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July 12, 2023

Board of Trustees Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority 3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200 Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Dear Board of Trustees:

We are pleased to continue as independent auditors for Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. We look forward to continuing to provide you with the high-quality services you expect from your professional service providers.

Our commitment to delivering superior service means that we strive to demonstrate initiative, anticipate problems, propose solutions, and communicate effectively with you and other members of management throughout the year. In addition, during our audit we will be alert for opportunities to bring insightful and constructive suggestions for improving management information, operating and accounting procedures, and controls.

Attached to this letter is an agreement describing our services. If you have questions about any of the matters discussed in that agreement, please give us a call. If you find the arrangements acceptable, please acknowledge your agreement to the understanding by signing this letter via the DocuSign link that we provide. Alternatively, if you are receiving hard copies of this engagement letter and DocuSign will not be used, please sign and return to us an electronic copy for our records.

Again, it is a pleasure for us to continue to serve you. We look forward to many more years of pleasant association with you and Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.



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Dear Board of Trustees:

## **Agreement to Provide Services**

This agreement to provide services, together with APPENDIX A hereto (GENERAL PROVISIONS) (together, the "Agreement") is intended to describe the nature and scope of our services.

# Objective and Scope of the Audit

As agreed, BDO USA ("BDO" or "we") will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and fund information, including the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (the "Trust" or "you") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion, and to report on the fairness of the supplementary information referred to below when considered in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS") will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

The objectives of our audit also include reporting on the Trust's:

 Internal control related to the financial statements and compliance with federal and state statues, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal and state awards and/or contracts, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

Accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI), such as management's discussion and analysis (MD&A), to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, which considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements

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in an appropriate context. As part of our engagement, we will apply certain limited procedures to the Trust's RSI in accordance with GAAS. These limited procedures will consist of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtain during our audit of the basic financial statements. We will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance. The following RSI is required and will be subjected to certain limited procedures, but will not be audited:

- 1. Trust Management's Discussion and Analysis
- 2. Public Employees' Retirement System:
  - a. Schedule of the Trust's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
  - b. Schedule of the Trust's Contributions
- 3. Public Employees' Retirement System:
  - a. Schedule of the Trust's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefit Liability (Asset) - ARHCT, RMP and ODD Plans
  - b. Schedule of the Trust's Contributions ARHCT, RMP, and ODD Plans

# Responsibilities of BDO

We will conduct our audit in accordance with GAAS. Note that BDO may utilize entities owned in whole or in part by BDO (each, an "Affiliate") to assist in the audit or perform internal and/or administrative support ancillary to the services, but BDO will remain responsible for and supervise all such services. As part of an audit in accordance with GAAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control. Accordingly, we will express no such opinion. An audit is not designed to provide assurance on internal control or to identify significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control. However, we will communicate to you and those charged with governance in writing concerning any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we identify during our audit.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

 Conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, together with the inherent limitations of internal control, an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements may not be detected exists, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with GAAS.

Our audit will also be conducted in accordance with the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and will include tests of accounting records and other procedures we consider necessary to enable us to express such an opinion and to render the required reports.

Our work will be based primarily upon selected tests of evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and, therefore, will not include a detailed check of all of your Trust's transactions for the period. Also, an audit is not designed to detect errors or fraud or violations of federal and state statutes and regulations that are immaterial to the financial statements. However, we will inform you of any material errors or fraud that come to our attention. We will also inform you of possible illegal acts that come to our attention unless they are clearly inconsequential. In addition, during the course of our audit, financial statement misstatements relating to accounts or disclosures may be identified, either through our audit procedures or through communication by your employees to us, and we will bring these misstatements to your attention as proposed adjustments. At the conclusion of our audit, we will communicate to those charged with governance (as defined below) all uncorrected misstatements. Because the determination of abuse is subjective, *Government Auditing Standards* do not expect auditors to provide reasonable assurance of detecting abuse.

The term "those charged with governance" is defined as the person(s) with responsibility for overseeing the strategic direction of the Trust and obligations related to the accountability of the Trust, including overseeing the financial reporting process. For the Trust, we agree that the Board of Trustees meets that definition.

We are also responsible for communicating with those charged with governance what our responsibilities are under GAAS, an overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit, and significant findings from the audit.

At your request, we will not audit the Schedule of Investments Managed by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation. You have engaged KPMG (the "component auditors") to perform a similar audit of the Schedule of Investments Managed by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation, and have arranged for them to furnish us with their report on the audit of its financial statements. To ensure those financial statements will be in form and detail suitable for inclusion in the financial statements and the component auditor's report will be in form and detail suitable for us to refer to in our report on the financial statements, we may discuss significant accounting and reporting matters with KPMG and the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation's management. You will authorize KPMG and the management of Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation to furnish us with such cooperation and communication as we may consider desirable for those purposes.

# Responsibilities of Management and Identification of the Applicable Financial Reporting Framework

Our audit will be conducted on the basis that you and those charged with governance acknowledge and understand that you and those charged with governance have responsibility (1) for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; (2) for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud; (3) for identifying and ensuring that the Trust complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities; and (4) to provide us with access to all information of which you are aware that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters, additional information we may request for the purpose of the audit, and unrestricted access to persons within the Trust from whom the auditor determines it is necessary to obtain audit evidence.

