

**ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
PROGRAM & PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
January 3, 2020
11:30 a.m.**

**Taken at:
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 120
Anchorage, Alaska**

Trustees Present:

Verne' Boerner, Chair
Anita Halterman
Mary Jane Michael
Ken McCarty
Chris Cooke
Laraine Derr (via Speakerphone)

Trust Staff Present:

Mike Abbott
Steve Williams
Miri Smith-Coolidge
Kelda Barstad
Luke Lind
Michael Baldwin
Carrie Predeger
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Jimael Johnson
Valette Keller
Eric Boyer
Autumn Vea

Trust Land Office:

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Also participating:

Roy Scheller; Michelle Girault; Gennifer Moreau-Johnson; Jerry Jenkins; Aaron O'Quinn;
Duane Harris; Lisa Nolan; Aaron Wolf; Leah Van Kirk (via Speakerphone); Rebecca Topol (via
Speakerphone).

PROCEEDINGS

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR BOERNER called the meeting to order and asked for any announcements.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL stated that it was her pleasure to acknowledge Roy Scheller's retirement.

She continued that they had met 42 years ago and that it had been a pleasure to watch his professional progress over the years. He was a champion for advocacy, the Key Campaign, over the years, and she thanked him for all he has done. She added that, as he transitions to retirement, the hope is to lead a wonderful life after this. She presented him with a plaque and asked for any other comments.

CHAIR BOERNER thanked Mr. Scheller for his years of service and dedication. The work he did is leaving a legacy and impacting those that have been helped, and the program will continue that work which will affect the next generation and the generations to come.

MR. WILLIAMS stated that it was a pleasure to work with Mr. Scheller and noted that he was always actively engaged in the budget-development process. He valued the perspective and participation of Hope, a large provider of services for the beneficiaries.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL introduced and welcomed Michelle Girault, the new CEO of Hope, who has also been there for 36 years.

TRUSTEE McCARTY talked about seeing the influence of Hope in Kodiak and the ripple effect, and thanked them for what was done.

MS. BARSTAD stated appreciation for Mr. Scheller's visionary leadership and that it was a pleasure to work with him and Hope. She continued that the agency has worked hard to ensure that people are living the lives they want to, promoting inclusion and independence in the community and across the state. She thanked him and wished him a well-deserved retirement.

MR. SCHELLER stated appreciation for the recognition and the good works. He continued that the Trust has been behind almost every single productive act that happened in the past decades. He applauded all for being very significant in helping people with intellectual disabilities have a full life. He added the hope to find meaning and purpose in his retirement by continuing many of his activities in support of people with developmental disabilities. He thanked all.

(Applause.)

CHAIR BOERNER moved to approval of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made to approve the agenda by TRUSTEE COOKE; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

There being no objection, the MOTION was approved.

CHAIR BOERNER asked for any ethics disclosures. There being none, she moved to approval of the minutes from the July 31, 2019, meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: A motion to approve the minutes of July 31, 2019, was made by TRUSTEE COOKE, seconded by TRUSTEE MICHAEL.

There being no objection, the MOTION was approved.

CHAIR BOERNER moved to the CEO update.

CEO UPDATE

MR. ABBOTT noted that there have been no announcements from the Governor's office related to new trustee appointments. The Trust's application review was completed mid-December, transmitted to the Governor as required, and new appointees should be known in late December, early January. He thanked the representatives from the four advisory boards from the Alaska Native Health Board and from the Board of Trustees, the six entities that make up the application review process. He then commented on the recent release of Governor Dunleavy's FY21 budget proposal. The Governor actually consulted with the Trust personally, invited staff to present the budget to his leadership team and was grateful for the chance to do that and have a conversation about the role of the Trust and opportunities for the Trust and the Administration to work together. This showed a great indication of Governor Dunleavy's personal interest in the State budgeting process. He funded housing and homeless programs at FY20 at historic funding levels.

