:** Authority Grant  
**Geographic Area Served:** Fairbanks North Star Borough  
**Project Category:** Direct Service  
**Years Funded:** FY09 to Present  
**FY19 Grant Amount:** $100,000.00

**High Level Project Summary:** In partnership with the Trust the Interior Community Health Center Dental Clinic provides dental services to Trust beneficiaries referred by behavioral health providers/agencies in the Fairbanks area. This grant allows beneficiaries who are low-income or otherwise disadvantaged to receive emergent, preventive, restorative and prosthetic dental care. The Trust has funded the dental grant with the Interior Community Health Center since FY2009. This grant provides essential dental services to Trust beneficiaries who would not otherwise have access. This crucial safety net dental program ensures beneficiary access to basic dental health care and improves quality of life.

Trust staff recommend continued funding for this project in FY22 in support of continued access to critical dental services for Trust beneficiaries in Fairbanks. This project directly relates to the Alaska Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan objective 2.1 access and receiving quality healthcare.
**Project Title:** Interior Community Health Center Dental Grant

**Staff Project Analysis:** In FY19, the Interior Community Health Center satisfied the established grant performance measures. Dental services were provided to 79 Trust beneficiaries ranging from exams, evaluations, crowns, dentures, extractions, and other essential dental services for vulnerable beneficiaries not otherwise funded. The project continues to provide Trust beneficiaries in the Fairbanks area with crucial dental services to help improve their quality of life.

This project directly relates to the Alaska Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan objective 2.1 access and receiving quality healthcare.

**Project Description:** Interior Community Health Center (ICHC) will perform dental services for Trust beneficiaries that are referred by behavioral health treatment agencies as part of a demonstration project to better meet the needs of beneficiaries previously served under the mini-grant program from The Trust. The ICHC agrees to outreach to local behavioral health agencies to set up a system for referral of behavioral health beneficiaries to receive dental services either directly from ICHC or, if necessary, through referral by ICHC to appropriate specialist for dental services that is ICHC unable to perform. ICHC will work with The Trust over the life of the project to assess the project success and to refine the project process to best meet the needs of ICHC and Trust beneficiaries.

Outreach to local behavioral health providers to set up system, using vouchers, for referral of eligible Trust beneficiaries. The program will be focused at Trust beneficiaries being served by local behavioral health providers and who have need of dental treatment and who do not have any other source of resources to pay for dental treatment.

ICHC will manage referrals, provide exams and treatment plans and work to prioritize services to Trust beneficiaries in an appropriate manner.

ICHC will bill The Trust fund source at a rate of 85% of the schedule rate for services provided.

ICHC will be able to refer Trust beneficiaries out for dental treatment that is not able to be provided within the agency and bill the Trust funds for the services provided.

Grant tracking will be performed by the accounting department on a quarterly basis.

ICHC will work with Trust staff to track the progress of the demonstration project and to make suggestions for refining the demonstration project process throughout the year so that it may be replicated at other sites and to help determine the feasibility of expansion and continuing in future years.

**Grantee Response - FY19 Grant Report Executive Summary:** N/A

**Number of beneficiaries experiencing mental illness reported served by this project in FY19:** 79

**Performance Measure 1:** At each reporting period, and summarized in the final report, describe outreach efforts to local behavioral health providers to set up a system, using vouchers, for referral of eligible Trust beneficiaries who have need of dental treatment and who do not have any other resources to pay for dental treatment. Include successes, and challenges/barriers to the implementation of the system.

**Grantee Response to Performance Measure 1:** To increase the visibility and public awareness of the
services offered by ICHC, we have applied a multichannel engagement strategy. We have distributed materials (e.g. brochures and flyers) about ICHC’s spectrum of primary care services, including dental. ICHC has also participated in public relation activities. For example, we have worked closely with various local organizations to share information to prospective patients on how to access our services. We have also participated in community-wide events to raise awareness of ICHC’s services, and to empower more individuals to utilize the existing resources that we provide (e.g. Schedule of Discounts). We also consistently feature public broadcasting (radio) and print media (newspaper) to remind residents that our services – Medical, Dental, and Integrated Behavioral Health – are available to everyone in the community.