You acknowledge and understand your responsibility for the preparation of the supplementary information in accordance with the applicable criteria. Management is also responsible for (1) establishing and maintaining effective internal control, including internal control over compliance and for evaluating and monitoring ongoing activities to help ensure that appropriate goals and objectives are met, (2) compliance with federal and state statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal and state awards and/or contracts, (3) ensuring that there is reasonable assurance that government programs are administered in compliance with compliance requirements, and (4) ensuring that management and financial information is reliable and properly reported. You also agree to include our report on the supplementary information in any document that contains the supplementary information and that indicates that we have reported on such supplementary information. You also agree to present the supplementary information with the audited financial statements, or, if the supplementary information will not be presented with the audited financial statements, to make the audited financial statements readily available to the intended users of the supplementary information no later than the date of issuance of the supplementary information and our report thereon.

Management's responsibilities also include identifying and informing us of significant contractor relationships in which the contractor is responsible for program compliance and for the accuracy and completeness of that information.

Management is responsible for adjusting the financial statements to correct material misstatements relating to accounts or disclosures, after evaluating their propriety based on a review of both the applicable authoritative literature and the underlying supporting evidence from the Trust's files; or otherwise concluding and confirming in a representation letter (as further described below) provided to us at the conclusion of our audit that the effects of any uncorrected misstatements are, both individually and in the aggregate, immaterial to the financial statements taken as a whole. Additionally, as required by the *Government Auditing Standards*, it is management's responsibility to follow up and take corrective action on reported audit findings and to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a corrective action plan.

As required by GAAS, we will request certain written representations from management at the close of our audit to confirm oral representations given to us and to indicate and document the continuing appropriateness of such representations and reduce the possibility of misunderstanding concerning matters that are the subject of the representations. Because of the importance of management's representations to an effective audit, the Trust agrees, subject to prevailing laws and regulations, to release and indemnify BDO and its shareholders, partners, principals, employees, Affiliates, contractors, agents, and Permitted Assignees (as defined herein under "Assignment") (collectively, the "BDO Group") from and against all claims, liabilities, damages, or expenses (including attorneys' fees) of any kind relating to the services or this Agreement, whether arising in contract, statute, tort (including, without limitation, negligence), or otherwise (collectively, the "Claims") attributable to any knowing misrepresentations by management.

Management is also responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud, and for informing us about all known or suspected fraud affecting the Trust involving (a) management, (b) employees who have significant roles in internal control, and (c) others where the fraud could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. Your responsibilities include informing us of your knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Trust received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others. In addition, you are responsible for identifying and ensuring that the Trust complies with applicable federal and state statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal and state awards and/or contracts. Management is also responsible for taking timely and appropriate steps to remedy fraud and noncompliance with provisions of federal and state statutes, regulations and the terms and conditions of the federal and state awards and/or contracts, or abuse that we report.

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining a process for tracking the status of audit findings and recommendations. Management is also responsible for identifying to us, previous financial audit attestation engagements, performance audits, or other studies related to our audit objectives. This responsibility includes communicating to us corrective actions taken to address significant findings and recommendations resulting from those audits, attestation engagements, performance audits, or studies. You are also responsible for providing management's views on our current findings, conclusions, and recommendations, as well as your planned corrective actions for the report, and for the timing and format for providing that information.

# **Expected Form and Content of the Auditor's Report**

At the conclusion of our audit, we will submit to you a report, based on our audit and the report of the component auditors, containing our opinion as to whether the financial statements, taken as a whole, are fairly presented based on accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. If, during the course of our work, it appears for any reason that we will not be in a position to render an unmodified opinion on the financial statements or the *Government Auditing Standards* compliance, or that our report will require an Emphasis of Matter or Other Matter paragraph, we will discuss this with you. It is possible that, because of unexpected circumstances, we may determine that we cannot render a report or otherwise complete the engagement. If, for any reason, we are unable to complete the audit or are unable to form or

have not formed an opinion, we may decline to express an opinion or decline to issue a report as a result of the engagement. If, in our professional judgment, the circumstances require, we may resign from the engagement prior to completion.

The reports on internal control and compliance will each include a statement that the purpose of these reports is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards* (GAS) and are not suitable for any other purpose.

#### **Termination**

Upon notice to the Trust, BDO may terminate this Agreement if BDO reasonably determines that it is unable to perform the services described in this Agreement in accordance with applicable professional standards, laws, or regulations. If we elect to terminate our services for any reason provided for in this Agreement, our engagement will be deemed to have been completed upon written notification of termination, even if we have not completed our report. If the Agreement is terminated, the Trust agrees to compensate BDO for the services performed and expenses incurred through the effective date of termination. Those provisions in this Agreement that, by their very nature, are intended to survive termination shall survive after the termination of the Agreement, including, but not limited to, the parties' obligations related to any of the following provisions: indemnification, limitations on liability, confidentiality, dispute resolution, payment and reimbursement obligations, and limitations on use or reliance.

