Trustee Updates

- State of Alaska Suicide Data-2020 Update
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STATE OF ALASKA SUICIDE DATA 2020

Data Source:
State of Alaska, Division of Public Health, Health Analytics and Vital Records
2020 Alaska Suicide Deaths by Age Group
(204 Total)
2011-2020 Alaska Suicide Deaths By Age Group

- 00-09: 0
- 10-14: 27
- 15-19: 158
- 20-24: 288
- 25-29: 254
- 30-34: 202
- 35-39: 136
- 40-44: 131
- 45-49: 141
- 50-54: 128
- 55-59: 113
- 60-79: 228
- 80+: 35
2011-2020 Alaska Suicide Deaths by Gender

- Male: 1,464 (79%)
- Female: 378 (21%)

- Male: Orange
- Female: Blue
2017-2021 Suicide Attempts Reported by Alaska Emergency Room Departments by Gender

- Female: 63%
- Male: 37%
Statewide Suicide Prevention Activities

- 5 Year Statewide Suicide Prevention Plan Update
- Zero Suicide Initiative
- Alaska Careline and the 9-8-8 National Suicide Prevention Hotline
- Crisis Now Initiative
- Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Postvention Grants
- Suicide Prevention - Community of Practice
- Understanding Shared Risk and Protective Factors
- Training and resources on suicide prevention through COVID-19 appropriations and DBH grant funding

Excellent work and collaboration at the community level by Tribes, behavioral health providers, schools, and community coalitions.
WHAT WE ARE WATCHING

Legislative Session 2022
AMHB/ABADA Advocacy Priorities

- Increase access to appropriate and person-centered substance use disorder and/or mental health treatment and supports.
- Reduce consumption and the harm caused by alcohol misuse.
- Increase access to safe and person-centered psychiatric care in Alaska.
- Increase early intervention and prevention activities.
- Reduce the stigma of living with substance use and/or mental health disorders.
- Increase access to institutional and community supports for justice-involved Alaskans with behavioral health concerns.
- Increase supportive employment services for Alaskans with mental health and substance use disorders.
- Increase access to housing and housing supports for Alaskans with behavioral health concerns.
- Encourage behavioral health and primary health care integration.
Legislative Session/Budget Watchlist *

◦ Crisis Stabilization, Mental Health Facilities (HB 172/SB 124)
◦ Alcohol Beverage Control, Alcohol Regulations (SB 9)
◦ Public Schools, Social and Emotional Learning (HB 25)
◦ Medicaid Funding
◦ Behavioral Health Grant Funding
◦ Addressing the Needs of Alaska’s Health/Behavioral Health Workforce
◦ Access to Treatment for Substance Misuse, Mental Health and Co-Occurring Disorders
◦ Staffing/Organizational Capacity at the State of Alaska

*Not all bills and budget items AMHB/ABADA are tracking are on this list.
Questions/Comments?

Next AMHB/ABADA Board meeting tentatively scheduled in Juneau, in early February 2022.

Thank you!