**Performance Measure 2:** At each reporting period, and summarized in the final report, provide project outcomes data that includes:

a) Number of Trust beneficiaries served (unduplicated)
b) The quantity and cost of each dental service provided (i.e., number of comprehensive examinations and associated cost, number of cavity x-rays and associated cost, etc).
c) Average cost of dental services provided per Trust beneficiary at ICHC.
d) Number and percentage of Trust beneficiaries referred to outside providers for dental services.
e) The quantity and cost of each dental service provided (i.e., number of comprehensive examinations and associated cost, number of cavity x-rays and associated cost, etc) by providers outside of ICHC.
f) Average cost of dental services provided per Trust beneficiary by providers outside of ICHC.
g) 1-2 brief stories describing how Trust beneficiaries are better off as a result of this program.

**Grantee Response to Performance Measure 2:**

Quarter 1: a) - f): see attached
g): This reporting period we want to share a story on a grant recipient who received unexpected news during their recent dental examination: one of their teeth was diagnosed as a dying tooth. The patient was presented with the option to save the tooth or have the tooth extracted. Thanks to the grant program, the patient was able to choose to save her tooth with out having to worry about how she would afford it with her limited finances. The patient understood that it would take many appointments to save the tooth and knew there were fees associated with each appointment and was grateful she was able to consider this option as the patient expressed a strong desire to keep the tooth if possible. The tooth has been treated and the patient is thankful that she will be able to keep this tooth for many years.

Quarter 2: a-f): See Attached
g): Last quarter ICHC’s dental clinic treated multiple grant recipients. One patient has demonstrated their commitment and dedication to their oral health with ICHC since 2012! ICHC has become their dental home. They’ve demonstrated their ability to continue their routine dental checkups. They’ve continued to perform all recommended oral hygiene maintenance at home resulting in little need of restorative dental treatment. We have enjoyed seeing them continue to come in for their routine preventative maintenance cleanings, examinations, and radiographs. This grant has supported this patient’s ability to maintain their smile and desire to return for future checkups.

Quarter 3: a-f): See Attached
g): ICHC continues to help support the Alaska Mental Health Trusts mission by providing dental services to Trust beneficiaries. Our dental program offers comprehensive care, treating grant recipients in need of general preventative care, restorative care, and prosthetic dentistry.
This quarter ICHC treated a patient that was at high caries risk and sensitivity. Multiple cavities were identified and restoration was successfully completed on six teeth. Along with the restoration, the patient received education on proper home oral health maintenance which included brushing techniques and regular follow-up with the dental hygienist.

Quarter 4: a-f: See attached
g: This quarter ICHC received three new Trust beneficiary referrals from behavioral health treatment agencies. We continue to outreach to local behavioral health agencies to continue the success of our referral system. One of our recent referrals is a recipient who’s called us their dental home since 2012. With grant benefits, they’ve been able to save their teeth. Before becoming a grant recipient, they had no other resources to pay for their dental treatment. They used ICHC’s Patient Care fund for limited dental services. Without the grant they would choose to postpone their dental treatments, so long that they were left with the only option to remove the tooth, or do nothing. The impact the grant has made on this patient’s wellbeing is one example of how the Trust continues to improve quality of life.
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**Sub Total:**

$12,357.45

**Total Balance Due:**

$12,357.45

**Trust beneficiaries served:**

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**Average cost per beneficiary:**

$2,100.77

**Referrals to outside provides:**

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**Sub Total:** $12,571.00

**Total Balance Due:** $22,702.45

**Trust beneficiaries served:** 18

**Average cost per beneficiary:** $1,261.25

**Referrals to outside providers:** 2

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Trust beneficiaries served: 20
Average cost per beneficiary: $ 683.70
Referrals to outside providers: 0

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## Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

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Anchorage, AK 99508

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**Total Balance Due:** $27,906.95

Trust Beneficiaries Served: **156**

Average Cost Per Beneficiary: $1,116.28

Referrals To Outside Providers: 0

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All charges listed are 85% of Interior Community Health Center’s fee. These charges are net of third party insurance payments where applicable. This billing statement does not include charges pending third party insurance payments.

Interior Community Health Center has implemented various outreach processes as well as internal tracking measures to insure that the project performance measures of the grant are being met.

Please submit inquiries to Sherry Jacobs, Dental Billing Specialist, at 907-458-1567.
I. General Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to provide Alaska Legal Services Corporation with $50,000.00 from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (the Trust) for the Legal Resources for Trust Beneficiaries.