#### **Client Continuance Matters**

BDO is retaining the Trust as a client in reliance on information obtained during the course of our client continuance procedures. Bikky Shrestha, a BDO assurance partner, has been assigned the primary responsibility for the engagement and for issuing the appropriate report on the Trust's financial statements on behalf of BDO. If such assignment changes during the course of our engagement, we will notify management and those charged with governance.

#### **Email Communication**

BDO disclaims and waives, and you release the BDO Group from, all liability for the interception or unintentional disclosure of email transmissions or for the unauthorized use or failed delivery of emails transmitted or received by BDO in connection with the services we are being engaged to perform under this Agreement.

# **External Computing Options**

If, at the Trust's request, any member of the BDO Group agrees to use certain external commercial services, including but not limited to services for cloud storage, remote control, and/or file sharing options (collectively "External Computing Options"), that are outside of BDO's standard security protocol, the Trust acknowledges that such External Computing Options may be associated with heightened security and privacy risks. Accordingly, the BDO Group disclaims and the Trust agrees to release the BDO Group from, and indemnify the BDO Group for, all liability arising out of or related to the use of such External Computing Options.

# **Use of BDO Advantage Extraction Scripts or Services**

With your approval, BDO may use BDO Advantage Extraction Scripts or Services to extract certain general ledger and subledger information from your financial accounting system to facilitate performance of our services. The BDO Advantage Extraction Scripts or Services and all information, content, materials, products (including software), and other services included in or otherwise made available to you through the BDO Advantage Extraction Scripts or Services are provided by BDO on an "as is" and "as available" basis, unless otherwise specified in writing. BDO makes no representations or warranties of any kind, expressed or implied, as to the operation of the BDO Advantage Extraction Scripts or Services, or the information, content, materials, products (including software), or other services included in or otherwise made available to you through the BDO Advantage Extraction Scripts or Services, unless otherwise specified in writing. You expressly agree that your use of the BDO Advantage Extraction Scripts or Services is at your sole risk, and you release the BDO Group from any liability connected therewith. BDO shall not share or sell any of the extracted information to third parties, and BDO shall use such information solely to facilitate performance of the services described in this Agreement.

## **Ownership of Working Papers**

In connection with the performance of our services, we will prepare documents that support our work and include items such as work programs and analyses that do not constitute part of the Trust's records ("Working Papers"). The Working Papers prepared pursuant to this Agreement are the property of BDO. The Working Papers constitute confidential, proprietary, and trade secret information, and will be retained by BDO in accordance with our policies and procedures and all applicable laws.

However, pursuant to authority given by law or regulation, we may be requested to make certain working papers available to the Trust's oversight agency, or its designee, a federal agency providing direct or indirect funding, or the U.S. Government Accountability Office for purposes of a quality review of the audit, to resolve audit findings, or to carry out oversight responsibilities. We will notify you of any such request. If requested, access to such working papers will be provided under the supervision of BDO personnel and at a location designated by BDO. Furthermore, upon request, we may provide photocopies of selected working papers to the aforementioned parties. These parties may intend or decide to distribute the photocopies of information contained therein to others, including other governmental agencies. If a working paper access request is received from a regulator, we will ask you and the regulator, and any designees, including third party accounting firms, to acknowledge, in writing, the conditions under which we will provide such access; and you agree to provide such written acknowledgment.

# Reproduction of Auditor's Report

If the Trust plans any reproduction or publication of a document that includes our report, or any portion of it, and that is assembled differently from any paper or electronic version that we have previously reviewed and approved for the Trust (e.g., by the addition of financial statements and/or accompanying information that you have produced), a copy of the entire document in its final form should be submitted to us in sufficient time for our review and written approval before printing. You also agree to provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our written

approval before it is distributed. If, in our professional judgment, the circumstances require, we may withhold our written approval.

#### Posting of Auditor's Report and Financial Statements on Your Website

You agree that, if you plan to post an electronic version of the financial statements and auditor's report on your website, you will ensure that there are no differences in content between the electronic version of the financial statements and auditor's report on your website and the signed version of the financial statements and auditor's report provided to management by BDO. You also agree to indemnify the BDO Group for all claims that may arise from any differences between the electronic and signed versions.

### Review of Documents in Connection with Offering of Sale of Debt

The audited financial statements and our report thereon should not be provided or otherwise made available to lenders, other financial institutions or sources of financing, or others (including advisors to such parties) in connection with any document to be used in the process of obtaining capital, including, without limitation, by means of the sale of securities (including securities offerings on the Internet) without first submitting copies of the document to us in sufficient time for our review and written approval. If, in our professional judgment, the circumstances require, we may withhold or condition our written approval.

# Availability of Records and Personnel

You agree that all records, documentation, and information we request in connection with our audit will be made available to us (including those pertaining to related parties), that all material information will be disclosed to us, and that we will have the full cooperation of, and unrestricted access to, your personnel during the course of the engagement.