CHAIR BOERNER commended Governor Dunleavy for the invitation to have the conversation of the development of the budget and for, largely, the flat-funding of the behavioral health programs and behavioral health initiatives overall. She pointed out and noted that the Suicide Prevention Council budget was cut by 67.4 percent, which is about \$400,000, including eliminating the school suicide program in a state with the highest levels of suicide in the nation. This is going to be an area of need because those that do attempt and commit suicide are Trust beneficiaries. She added that there are also reductions in the Energy Assistance Program and the WIC program, both areas of concern.

MR. WILLIAMS provided trustees with an update on the work that staff with the joint advisory boards have been doing in setting the joint advocacy priorities. He stated that there will be more information at the January Board meeting.

CHAIR BOERNER did an official roll call. Mr. Sturgeon was excused, and the other trustees were present. She moved on and thanked Eric Boyer for helping her with transitioning and taking on some of the responsibilities in the workforce development issues. She continued to the Porcupine building presentation, CHOICES, and Web, and recognized Katie Baldwin-Johnson.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON recognized Duane Harris, the executive director of the Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web; Lisa Nolan, the newer executive director of CHOICES; and Dr. Aaron Wolf, all in the audience. She provided a frame for the partnership with these organizations in trying to identify better solutions for their facilities. Part of the beauty of these organizations is that they have the flexibility to adapt and meet the person where they are and invite them in, take the time to develop relationships, gain trust and really start identifying their needs to figure out how to better help them.

She continued with a brief overview of the beneficiary projects initiative and gave a history on the agencies represented. This initiative conceived of supporting beneficiaries and managing programs that focus on peer-to-peer support. The primary purpose was to develop safe, effective, and sustainable services for beneficiaries led by beneficiaries. This peer support

recovery model is used to really promote the recovery-oriented services that complement many of the clinical services. She added that many of the beneficiaries engaged with these agencies are unable or unwilling to receive services at the more traditional agencies. She explained that the peer support model is an evidence-based model. SAMHSA describes it as using a lived experience of someone in recovery to help support others navigating that path of recovery. She added that the State and the Trust have really embraced this model. She then moved to a brief overview of the services provided by the Mental Health Consumer Web. She stated that there is a handout that offers an overview of the recovery-based engagement and drop-in center, which provides a variety of services. The facility provides a critical safety-net service to the beneficiaries in the Anchorage Bowl and the reports from staff and beneficiaries are a testament to work they do, and the benefits provided. She asked Mr. O'Quinn to talk about the facilities.

MR. O'QUINN began with the old state building that formerly housed the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, which has a public-use restriction and is valued at less than \$400,000. He stated that the current facility for the Consumer Web is located at 13th and Gambell, and the CHOICES facility is directly across the street in the three-story office building. Both facilities have challenges, which he described. He then moved to and described the current available option at 3001 Porcupine Drive in Mountain View. The property has a deed restriction that limits it to a public purpose and is currently owned by the Heritage Bank, by the Municipality. It is appraised at \$382,000, and is 12,300 square feet. He then walked through some of the anticipated costs to some modifications.

MR. WOLF stated that he has been involved with both programs and the present spaces are ill-conceived. He added that a lot of room will be saved by having the right kind of space.

MR. O'QUINN spoke to the budget for further evaluation and moved to the possibility of expanded services of beneficiaries based on having the facility more efficiently laid out.

MS. NOLAN stated the need for more recognition of CHOICES in the community to bring in more referrals and opportunities for volunteerism. She continued that she worked with Mr. O'Quinn and the architect on envisioning some spaces for more internship opportunities, which would benefit Anchorage and Alaska in the future for well-trained professionals that do not have to be imported from the Lower 48.

A discussion on the challenges of the site, the location limitation, and cost of repairs ensued.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON asked Mr. Harris to address the potential for the Web in this new facility, and touch base on the bus access issue.

MR. HARRIS stated that they are looking to more effectively serve an increased number of beneficiaries on a daily basis. Currently, on average, 63 beneficiaries are being serviced daily; and the limitation is the configuration. The hope is having early childhood development, having staff placed in pods around the building for more effective monitoring and better input. He continued that the majority of the population are transient on foot. Because of the expense of bus rides, they are mostly pedestrians.

MR. ABBOTT stated that formal guidance is not being asked for, but there is the need for the trustees to continue being interested in providing a better situation for CHOICES and the Web.