Alaska Legal Services Corporation and the Trust, in consideration of the funding of this project, establish the following agreed upon conditions.

II. Project Description

Alaska Legal Services Corporation will provide direct free civil legal assistance to beneficiaries on issues that are critical to preventing homelessness such those that threaten their physical safety, stability, and self-sufficiency and thereby place them at risk of becoming homeless or that are contributing to current homelessness.

III. Project Performance Measures

1. Provide a summary of the activities, successes, challenges and any lessons learned from implementation of the project. Please be sure to include:
   A. The number of Trust beneficiaries served broken out by beneficiary type.
   B. Provide the Trust with recommendations on implementation of improved Fair Housing policies and practices for communities across the state, addressing areas such as zoning, Fair Housing testing, recommendations from other states in improving access to housing, etc.

IV. Budget Agreement

The Trust agrees to fund Alaska Legal Services Corporation in the amount of $50,000.00 with the understanding that funding is as outlined below:
### Project Budget

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It is understood that the Trust cannot advance funds or reimburse Alaska Legal Services Corporation for any anticipated or actual expenditures that has not been documented and agreed to pursuant to this agreement.

### V. Payment Provisions

80% of grant funds will be advanced upon the Trust’s receipt of the signed Grant Agreement and the signed Request for Advance form. Disbursement of the remaining 20% will be made upon project completion and approval of the final program and financial report by the Trust.

Estimates, contracts, or receipts and other required information will be submitted to:
Lucas Lind, Grants Administrator
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200
Anchorage, AK 99508

### VI. Reporting Requirements

**Program and Fiscal Reports:**
Alaska Legal Services Corporation will submit to the Trust, program and fiscal information as determined in this agreement.

A comprehensive final grant report will be due within 60 days of the conclusion of the project, on or before August 31, 2021.

All grant reports will be submitted online through IGAM, the Trust’s online grant reporting application/reporting system.

The link to the online report can be found on the Trust’s website (www.mhtrust.org) under the “grants” tab, or at our webpage: http://mhtrust.org/current-grantees/.

Please contact Carrie Predeger, Grants Accountability Manager, carrie.predeger@alaska.gov or (907-269-7965) with any questions about grant reporting.

### Project Reporting Schedule

| Final Project Report: On or Before August 31, 2021 |

Grant reports should contain the following information:

1. Responses to the performance measures found in Section III of this agreement.
2. A financial report showing expenditures to date. This report should utilize the same categories as listed in Section IV of this agreement.
3. If additional information is needed to respond to performance measures or to document expenses, please include this as attachments to the main report.
Compliance with specific terms and expenditures as required by the Trust are subject to approval by the Trust. Release of continued funding is conditional upon approval of this report by the Trust.

It is further understood all fiscal reports submitted to the Trust are subject to audit by the Trust or its designee.

Untimely reports may result in an interruption or delay in your receiving project funds.

Upon request, Alaska Legal Services Corporation will submit other information and reports relating to its activities under this project as requested by The Trust.

All reports and required information will be submitted to:
Lucas Lind, Grants Administrator
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200
Anchorage, AK 99508

VII. Financial Requirements

The Trust and Alaska Legal Services Corporation hereby agree that:

1. Alaska Legal Services Corporation and the Trust will comply with applicable laws, 20 AAC 40.010 – 20 AAC 40.990 and other applicable regulations and policies, and the terms and conditions contained in this agreement.

2. The Trust will provide Alaska Legal Services Corporation written notification if funding under this grant is revoked, rescinded, reduced, or otherwise withheld, and the reason and effective date of such action.

3. Funds awarded in this project may be suspended or terminated by written notice from the Trust to Alaska Legal Services Corporation any time for violation by Alaska Legal Services Corporation of any terms and conditions of this agreement.

4. Proposed changes in the approved project budget shall be submitted in writing by Alaska Legal Services Corporation and, if approved by the Trust, will be incorporated as a part of this project on the date of approval in writing by the Trust.

5. Alaska Legal Services Corporation will retain all receipts. Records must be maintained in a manner that would satisfy an audit conducted by Alaska Legal Services Corporation the Trust, the State of Alaska, or any other auditing entity.