You also agree to ensure that any third-party valuation reports that you provide to us to support amounts or disclosures in the financial statements (a) indicate the purpose for which they were intended, which is consistent with your actual use of such reports; and (b) do not contain any restrictive language that would preclude us from using such reports as audit evidence.

#### Assistance by Your Personnel and Internet Access

We also ask that your personnel prepare various schedules and analyses for our staff. However, except as otherwise noted by us, no personal information other than names related to Trust employees and/or customers should be provided to us. In addition, we ask that you provide high-speed Internet access to our engagement team, if practicable, while working on the Trust's premises. This assistance will serve to facilitate the progress of our work and minimize costs to you.

#### **Peer Review Reports**

Government Auditing Standards requires that we provide you with a copy of our most recent quality control review report. Our latest peer review report accompanies this letter.

#### Other Services

We are always available to meet with you and other executives at various times throughout the year to discuss current business, operational, accounting, and auditing matters affecting the Trust. Whenever you feel such meetings are desirable, please let us know. We are also prepared to provide services to assist you in any of these areas. We will also be pleased, at your request, to attend governing board meetings.

In addition to the audit services described above, you have requested that we provide the following non-attest services:

We will assist the Trust in preparing the financial statements and related footnote disclosures for the year ended June 30, 2023, based on the Trust's accounting records and other information that comes to our attention during the course of our engagement. We will also assist the Trust in preparing the GASB 68 & 75 entries and related footnote disclosures.

#### Independence

Professional and certain regulatory standards require us to be independent, in both fact and appearance, with respect to the Trust in the performance of our services. Any discussions that you have with personnel of BDO regarding employment could pose a threat to our independence. Therefore, we request that you inform us prior to any such discussions so that we can implement appropriate safeguards to maintain our independence. In addition, because BDO incurs great expense in hiring and training its personnel, if you hire one of our personnel who provided services to the Trust in the immediately preceding 12 months, you agree to pay us a fee of 20% of that individual's annualized base compensation at BDO 90 days from the first day of employment of such individual at the Trust.

In order for us to remain independent, professional standards require us to maintain certain respective roles and relationships with you with respect to the non-attest services described above. Prior to performing such services in conjunction with our audit, management must acknowledge its acceptance of certain responsibilities.

We will not perform management functions or make management decisions on behalf of the Trust. However, we will provide advice and recommendations to assist management of the Trust in performing its functions and fulfilling its responsibilities.

The Trust agrees to perform the following functions in connection with our performance of the preparation of the financial statements and related footnote disclosures and preparing the GASB 68 & 75 entries and footnote disclosures:

- a. Make all management decisions and perform all management functions with respect to the preparation of the financial statements and GASB 68 & 75 entries provided by us.
- b. Assign Kat Roch, Interim Chief Financial Officer, to oversee the preparation of the financial statements and GASB 68 & 75 entries and evaluate the adequacy and results of the services

c. Accept responsibility for the results of preparation of the financial statements and GASB 68 & 75 entries.

The services are limited to those outlined above. We, in our professional judgment, reserve the right to refuse to perform any procedure or take any action that could be construed as making management decisions or performing management functions. The Trust must make all decisions with regard to our recommendations. By signing this Agreement, you acknowledge your acceptance of these responsibilities.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, you will be required to review and approve the financial statements prior to their issuance and have a responsibility to be in a position in fact and appearance to make an informed judgment on those financial statements. Further, you are required to designate a qualified management-level individual to be responsible and accountable for overseeing those services.

#### Limitation of Liability

Except to the extent finally determined to have resulted from the fraud or intentional misconduct of any member of the BDO Group, the BDO Group's aggregate liability to the Trust for all direct or third-party Claims shall not exceed the aggregate amount of fees paid by the Government to BDO during the 12 months preceding the date of the Claim for the services giving rise to the Claim. In no event shall the BDO Group be liable for consequential, special, indirect, incidental, punitive, or exemplary losses or damages relating to this Agreement.

#### **Dispute Resolution Procedure**

In addition to the provisions expressed in Article 11 of APPENDIX A hereto (Governing Law), EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULL EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS CONTRACT OR ANY OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY. For purposes of Article 12 of APPENDIX A hereto (Conflicting Provisions), the foregoing provision shall be considered an approved amendment to the terms of Article 11 of APPENDIX A hereto (Governing Law). The Trust shall bring no Arbitration Claim more than one (1) year following the completion of the services provided under this Agreement to which the Arbitration Claim relates. This paragraph will shorten, but in no event extend, any otherwise legally applicable period of limitations on such Arbitration Claims.