He wanted to see if the trustees are interested in seeing a more fully developed proposal for how this facility could be owned by the Trust and then leased to these two entities going forward.

MR. McCARTY stated interest in hearing about the parameters and any other existing options.

MR. ABBOTT stated the plan for a fuller description of this geographic area, and we will make it part of subsequent information to be brought forward at another time.

CHAIR BOERNER breaks for lunch.

(Lunch break.)

CHAIR BOERNER called the meeting back to order and moved to the Comp Plan update. She asked Mike Baldwin to do some basic introduction.

MR. BALDWIN stated that a lot of good progress has been made on the Comp Plan. The last year was spent working with key partners and stakeholders to reinvigorate the Comp Plan and have a solid one out there. He then moved into the implementation phase, and asked Autumn Veal for an in-process update.

MS. VEA stated that the Comp Plan went live on July 1st, and still continues to receive positive feedback. It has been highlighted numerous times in the media and through interviews with our CEO. She continued that it is a lifespan perspective starting with early childhood and ending with the much needed workforce and data and funding elements. Since the last trustee update, the Comp Plan MOA has been added. The progress report for the previous activities and deliverables were detailed, and were met all from that November 2018 MOA. The 2020 timeline was also updated to include the action plan and the scorecard. She moved to the first step of the MOA which is the action plan being led by Jillian Gellings; who is out on family medical leave. She continued the update on the Department's behalf on their action-planning effects for Ms. Gellings. She asked Ms. Leah Van Kirk, who was on the phone in Juneau, to talk about what the action plan has meant for DBH.

MS. VAN KIRK stated that she works for the Division of Behavioral Health and is the statewide suicide prevention coordinator in the prevention and early intervention section. She continued that part of her role is suicide prevention throughout the state, and then overseeing comprehensive behavioral health prevention and early intervention grantees. She added that they facilitate education throughout the state to teach communities how to respond to suicide, which can then prevent further suicide. She oversees a project with UAF in working on developing university- and college-level classes that will result in an occupational endorsement for behavioral health assistance. This project gave the framework, which is the Comp Plan, to really focus the planning efforts and really identify and take stock of what is already being done that supports the Comp Plan. She gave a short synopsis of what she did to come up with their action plan, identifying responsibilities and then identifying goals that were applicable to the work. She then reviewed and talked about some of those goals. She added that engaging partners integral with their work was helpful in identifying tactics or action items that were identified to work on. She stated that developing an action plan helped to think more strategically about the priorities, and it identified some of the gaps. She added that it was an excellent project to work on.

MS. VEA thanked Ms. Van Kirk, and introduced Rebecca Topol, who will talk about how she has been contributing to the scorecard.

MS. TOPOL stated that she works with Health Analytics and Vital Records, which used to be known as the Bureau of Vital Statistics. She continued that she had been working with the Mental Health Trust scorecard for about three years. She added that she helped coordinate the update to the scorecard document. She collects the most recent data, updates the document and then gets it out on the website. She explained that, currently, there are 23 indicators on the scorecard that have been stable over time. There is at least a decade's worth of data. She explained this is more detail and stated that the scorecard is being updated with 2019 data and is expected to be out in February of 2020. She added that the work based on Trust funding is maintained and updated to the current and new scorecard.

MS. VEA stated that the leadership group recently decided that there is still tremendous value in the use of the Alaska scorecard. She continued that this particular scorecard places a heavier emphasis on beneficiary-related health and social determinants of health versus indicators on the Healthy Alaskans 2030 that focuses on the health of all Alaskans. She added that it is important to have a standalone scorecard that highlights exactly what is impacting Trust beneficiaries specifically.

MS. TOPOL explained how the Trust recently used the scorecard in relationship to prevalence estimates, and then moved to updating the scorecard to reflect the current Comp Plan.

MS. VEA added that another big difference between the Alaska scorecard and Healthy Alaskans 2030 is the prevalence estimates. It helps Department leadership and the Trust predict where there will be growth. She continued that any particular beneficiary population helps to plan for the future to put funds and resources where they may be needed. She added that there is still a lot of valuable information on the existing scorecard as it stands. The efforts for updating are underway and the Trust will continue to be informed of the changes over the next few months.