6. Reimbursements must be requested by submission of written invoices.

8. Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority funds are state financial assistance and subject to state single audit requirements under 2 AAC 45. For more information about the state single audit program, please visit the state single audit website at: http://doa.alaska.gov/dof/ssa/index.html or contact the State Single Audit Coordinator at (907) 465-4666.

9. Unless notified by the Trust in writing, the state single audit program will be the only financial audit requirement for this grant.
VIII. Program Requirements

Alaska Legal Services Corporation agrees to comply with the following terms and conditions and provide documentation of program compliance upon request:

1. Alaska Legal Services Corporation will provide the Trust copies of reports provided to other granting entities associated with this project.

2. The Trust has the right, either directly or through a designated representative, to visit Alaska Legal Services Corporation on site.

3. Alaska Legal Services Corporation will indemnify and hold the Trust harmless from claims arising from the Alaska Legal Services Corporation use of Authority Grant funds.

4. The Alaska Legal Services Corporation will comply with the requirements of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Employment Opportunity Act; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Alaska Administrative Order 129; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in employing staff, serving clients, and as otherwise appropriate.

5. Alaska Legal Services Corporation will provide a smoke free workplace for all clients and staff. This requirement is to ensure compliance with the federal “Certification Regarding Environmental Tobacco Smoke.”

6. No part of funds paid under this Project shall be used for the purpose of lobbying activities before the Alaska State Legislature.

7. Alaska Legal Services Corporation will comply with all applicable State and Federal fire, health, safety, and sanitation codes.

8. All grant correspondence must contain this project’s GIFTS ID #: 4119.09.

9. All changes of intent for this project, including budget modifications must be submitted in writing to the Trust for approval.

IX. Other Special Conditions

Other special conditions of this grant agreement: ☐ No ☒ Yes, see below:

1. Alaska Legal Services Corporation will reference the trust as a funding partner in all written, broadcast or online materials related to this project. Please contact the Trust for media guidelines and additional information.

X. Signatures

With the signatures below, the above project conditions are hereby agreed to and accepted based on the proposal submitted and the terms agreed to in this agreement. The undersigned is authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of the Alaska Legal Services Corporation.

______________________________________________     ___________________
Nikole Nelson, Executive Director                           Date
Alaska Legal Services Corporation
Lucas Lind, Grants Administrator  
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

Steve Williams, Chief Operating Officer  
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
### Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

**DRAFT FY22-23 Budget**

**August 26&27 Full Board Meeting**

(Non-focus area allocations)

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**focus Areas:**

- **Mental Health & Addiction Intervention**
  - 3,950.0 | 450.0 | 3,500.0 | - | 100.0 | 5,921.5 | 521.5 | 5,400.0 | 53.5 | - | 5,912.5 | 512.5 | 5,400.0 | 4,062.5 | - |

- **Disability Justice**
  - 2,674.9 | 1,383.4 | 1,383.5 | - | 372.7 | - | 2,751.5 | 1,380.0 | 1,361.5 | 491.0 | - | 2,624.9 | 1,263.4 | 1,361.5 | 491.0 | - |

- **Beneficiary Employment and Engagement**
  - 2,110.2 | 275.0 | 1,835.2 | - | - | 2,215.2 | 415.0 | 1,800.2 | 20.0 | - | 2,135.2 | 335.0 | 1,800.2 | 50.0 | - |

- **Housing and Home and Community Based Services**
  - 2,924.8 | 1,113.2 | 1,813.2 | 981.3 | 8,100.0 | 3,332.6 | 2,229.4 | 1,308.2 | 8,100.0 | 3,326.3 | 2,098.3 | 1,290.0 | 9,963.0 | 8,138.1 |

- **Other Priority Areas**
  - 1,559.0 | 1,339.0 | 220.0 | - | - | 2,364.6 | 1,729.6 | 635.0 | 100.0 | - | 2,334.2 | 1,631.2 | 703.0 | 200.0 | - |

**Totals**

- 31,418.1 | 17,148.5 | 14,269.6 | 5,910.7 | 8,200.0 | 32,768.6 | 16,683.7 | 16,084.9 | 12,397.5 | 8,100.0 | 32,716.3 | 16,381.6 | 16,334.7 | 17,036.5 | 8,138.1 |

**Total funding available for FY21**

33,145.1

**Estimated Total Available Funding in FY22**

35,110.2

**Estimated Total Available Funding in FY23**

35,850.4

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Chris Cooke, Chair
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### Total Trust & TLO

- **Total Trust Funds to State Agencies & AG:** 8,640.7
- **Total Trust Funds to State Agencies:** 8,640.7
- **Authority Grant:** 8,573.7
- **CF/MH:** 8,573.7
- **Other:** 8,573.7

### Notes

- **Fiscal Year:** 2021-2022
- **Department/Region:** Various departments and regions
- **Type:** Various types of funding
- **Summary:** Provides a overview of trust and TLO administrative budgets, grant-making programs, and other non-focus area allocations.