#### **Fees**

Our charges to the Trust for the services described above for the year ending June 30, 2023, will be \$68,000. The following is an agreed-upon schedule of payments:

Prior to commencement of engagement	\$8,000
At start of planning	\$10,000
At start of interim fieldwork	\$20,000
At start of final fieldwork	\$20,000
Upon completion of final fieldwork	\$10,000

This fee is based on the following assumptions:

- Your personnel will prepare certain schedules and analyses for us and make available to
  us documents for our examination as and when requested and will utilize our BDO portal
  to provide us such documents.
- Our planned audit timing as agreed upon with you does not change and the client-prepared information and documents are available at the beginning of our fieldwork date(s).
- There will be no significant changes in the internal controls, key personnel, or structure of the organization.
- There will be no significant changes in critical systems affecting key financial statement accounts (e.g., significant upgrade, systems integration, and/or systems implementation).
- There will be no significant acquisitions or disposals of businesses.
- The number of audit adjustments identified will be minimal.
- There will not be significant amendments to the Trust's debt or financing arrangements requiring significant accounting analysis and/or "debt compliance letters."
- There will not be any unanticipated increases in current operations requiring significant additional audit time.

Should we encounter any unforeseen problems that will warrant additional time or expense, we will notify you of the situation and provide an estimate of our additional fees.

This fee structure does not take into consideration effects that any future standards promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board and/or other professional bodies will have on our audit procedures. As we become aware of additional audit procedures resulting from these circumstances, we will notify you of the circumstances requiring additional procedures and the resulting additional fee estimates.

Invoices are payable upon receipt. If we do not receive written notice of dispute within 10 days of your receipt of the invoice, we will conclude that you have seen the invoice and find it acceptable. Invoices that are unpaid 30 days past the invoice date are deemed delinquent and we reserve the right to charge interest on the past due amount at the lesser of (a) 1.0% per month or (b) the maximum amount permissible by applicable law. Interest shall accrue from the date the invoice is delinquent. We reserve the right to suspend our services, withhold any deliverables, or withdraw from this engagement entirely if any of our invoices are delinquent. In the event that any collection action is required to collect unpaid balances due to us, you agree to reimburse us for all our costs of collection, including without limitation, attorneys' fees.

This engagement includes only those services specifically described in this Agreement; any additional services not specified herein will be agreed to in a separate letter. In the event you request us to object to or respond to, or we receive and respond to, a validly issued third party subpoena, court order, government regulatory inquiry, or other similar request or legal process against the Trust or its management for the production of documents and/or testimony relative to information we obtained and/or prepared during the course of this or any prior engagements with the Trust, you agree to compensate us for all time we expend in connection with such response, at our standard rates, and to reimburse us for all related out-of-pocket costs (including outside attorneys' fees) that we incur.

# Assignment

Neither the Trust nor BDO may assign or delegate its rights or obligations under this Agreement to another party without the prior written consent of the non-assigning party. In the case of any assignment or delegation by BDO, BDO acknowledges and agrees that the Trust's consent must be obtained from the Project Director and the Agency Head (each as defined in Article 1 to APPENDIX A hereto (Definitions).

### Third-Party Use

All services hereunder shall be solely for the Trust's use and benefit pursuant to our client relationship. This engagement does not create privity between BDO and any person or party other than the Trust, and is not intended for the express or implied benefit of any third party. No third party is entitled to rely, in any manner or for any purpose, on the services of BDO hereunder.

#### Confidentiality

Each of the parties hereto shall treat and keep all of the "Confidential Information" (defined below) as confidential, with at least the same degree of care as it accords to its own confidential information, but in no event less than a reasonable degree of care. Each party shall disclose the Confidential Information only to its employees, partners, contractors, consultants, agents, or its legal or other advisors, provided that they have: (A) each been informed of the confidential, proprietary, and secret nature of the Confidential Information, or are subject to a binding, preexisting obligation of confidentiality no less stringent than the requirements of this Agreement, and (B) a demonstrable need to review such Confidential Information. "Confidential Information" means all non-public information that is marked as "confidential" or "proprietary" or has commercial value in the party's business and is obtained by one party (the "Receiving

Party") from the other party (the "Disclosing Party"). All terms of this Agreement are considered Confidential Information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Confidential Information shall not include any information that was or is: (a) known to the Receiving Party prior to disclosure by the Disclosing Party: (b) as of the time of its disclosure, or thereafter becomes, part of the public domain through a source other than the Receiving Party; (c) made known to the Receiving Party by a third person who is not subject to any confidentiality obligation known to Receiving Party and such third party does not impose any confidentiality obligation on the Receiving Party with respect to such information; (d) required to be disclosed pursuant to governmental authority, professional obligation, law, decree regulation, subpoena, or court order; or (e) independently developed by the Receiving Party. If BDO is providing tax services for the Trust, in no case shall the tax treatment or the tax structure of any transaction be treated as confidential as provided in Treas. Reg. sec. 1.6011-4(b)(3). If disclosure is required pursuant to subsection (d) above, the Receiving Party shall (other than in connection with routine supervisory examinations by regulatory authorities with jurisdiction and without breaching any legal or regulatory requirement), to the extent legally permissible, provide prior written notice thereof to allow the Disclosing Party to seek a protective order or other appropriate relief. Upon the request of the Disclosing Party, the Receiving Party shall return or destroy all of the Confidential Information except for (i) copies retained in working paper files retained to comply with a party's professional or legal obligations and (ii) such Confidential Information retained in accordance with the Receiving Party's normal data back-up procedures. Notwithstanding the foregoing, BDO shall have the right to use the Trust's Confidential Information in connection with performing BDO's obligations hereunder, and also to use de-identified and aggregated key performance indicators derived from BDO's work product in efforts to improve the services generally, including for benchmarking and analytical purposes, so long as such information remains in a de-identified aggregated form and such use does not violate any of BDO's obligations of confidentiality hereunder. BDO shall not share or sell any of the de-identified Trust information to third parties, and shall store such information in such a way that neither the Trust nor any of the Trust's staff or customers can be identified.