MR. BALDWIN thanked and appreciated all of the partners and advisory boards that have been active and very spirited. He stated that a lot of really good dialog and collaboration around this has happened.

CHAIR BOERNER also thanked all for their presentations and for the comments to connect and augment how Healthy Alaskans 2030 helps create and provide a big-picture view of where these different pieces come together.

TRUSTEE McCARTY asked who was maintaining the scorecard.

MS. VEA replied that the Trust Funds Vital Health and Vital Analytics, and the Division of Public Health maintains it.

CHAIR BOERNER suggested identifying this discussion as a possible presentation for the future because there are so many different data sources. She thanked all for the presentation and moved to the Crisis Now agenda item.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON provided a copy of the completed RI Alaska Crisis Now

consultation report and highlighted the work that the Trust has been doing with the partners, DHSS and others, to explore and look at opportunities of how to improve the continuum of care in the community. She stated that it is a complex issue. She moved to the highlights of the activities of the Crisis Now program in Phoenix, Arizona. She went into the Crisis Now model, talked about some of the potential adaptations for some of the urban communities and what aspects of that model may be beneficial in rural application.

MR. BOYER briefly talked about the core elements of the model and the work on crisis stabilization services. He talked about the traditional 911 services and making support or programs around the state to work synonymously with 911, especially for the ability to meet someone where they are with mental health/substance use services. The Crisis Now model is the best practice model being explored. One of the key things were that the first responders, police services, local PD, state troopers were the ones who were at the forefront pushing for these crisis-level services to be implemented. The collaboration and partnerships will be able to support law enforcement, hospital personnel, psychiatric care, whether outpatient or inpatient, and first responders.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that crisis, in terms of the Crisis Now model, is synonymous to 911 in that anyone receives that service at any time that it is needed. Obstacles like screening out or admission criteria or things that create barriers for people are not built in. A contract for a Crisis Now model kind of assessment here in Alaska was procured. RI was the successful respondent. Multiple folks engaged in community discussions and dialogues, taking a more holistic view of what is the system versus just communicating with the community behavioral health provider or local housing entity because the system tended to fragment and not start getting a better picture of the components that are or are not working all together. She continued that a report was wrapped up, and we had some good recommendations in this report which will be published publicly shortly. She added that it is important to approach this work from a place of engagement and partnership. This is an opportunity to think about how to mirror models like Crisis Now and the steps that would have to be taken in order for it to be possible.

MR. BOYER stated that the executive summary gave a snapshot of what went on and what the recommendations were.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asked about funding.

MR. ABBOTT replied that it is primarily funded by Medicaid. There are supplemental contributions made by folks that see their workload reduced; contributions from hospitals and local governments. He continued that most of the services being provided are Medicaid-eligible expenses, and that is true in Alaska, too.

MS. MOREAU-JOHNSON stated that in the four prongs of the Crisis Now model, three of those are included in the 1115; one of which is currently being covered in the short-term crisis residential. She added that the one thing not covered at this time is the call center.

MR. ABBOTT stated that the Trust may be in a position to be a champion for this and asked the trustees if they thought this is something they would like to see brought forward.

CHAIR BOERNER had the trustees share their thoughts which were very positive. She called

for a break.

(Break.)

CHAIR BOERNER brought everyone back together and moved to the FY20 Change of Intent.

MOTION: A recommendation that the Full Board of Trustees approve a change of intent for the FY20 Rural HCBS Coordinator project to convert it from FY20 MHTAAR funds allocated to the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Senior and Disability Services to FY20 Authority Grant funds in the Housing and Long Term Services and Supports focus area titled HCBS Projects to be allocated at a later time was made by TRUSTEE MICHAEL; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

CHAIR BOERNER invited Ms. Barstad to provide some background.

MS. BARSTAD stated that the hope would be to put in place a rural HCBS coordinator, but the funds were not included in the FY20 budget for Senior and Disability Services. This project was not able to move forward. She continued that it is in the FY21 budget and was committed to as a two-year project. The funds and the Department of Health and Social Services are both in place for the next fiscal year. It was just not able to happen for FY20.