### Regional Breakdown

- **Alaska:** Various regions including Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau.
- **Programs:** Programs serving young children, promotes resilience, and addresses trauma.

### Additional Notes

- **Amended Approved:** 1/30/20
- **Proposed:** Various proposed allocations for the fiscal year.
- **Total:** Total funds allocated for each category.

### Contact Information

- **Chris Cooke, Chair**
- **Date:** 8/19/2020
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**Total Non-Focus Area Allocations: 17,186.0**

**Subtotal:** **300.0**

**Total Other Non-Focus Area Allocations: 6,464.7**

**Total Non-Focus Area Allocations: 23,650.7**
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| 5 | Disability Justice | Type | FY21 Amended Approved (1/30/20) | FY22 Proposed | FY23 Proposed |
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| 6 | Systems and Policy development | U V W X Y AG |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 7 | Alaska Justice Information Center | O | 225.0 | 225.0 | - | - | - | 225.0 | 225.0 | - | 225.0 | - | 225.0 | 225.0 | - | 225.0 | - | 225.0 | - | 225.0 | - |
| 8 | Implement CIT training courses: Anchorage and others | AG | 40.0 | - | 40.0 | - | - | 40.0 | - | 40.0 | - | 40.0 | - | 40.0 | - | 40.0 | - | 40.0 | - | 40.0 | - |
| 9 | Implement CIT Training | O | 80.0 | 80.0 | - | - | - | 80.0 | 80.0 | - | - | - | 80.0 | 80.0 | - | 80.0 | 80.0 | - | 80.0 | 80.0 | - |
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### Early Childhood Intervention & Prevention

#### Promote practice-informed, universal screening efforts and early intervention services

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**Chris Cooke, Chair**
Written Public Comment
Dear Chairman Cooke;

As statutory advisors to the Alaska Mental Health Trust (the Trust) (Alaska Statutes 47.45.240; AS 47.80.090; AS 47.30.666; and AS 44.29.140) we are responsible for providing recommendations to Trustees concerning the use of Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts (MHTAAR).

We strongly advise that Trustees do not reduce the full MHTAAR funding formula for the Alaska Training Cooperative (AKTC) in the Trust’s FY22/23 proposed budget. Now is not the time for this and our reasons are as follows:

- Due to state budget issues we anticipate drastic Medicaid rate and grant reductions over the next three years, as well as massive impacts to the overall Alaskan economy due to Covid-19. We do not anticipate that providers will have extra revenue to pay for the training and technical assistance that the AKTC provides.

- The emergence of Covid-19 as a global health emergency puts Trust beneficiaries at great risk for death, illness, neglect, isolation, depression, anxiety and suicide. Direct service and health care professionals trained and supported through the AKTC provide critically needed services to every category of Trust beneficiaries you serve. This crisis will continue over the next three years and the AKTC is providing essential trainings and support to frontline workers during this emergency.

- Workforce development and retention remains a top priority for the continuum of care in Alaska. As reported in the Trust’s ‘FY22/23 Budget Development Stakeholder Meeting Summary’, “Advancing the competencies of the healthcare, behavioral health, public health, and criminal justice workforce was an integral theme across all stakeholder meetings.”

- The AKTC has been fully funded by the Trust for years because they offer specialized and high-quality trainings, not available elsewhere, that are affordable, accessible, culturally-based, and are specifically intended for Trust beneficiary-serving agencies and providers. These trainings are also well-received by participants. From FY14-19, an average 95.2% of AKTC participants said they were satisfied and/or highly satisfied with the courses they received.

We caution you that reducing the capacity of the AKTC in FY22/23 will have health impacts on the Trust beneficiaries you serve. Alaska has a known workforce shortage across many health-and
behavioral health-related disciplines. Without a capable and competent workforce, the continuum of services and care is at risk of not being able to meet the needs of the most vulnerable Alaskans. We respectfully ask that Trustees fully fund the AKTC with MHTAAR dollars for FY22/23.