# **Restricted Federal Data**

The parties agree that the services are not intended to involve the processing, storage, disclosure, or transmissions of Restricted Federal Data, defined as data or information subject to laws, regulations, or government-wide policies that require safeguarding or dissemination controls, including but not limited to the Federal Acquisition Regulations ("FAR"), the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement ("DFARS"), the International Traffic in Arms Regulation ("ITAR"), the Export Administration Regulations ("EAR"), and the Arms Export Control Act ("AECA"), and any other data or information that is restricted for dissemination or disclosure to foreign nationals. For clarity, and without limiting the foregoing, controlled unclassified information ("CUI") shall be included in the definition of Restricted Federal Data. Because BDO relies on this information in order to fulfill its own compliance obligations, the Trust shall not provide or otherwise make available Restricted Federal Data to BDO or its employees unless expressly agreed to in advance in writing by BDO. If the Trust becomes aware that any known or suspected Restricted Federal Data will be or has been disclosed to BDO by the Trust or otherwise in connection with the Services, the Trust will (a) immediately notify BDO in writing to regulatedgovtdata@bdo.com and will cease any further transfer of such data unless and until BDO expressly agrees in writing, (b) identify which documents at which pages contain such

information, (c) identify which export control regulations apply where applicable, and (d) identify the relevant export control classifications that apply to the information in question. The Trust will fully cooperate with BDO in the investigation of and response to any known or suspected Restricted Federal Data that the Trust has disclosed to BDO notwithstanding the foregoing. The Trust further agrees that it will be responsible for all fees, costs, and expenses associated with processing of, storage, disclosure, or transmissions of such Restricted Federal Data, including without limitation additional fees, costs, and expenses related to compliance with obligations with respect to such Restricted Federal Data.

## **Licensing Representation**

To the extent necessary for BDO to perform its obligations described herein, the Trust represents and warrants that it will obtain, maintain, and comply with all of the licenses, consents, permits, approvals, and authorizations that are necessary to allow BDO and its employees, contractors, and subcontractors to access and use the services or software provided for the benefit of the Trust under the Trust's third-party services contracts, licenses, or other contracts granting the Trust the right to access, use, or receive services or software (each a "Licensing Representation"). Upon BDO's request, the Trust will provide BDO any references available evidencing the Licensing Representation (e.g., order number, customer support identifier). Tools subject to this Licensing Representation are hereby deemed External Computing Options (as defined in this Agreement). The Trust hereby releases the BDO Group from, and indemnifies the BDO Group for, all claims and liabilities resulting from: (i) BDO's reliance on a Licensing Representation; and (ii) the functionality of any third-party software or services used or accessed by BDO.

#### Miscellaneous

This Agreement, together with APPENDIX A hereto (GENERAL PROVISIONS), the provisions of which are hereby incorporated into and made an original part of this Agreement, sets forth the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter herein, superseding all prior agreements, negotiations, or understandings, whether oral or written, with respect to the subject matter herein. For the avoidance of doubt, (i) "contract" or "agreement" as those terms are used in APPENDIX A hereto (GENERAL PROVISIONS) shall have the same meaning as "Agreement" as defined above, (ii) "department" as that term is used in APPENDIX A hereto (GENERAL PROVISIONS) shall have the same meaning as "Trust" as defined above, (iii) "contractor" as that term is used in APPENDIX A hereto (GENERAL PROVISIONS) shall have the same meaning as "BDO" as defined above, (iv) "agents and employees" as those terms are used in APPENDIX A hereto (GENERAL PROVISIONS) shall refer to BDO's partners, principals, employees, affiliates, contractors, agents, and Permitted Assignees, (v) "working papers" as that term is used in APPENDIX A hereto (GENERAL PROVISIONS) shall have the same meaning as "Working Papers" as defined above. This Agreement may not be changed, modified, or waived in whole or part except by an instrument in writing signed by both parties. This Agreement is intended to cover only the services specified herein, although we look forward to many more years of pleasant association with the Trust. This engagement is a separate and discrete event and any future services will be covered by a separate agreement to provide services.

Many banks have engaged a third party to electronically process cash or debt audit confirmation requests, and certain of those banks have mandated the use of this service. Further, such third

party confirmation processors also provide for the electronic (and manual) processing of other confirmation types (e.g., legal, accounts receivable, and accounts payable). To the extent applicable, the Trust hereby authorizes BDO to participate in such confirmation processes, including through the third party's website (e.g., by entering the Trust's bank account information to initiate the process and then accessing the bank's confirmation response), and agrees that the BDO Group shall have no liability in connection therewith.

Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such a manner as to be effective and valid under applicable laws, regulations, professional standards, or related published interpretations (including, without limitation, the independence rules of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Securities and Exchange Commission, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and Government Auditing Standards), but if any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed void, prohibited, invalid, or otherwise unenforceable in whole or in part for any reason under such applicable laws, regulations, professional standards, published interpretations, or any reason whatsoever, such provisions or portion(s) thereof shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition, invalidity, or unenforceability and shall be amended to the minimum extent required to make the provision enforceable, and such revised provision shall be made a part of this Agreement as if it was specifically set forth herein. Furthermore, the provisions of the foregoing sentence shall not invalidate the remainder of such provision or the other provisions of this Agreement, which shall remain in full force and effect.

The Trust's signature below represents and warrants that it has the full power and authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Trust and any Trust subsidiary or other affiliate that may rely on the services provided hereunder, or that it shall ensure that all such subsidiary or other affiliate agrees to be bound to the terms hereof.

This Agreement may be transmitted in electronic format and shall not be denied legal effect solely because it was formed or transmitted, in whole or in part, by electronic record; however, this Agreement must then remain capable of being retained and accurately reproduced, from time to time, by electronic record by the parties to this Agreement and all other persons or entities required by law. An electronically transmitted signature to this Agreement will be deemed an acceptable original for purposes of consummating this Agreement and binding the party providing such electronic signature.

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We believe the foregoing correctly sets forth our understanding; however, if you have any questions, please let us know. If you find the foregoing arrangements acceptable, please acknowledge this by signing this letter via the DocuSign link that we provide. Alternatively, if you are receiving hard copies of this engagement letter and DocuSign will not be used, please return to us a copy of this Agreement and retain a copy for your files.

Very trulysyours,		
BDO USA	7/12/2023	
Acknowledged:		
ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY		
By: Steve Williams, Chief Executive Officer	Date: 7/13/2023	
DocuSigned by:		
By: Kat Roch, Interim Chief Financial Officer	Date: 7/14/2023	
Kat Koch, interim Chief Financial Officer		

### APPENDIX A to Agreement to Provide Services (GENERAL PROVISIONS)

# Article 1. Definitions.

- 1.1 In this contract and appendices, "Project Director" or "Agency Head" or "Procurement Officer" means the person who signs this contract on behalf of the Requesting Agency and includes a successor or authorized representative.
- 1.2 "State Contracting Agency" means the department for which this contract is to be performed and for which the Commissioner or Authorized Designee acted in signing this contract.

# Article 2. Inspection and Reports.

- 2.1 The department shall be permitted, in the manner and at reasonable times it considers appropriate, to perform off-site inspections of the contractor's books and records to confirm the contractor's compliance with the terms of this contract.
- 2.2 The contractor shall make progress and other reports in the manner and at the times the department reasonably requires.

### Article 3. Disputes.

3.1 Any dispute concerning a question of fact arising under this contract which is not disposed of by mutual agreement shall be decided in accordance with AS 36.30.620-632.

# Article 4. Equal Employment Opportunity.

- 4.1 The contractor may not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, or because of age, physical handicap, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood when the reasonable demands of the position(s) do not require distinction on the basis of age, physical handicap, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood. The contractor shall take affirmative action to insure that the applicants are considered for employment and that employees are treated during employment without unlawful regard to their race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, age, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood. This action must include, but need not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeship. The contractor shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting out the provisions of this paragraph.
- 4.2 The contractor shall state, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees to work on State of Alaska contract jobs, that it is an equal opportunity employer and that all

- qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, age, physical handicap, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy or parenthood.
- 4.3 The contractor shall send to each labor union or representative of workers with which the contractor has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding a notice advising the labor union or workers' compensation representative of the contractor's commitments under this article and post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to all employees and applicants for employment.
- 4.4 The contractor shall include the provisions of this article in every contract, and shall require the inclusion of these provisions in every contract entered into by any of its subcontractors, so that those provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor. For the purpose of including those provisions in any contract or subcontract, as required by this contract, "contractor" and "subcontractor" may be changed to reflect appropriately the name or designation of the parties of the contract or subcontract.
- 4.5 The contractor shall cooperate fully with State efforts which seek to deal with the problem of unlawful discrimination, and with all other State efforts to guarantee fair employment practices under this contract, and promptly comply with all requests and directions from the State Commission for Human Rights or any of its officers or agents relating to prevention of discriminatory employment practices.
- 4.6 Full cooperation in paragraph 4.5 includes, but is not limited to, being a witness in any proceeding involving questions of unlawful discrimination if that is requested by any official or agency of the State of Alaska; permitting employees of the contractor to be witnesses or complainants in any proceeding involving questions of unlawful discrimination, if that is requested by any official or agency of the State of Alaska; participating in meetings; submitting periodic reports on the equal employment aspects of present and future employment; assisting inspection of the contractor's facilities; and promptly complying with all State directives considered essential by any office or agency of the State of Alaska to insure compliance with all federal and State laws, regulations, and policies pertaining to the prevention of discriminatory employment practices.
- 4.7 Failure to perform under this article constitutes a material breach of the contract.