CHAIR BOERNER stated that the amount of this is \$81,000.

MR. ABBOTT clarified that \$81,000 is in the budget right now. The Department does not want to spend the money in the way it was proposed to be spent. This request is that it be repurposed. He explained that the action would simply be a recommendation to the full board to take action in a few weeks and then finalize this action so the money could be moved and put to use before the end of the fiscal year. He added that this money would convert to Authority Grant money.

CHAIR BOERNER called a roll-call vote:

TRUSTEE DERR, yes; TRUSTEE MICHAEL, yes; TRUSTEE COOKE, yes; TRUSTEE McCARTY, yes; TRUSTEE HALTERMAN, yes; TRUSTEE STURGEON, absent; TRUSTEE BOERNER, yes. The MOTION was approved.

CHAIR BOERNER moved to the FY21 budget amendments and asked for a motion.

MOTION: A motion that the Program and Planning Committee recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the amendments to the FY21 budget as included in this memo. The amendments do not increase or decrease the FY21 budget as approved by the Board of Trustees on August 29th, 2019, was made by TRUSTEE DERR; seconded by TRUSTEE MICHAEL.

CHAIR BOERNER stated that there are various components of this and began with a request for the integration of pediatric primary care and behavioral health. The trustees previously approved \$150,000 in FY21 Authority Grants funds to support capacity development for pediatric primary care and behavioral health integration in pediatric settings. She explained that this is for the prevention and early childhood intervention program serving young children to promote

resiliency, prevent and address trauma, and provide access to early intervention services. She asked for any questions.

MR. WILLIAMS pointed out that the request is to use \$89,000 of that previously approved \$150,000 that was described.

MR. ABBOTT clarified that this money is currently in a line item that says, “improve social determinants of health for families and young children.” If this amendment is not adopted, the money will still be spent for the same purpose because it was in the approved budget. This will give a chunk of it to the Department of Health, the Mental Health Board staff to work on a specific element of it.

MS. JOHNSON stated that the beauty of the current design of this methodology is that it is linking existing data, and following these children in real-time. She asked Dr. Parrish to talk more about the design of this study.

DR. PARRISH explained that the Alaska Longitudinal Childhood Abuse and Neglect linkage project is a retrospective/prospective cohort study where the existing resources of the state through administrative data are leveraged; and the epidemiologic survey data is augmented. He stated that there is data for kids up to their tenth birthday, and we are already able to see educational outcomes from the data that has been linked looking at families that are in distress, where there may be mental health and substance use issues in the family. That can be directly mapped onto poor reading scores in third grade. He continued that this study would come to an end when the PFD is no longer funded because that is how the cohort is prospectively following the population, through that census taken on an annual basis. He added that prevention is something that occurs along a continuum, not one point in time.

MR. ABBOTT stated that these funds are currently allocated for this purpose to be used as Authority Grants. The proposal is to convert that to an MHTAAR allocation whereby the funds would be included in the State’s FY21 budget and then spent for the same general purpose by the Department instead of by a grantee. The use of the money is not changing from what was authorized by the trustees five months ago. He added that the net change in Authority Grants would be a subtraction of \$97,000, and there would be an increase of \$97,000 of MHTAAR funds. The total \$300,000 allocation for this function would not change.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL recommended moving forward with the rest of the motion, and then voting against the motion unless an amendment to the motion is wanted.

CHAIR BOERNER stated that the next item is on Housing and Long Term Services Support. The requested amendment is to change the current budget line item title to more accurately reflect the title and intent. The recommended new title is “Special Needs Housing Grant.” There being no questions, she then moved to the next item under Beneficiary Employment and Engagement: “To utilize ongoing recovery including peer and family support services to reduce the impact of mental health and substance use disorders. Trustees previously approved \$125,000 in FY21 Authority Grant funds for this project. The staff requested approval to change those funds from the Authority Grants to the FY21 MHTAAR Funds.” There being no questions, the next item is Disability Justice. Increased Capacity, Training, and Competencies. Implement the CIT training courses, Anchorage and others, \$200,000. “Trustees previously approved \$200,000