Gordon Glaser, Chair Alaska Commission on Aging

Corey Gilmore, Chair Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education

Charlene Tautfest, Chair Alaska Mental Health Board

Philip Licht, Chair Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
August 18, 2020

Christopher R. Cooke  
Chairman  
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority  
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Dear Chairman Cooke,

Greetings from The Arc of Anchorage! As our organization utilizes and partners with the Alaska Training Cooperative (AKTC) to train our workforce of Direct Support Professionals (DSP), Case Managers, Directors and other key positions who deliver services to Alaskans who experience disabilities, I am writing today in support of their current need for funding.

There is a proposal to cut their program funding, which would be a great disservice to agencies like The Arc who need quality training and education resources to ensure our front-line staff and service delivery occurs 365 days a year to serve some of Alaska’s most vulnerable people. The Arc of Anchorage has the stakeholder concern over the potential fiscal impact that a 10% budget reduction ($98K) would have to the AKTC’s FY22 funding, that in turn, would have a negative impact on the ability for them to provide DSP training. In FY23, an additional 10% reduction is proposed for $88K cut to AKTC.

With AKTC losing this kind of funding, organizations like The Arc would have an increase in our per-seat training session costs, an average of $23 per seat. Multiply this by the 100+ staff who need multiple training opportunities at The Arc, and the cost burden shifts to non-profits who are already stretched thin to cover such expenses, especially in our current COVID world. On top of the cost of training, DSP pay is not being offset by billable hours while they are trained, and organizations are burdened a second time by those administrative overhead costs.

In addition to the financial impacts, the importance of access for training and education for DSPs can make a tremendous difference for those in the career field to have a clear and supported pathway for career growth. The Arc utilizes AKTC because they have the infrastructure, staff expertise and training abilities to be the foundational resource for making this DSP career pathway to become a reality. Fully funding AKTC will help Alaskans engage in a DSP career.

AKTC can lead the way in DSP training and education, and as a result, our DSP workforce at The Arc will be better skilled and knowledgeable to provide services for trust beneficiaries. Right now, in our state, there is not an equitable system that supports all trust beneficiaries with a well-trained DSP workforce. Currently, DSP service quality is based on what an agency is willing to do, over and above the basic training requirements (CPR/first aid/HIPAA, confidentiality,
etc). Without a professional certification process, this inequity will continue to exist. Fully funding AKTC will help DSPs gain professional certification in our state.

AKTC can aid organizations like The Arc in a coordinated recruitment of DSPs statewide, join in solutions for better wages and retention of DSPs statewide, and partner to bring to the forefront helpful technology used on a daily basis as a tool by Alaskans who experience disabilities and the agency staff supporting them. As agencies like The Arc continue to integrate technology into service delivery, we can simultaneously provide human support, our specialty and what we take great pride in to serve in that capacity. Fully funding AKTC will bring more Alaskans to the DSP career field, bridge DSP pay and move technology supports forward.

On behalf of The Arc of Anchorage, our individuals and families served, our staff and board, we urge you to continue to fully fund AKTC. I appreciate your time and consideration on this matter. Should you have any questions about The Arc’s support of AKTC, feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rodriguez-Rath
Chief Executive Officer
The Arc of Anchorage

cc: Mike Abbott  Eric Boyer
    Chief Executive Officer  Program Officer
    Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority  Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
    3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200  3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200
    Anchorage, Alaska 99508  Anchorage, Alaska 99508
    (via email)  (via email)
August 18, 2020

Mr. Christopher R. Cooke
Alaska Mental Health Trust Chair
4501 Business Park Blvd., Building L
Anchorage, AK 99503

RE: Letter of Support for the Alaska Training Cooperative

Dear Chairman Cooke,

This letter is to express our support of the CHD AK Training Cooperative (AKTC). As HR Manager at Trinion Quality Care Services, Inc., one of my primary roles is to ensure our direct support staff receive DSDS regulated training that is ongoing and applicable while staying within a strict company budget. The AKTC provides training to improve the workforce providing direct care and support, and we are convinced that outcome will be more likely if this training is more widely spread. An additional challenge for our company is the cost of training, and although Trinion is committed to providing exceptionally trained DSPs, this will not be possible if there is an increase in cost.