#### Article 5. Termination

The Project Director, by written notice, may terminate this contact, in whole or in part, when it is in the best interest of the State. The State is liable only for payment in accordance with the payment provision of this contract for services rendered before the effective date of termination.

# Article 6. No Assignment or Delegation.

The contractor may not assign or delegate this contract, or any part of it, or any right to any of the money to be paid under it, except with the written consent of the Project Director and the Agency Head.

#### Article 7. No Additional Work or Material.

No claim for additional services, not specifically provided in this contract, performed or furnished by the contractor, will be allowed, nor may the contractor do any work or furnish any material not covered by the contract unless the work or material is ordered in writing by the Project Director and approved by the Agency Head.

### Article 8. Independent Contractor.

The contractor and any agents and employees of the contractor act in an independent capacity and are not officers or employees or agents of the State in the performance of this contract.

# Article 9. Payment of Taxes.

As a condition of performance of this contract, the contractor shall pay all federal, State, and local taxes incurred by the contractor and shall require their payment by any Subcontractor or any other persons in the performance of this contract. Satisfactory performance of this paragraph is a condition precedent to payment by the State under this contract.

# Article 10. Ownership of Documents.

- 10.1 Subject to the terms of this contract, all designs, drawing, specifications, notes, artwork, and other work developed in the performance of this agreement are produced for hire and remain the sole property of the State of Alaska and may be used by the State for any other purpose without additional compensation to the contractor. The contractor agrees not to assert any rights and not to establish any claim under the design patent or copyright laws. The contractor, for a period of three years after final payment under this contract, agrees to furnish and provide access to all retained materials at the request of the Project Director. Unless otherwise directed by the Project Director, the contractor may retain copies of all the materials.
- 10.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State agrees that the contractor's working papers (e.g., the internal documentation that the contractor is required to create and maintain in order to substantiate its findings and conclusions) and the methods, methodologies, procedures, processes, know-how, techniques, models, templates, and tools that contractor uses to perform the services belong exclusively to contractor or to its suppliers/licensors.

### Article 11. Governing Law.

This contract is governed by the laws of the State of Alaska. All actions concerning this contract shall be brought in the Superior Court of the State of Alaska. The Trust and contractor, to the fullest extent permitted by law, hereby irrevocably and expressly waive all right to a trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim, whether based upon contract, tort, or otherwise, arising out of or relating to this agreement.

# Article 12. Conflicting Provisions.

Unless specifically amended and approved by the department of Law the General Provisions of this contract supersede any provisions in other appendices.

#### Article 13. Officials Not to Benefit.

Contractor must comply with all applicable federal or State laws regulating ethical conduct of public officers and employees.

# Article 14. Covenant Against Contingent Fees.

The contractor warrants that no person or agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, contingent fee, or brokerage except employees or agencies maintained by the contractor for the purpose of securing business. For the breach or violation of this warranty, the State may terminate this contract without liability or in its discretion deduct from the contract price or consideration the full amount of the commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.



#### Report on the Firm's System of Quality Control

November 22, 2021

To the Partners of BDO USA, LLP and the National Peer Review Committee:

We have reviewed the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of BDO USA, LLP (the firm) applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection in effect for the year ended March 31, 2021. Our peer review was conducted in accordance with the Standards for Performing and Reporting on Peer Reviews established by the Peer Review Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the Standards).

A summary of the nature, objectives, scope, limitations of, and the procedures performed in a System Review as described in the Standards may be found at <a href="https://www.aicpa.org/prsummary">www.aicpa.org/prsummary</a>. The summary also includes an explanation of how engagements identified as not performed or reported in conformity with applicable professional standards, if any, are evaluated by a peer reviewer to determine a peer review rating.

#### Firm's Responsibility

The firm is responsible for designing a system of quality control and complying with it to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. The firm is also responsible for evaluating actions to promptly remediate engagements deemed as not performed or reported in conformity with professional standards, when appropriate, and for remediating weaknesses in its system of quality control, if any.

#### Peer Reviewer's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the design of the system of quality control and the firm's compliance therewith

#### Required Selections and Considerations

Baker Tilly US, LLP

Engagements selected for review included engagements performed under Government Auditing Standards, including compliance audits under the Single Audit Act; audits of employee benefit plans, an audit performed under FDICIA, an audit of a broker-dealer, and examinations of service organizations (SOC 1 and SOC 2 engagements).

As a part of our peer review, we considered reviews by regulatory entities as communicated by the firm, if applicable, in determining the nature and extent of our procedures.

#### Opinior

In our opinion, the system of quality control for the accounting and auditing practice of BDO USA, LLP applicable to engagements not subject to PCAOB permanent inspection in effect for the year ended March 31, 2021, has been suitably designed and complied with to provide the firm with reasonable assurance of performing and reporting in conformity with applicable professional standards in all material respects. Firms can receive a rating of pass, pass with deficiency (ies) or fail. BDO USA, LLP has received a peer review rating of pass.