in FY21 Authority Grant funds for the purpose of supporting Crisis Intervention Team training to law enforcement officers and other first responders.” She continued that “The staff requests approving \$80,000 of the previously approved \$200,000 Authority Grant funds as FY21 MHTAAR funds to the Department of Public Safety Alaska State Troopers. These funds will be used to support the provision of CIT training to Alaska State Troopers.” Further, No. 2, “Staff requests approving \$80,000 of the previously approved \$200,000 Authority Grants funds as FY21 MHTAAR funds to the Department of Public Safety Alaska Police Standards Council.” And, again, to support CIT training. “And the remaining \$40,000 of the previously approved FY21 Authority Grant funds will be used for continued support of the Anchorage Police Department CIT training courses. She continued that the next bullet is reentry/special needs housing, \$150,000. The first request is to, “Rename the project or activity title to ‘Reentry Transition Supports’ to avoid confusion with the ‘Special Needs Housing Grants.’” The second request is, “To remove the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, AHFC, as the department/RDU/component (or recipient) of these funds. This will provide flexibility in granting these funds to identified communities or organizations such as the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Mat-Su, and Juneau reentry coalitions to assist Trust beneficiaries who are reentering society to obtain safe, transitional, or permanent housing.”

TRUSTEE McCARTY asked if the AHFC granted funds or was that just put in there or did they just say they did not need the funds.

MR. WELCH replied that was the agency that was being worked with to disburse the funds. In working with them, they felt it would be better if we just did it directly rather than involving them in the process.

CHAIR BOERNER stated that was the final bullet and asked for any other comments or discussion. There being none, she did a roll-call vote.

TRUSTEE DERR, yes; TRUSTEE MICHAEL, yes; TRUSTEE COOKE, abstain; TRUSTEE McCARTY, yes; TRUSTEE HALTERMAN, yes; TRUSTEE STURGEON, absent; TRUSTEE BOERNER, yes. The MOTION was approved.

CHAIR BOERNER moved to FY21 Developing Areas of Interest, and she recognized Mike Abbott.

MR. ABBOTT stated that in looking at the FY21 revenue estimates, on the current calculation, \$3.8 million has not yet been allocated by the trustees for an FY21 expenditure. Proposed was an expenditure of approximately \$29 million and change, but we have revenues of close to \$33 million. He explained that was done intentionally last year because there were so many uncertainties around State policy choices relating to FY21. Essentially, about 10 percent of the spending authority or the available spending undesignated when the proposed budget was built at the end of August. He stated that there is no specific recommendation, but we want a brief conversation to get some guidance on moving forward. Two general areas have been identified where the Trust funds could be most impactful. First would be preparation for investment in the Crisis Now model that was just discussed. The second area is housing and homelessness. There are several opportunities for the Trust to invest in different types of housing and homelessness solutions that could make near-term impacts in FY21 and benefit Trust beneficiaries that are currently chronically homeless in a variety of communities around the state. The hope is to get

from the trustees a sense of whether those two areas of interest are shared by the trustees, or if there are other areas that the trustees would like to see or consider. He continued that the plan would be to bring the full board of trustees a recommendation for action at the January meeting for allocation of some or all of that unobligated or unutilized FY21 revenue. The recommendation would not be allocating all \$3.8 million at this time, but to leave a contingency amount so late changes or needs could be met.

TRUSTEE DERR stated that she was excited to look at funding Crisis Now, which is really great. She continued that she had a bit of trouble with homelessness; the Trust has put a lot of money into homeless already. Several years ago one of the priorities in the state was alcoholism and drug abuse. A lot of money has been spent looking at what the needs are, and she feels that not much has been spent on solving the problem. She added the need to look at rehab, which seems lacking and is a crying need.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL stated that she would like to invest in the Crisis Now model rather than divert the energies to a lot of different things. If it takes more than a year to use \$3 million, then it can be longer. It is important right now with all the issues around API to go all in.

TRUSTEE COOKE asked where that \$3 million would come from.