We are at a turning point for DSPs and ensuring that everyone is trained to the absolute best of our and their ability to provide support for our vulnerable populations. With the recent coronavirus pandemic and resulting financial impact, we have an even greater need for getting DSPs who are new to the field up and running competently and effectively. It is our community’s responsibility to make sure the care being provided by DSPs is of the highest quality. Without exceptional and affordable training as provided through the AKTC, Trinion along with other agencies run the risk of being unable to provide trained, certified, and prepared professionals to include in an essential workforce.

There is a dire need for ongoing DSP training which has significantly increased from previous years. As the younger workforce begins moving into the DSP field the need for additional training is becoming even more serious. We strongly believe that this is not the time to cut the AKTC when workforce training needs full support.

Additionally, Trinion has committed to providing the Core Competency training to all of our DSPs. Through the support of the AKTC and their amazing staff, Trinion was able to secure me as a trainer to provide those trainings in-house with a potential opportunity to offer to other agencies and continue the educational value of the Core Competency course. These are just a small portion of the training courses that are being integrated into our training program. If there were cost increases put into place, Trinion will not be able to afford the trainings that we have carefully begun integrating into our workforce.
The AKTC plays a key role in making it possible for Trinion to directly provide necessary training to our care providers. Without the administrative support and back-end tracking and session building we will not be able to provide the necessary data (through the pre-post evaluations), nor the booklets which are proving to be a resource for our participants.

In closing, we request that the costs not be increased and that the Alaska Mental Health Trust hear the support for the AKTC and the incredible value it offers to a workforce in desperate need of effective and quality training.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Liz Gerken Miller, aPHR
Human Resources Manager
Mr. Christopher R. Cooke  
Alaska Mental Health Trust Chair  
4501 Business Park Blvd., Building L  
Anchorage, AK 99503

RE: Letter of Support for the Alaska Training Cooperative

August 19, 2020

Dear Chairman Cooke,

We ask that you not cut funding to the Alaska Training Cooperative in FY22/23. It would significantly affect our ability to train our direct support professionals (DSP’s), who need specialized skills in order to provide the highest quality support to Trust beneficiaries.

Increasing fees for AKTC trainings would make us reconsider offering DSP training to our staff due to our limited training budgets. When we send staff to trainings, we are not able to bill for services, so we need to pay their wages for training time in addition to the training fees. Adding an additional fee to AKTC’s low training fees would make us reconsider how often we send staff to trainings.

We support the development of a career pathway for our direct support workforce. Currently there isn’t an equitable system that supports all Trust beneficiaries with a well-trained DSP workforce in Alaska. Keeping AKTC fully funded would allow this state to develop a coordinated recruitment plan for DSP’s, and to develop a solution for improving DSP wages and benefits.

Again, we ask that you not cut funding to the Alaska Training Cooperative.

Sincerely,

Bess Clark  
Executive Director
Audit & Risk Committee Report / Update
Meeting Summary:

There has been one Audit & Risk Committee meeting since the last full board meeting, occurring on July 30, 2020. The meeting was attended via the online WebEx platform by trustees Anita Halterman (chair), Vernè Boerner, Rhonda Boyles, Chris Cooke, Laraine Derr, Ken McCarty and John Sturgeon.

The July 30, 2020 Audit & Risk Committee addressed two items:

Audit Planning and Committee Consultation: Bikky Shrestha, partner at the Anchorage BDO office, presented an overview of the audit purpose and process for FY20. He noted that some findings that have occurred in the past are occurring again and relate to statewide closing of accounts, but can be addressed through adjustments recommended by BDO.

Development of a Risk Management Plan: Staff outlined at a high level the components of a Risk Management Plan as required under the Charter of the Audit & Risk Committee.

Audit & Risk Committee concluded at approximately 9:20 am. The next scheduled meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee is **January 6, 2021.**
### Frequently Used Trust Acronyms

This list represents the acronyms that staff will most frequently use in Trust memos and presentations pertaining to our programmatic and land office work. Given the scope of our work and our numerous partners, this targeted list is intended to serve as a useful "at a glance" tool, and not as a comprehensive list of all acronyms used by the Trust and our partners. In cases where an acronym that is not on this list is used in Trust materials, it will be defined.

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