MR. ABBOTT replied that, when the program-related investments were discussed last year, the trustees agreed to earmarking \$3.6 million of reserves for that purpose. That was the fund source that is being planned to be used.

TRUSTEE COOKE agreed with the housing priority and also improving the mental health care continuum, the crisis is extremely important and an increasing need. He stated that there is also a need to have the Trust be more involved statewide with the beneficiaries, especially the rural areas. He would like to see the outreach continue and encouraged getting some grant proposals from providers in rural Alaska.

TRUSTEE McCARTY concurred with Trustee Michael and stated that Crisis Now will have a very systemic impact upon the state, and it is crucial. He added the need for a call center in Alaska to be developed to have that continuity of care data system.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN stated support for Trustee Derr's recommendation to focus more on the Crisis Now model. There are too many issues with regard to housing and homelessness that are unaddressed. There are also questions of placement for many of the beneficiaries. Until those issues are sorted out, she is not inclined to put more money into housing and homeless solutions until there is a better understanding of what is being done with the existing populations of Trust beneficiaries.

CHAIR BOERNER stated that she was greatly impressed by the Crisis Now model, and crisis stabilization is an area that needs to be addressed. It is largely an urban program, and she appreciates Trustee Cooke's statement and recommendation to also look at some level between the urban and the rural. Having some direct impact with the rural communities is quite important. She talked about the housing and homeless issues, which she does support, but the crisis stabilization and the parody between urban and rural and addressing these issues are important.

MR. ABBOTT stated that this has been very helpful, and he can sense some consensus. There should be a recommendation from the staff for utilization of a significant amount of the unobligated funds for FY21 at the January trustee meeting in Juneau.

CHAIR BOERNER thanked Trustee Cooke for his brain child of allowing some trustee time to provide some thoughts and reflection. She invited Trustee Cooke to begin.

TRUSTEE COOKE stated that, in preparing for this meeting, it occurred to him that it was a long time since the last committee meeting of these three committees. He continued that in the past there were four committee meetings and one on the calendar for October which was not held this year and is also not on next year's schedule. Five-plus months is a long time, and he felt that the fall meeting should be a regular meeting.

MR. ABBOTT stated that it can be scheduled in the fall. He explained that in looking back at previous fall committee agendas they were pretty light and made a recommendation that committee meetings would not necessarily be required. He continued that, if the trustees are interested, staff is willing to support additional committee conversations and will work with the committee chairs and the board chair around adjustments to that. It can be put on the agenda for the January meeting.

TRUSTEE COOKE stated appreciation for the quarterly reports of the various grants that went out, and also the press release.

MS. BIASTOCK stated that there was a statewide media release announcing close to \$1 million in Authority Grants in the last quarter. It was also posted on the Facebook page and the website. There will also be some follow-up done with the hope of generating some media along with the grantees around some of the work being done with those grants.

TRUSTEE COOKE suggested including an invitation for people to contact the Trust if they are interested in finding out more about how to obtain grants or the kinds of funds the Trust has available for various nonprofits.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL thanked the trustees for their willingness to participate in a one-day workshop with Catherine Wood in February, and we all will have interviews sometime in January. She stated that she is a great consultant. She also thanked staff and those that went on the trip, which was fun to hear about and gave a new perspective.

TRUSTEE McCARTY shared his experiences witnessing the homeless issue in Seattle and asking people in Cambodia and Thailand about their homeless situation and what they do. It is a big issue, with many reasons for why someone is homeless. He is excited about what the Trust is doing and thanked all for letting him be part of the team.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN thanked all for their time and information. It was a great meeting. She appreciated the work being done and believes getting to the root of the problems will solve some of the homeless problems over time. She was glad to see recommendations being made to deal with the crisis situation, and added that the rest of it will come.

CHAIR BOERNER stated that she wanted to start the meeting wishing everyone a happy new year, a happy new decade and to just think about the promise and possibilities out there. She continued that she was thankful for and very honored and privileged to be a part of this body and working with everyone. She also thanked the staff for all the work; we are making a difference.

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

There being no objection, the MOTION was approved.

CHAIR BOERNER adjourned the meeting.

(Program & Planning Committed adjourned at 4:37 p.m.)