



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

# ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

AUDIT WRAP UP:  
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023



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# Welcome

October 20, 2023

Board of Trustees

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

Professional standards require us to communicate with you regarding matters related to the audit, that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. On July 25, 2023, we presented an overview of our plan for the audit of the financial statements of Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (the Trust) as of and for the year ended June, 30, 2023, including a summary of our overall objectives for the audit, and the nature, scope, and timing of the planned audit work.

This communication is intended to elaborate on the significant findings from our audit, including our views on the qualitative aspects of the Trust's accounting practices and policies, management's judgments and estimates, financial statement disclosures, and other required matters.

We are pleased to be of service to the Trust and look forward to meeting with you to discuss our audit findings, as well as other matters that may be of interest to you, and to answer any questions you might have.

Respectfully,

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# Executive Summary



# Status of Our Audit

We have substantially completed our audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023. Our audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. This audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or those charged with governance of their responsibilities.

- ▶ The objective of our audit was to obtain reasonable - not absolute - assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.
- ▶ The scope of the work performed was substantially the same as that described to you in our earlier Audit Planning communications.
- ▶ We are planning to issue an unmodified opinion on the financial statements and release our report in the week of October 30, 2023.
- ▶ We are planning to issue our report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
- ▶ Our responsibility for other information in documents containing the Trust's audited financial statements (e.g., management's discussion and analysis, schedules of pension and OPEB amounts) does not extend beyond the financial information identified in the audit report, and we are not required to perform procedures to corroborate such other information. However, in accordance with professional standards, we have read the information included by the Trust and considered whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, was materially inconsistent with its presentation in the financial statements. Our responsibility also includes calling to management's attention any information that we believe is a material misstatement of fact. We have not identified any material inconsistencies or concluded there are any material misstatements of facts in the other information that management has chosen not to correct.
- ▶ All records and information requested by BDO were freely available for our inspection.
- ▶ Management's cooperation was excellent. We received full access to all information that we requested while performing our audit, and we acknowledge the full cooperation extended to us by all levels of Trust personnel throughout the course of our work.



# Results of the Audit

## ACCOUNTING PRACTICES, POLICIES, ESTIMATES AND SIGNIFICANT UNUSUAL TRANSACTIONS

The following summarizes the more significant required communications related to our audit concerning the Trust’s accounting practices, policies, estimates and significant unusual transactions:

The Trust’s significant accounting practices and policies are those included in Note 1 to the financial statements. These accounting practices and policies are appropriate, comply with generally accepted accounting principles and industry practice, were consistently applied, and are adequately described within Note 1 to the financial statements.

- ▶ A summary of recently issued accounting pronouncements is included in Note 17 to the Trust’s financial statements.
- ▶ There were no other changes in significant accounting policies and practices during FY23.

Significant estimates are those that require management’s most difficult, subjective, or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain. The Trust’s significant accounting estimates, including a description of management’s processes and significant assumptions used in development of the estimates, are disclosed in Note 1 of the financial statements. There were no significant estimates identified as applicable to 2023.

### Significant Accounting Estimates

Net Pension/OPEB Liabilities - The net pension/OPEB liabilities and related deferred inflows and outflows of resources are estimated based on actuarial and other actual contribution data provided to the Trust by the PERS Plan Administrator.

Discount rate used for determining lease receivable for leases in-scope of GASB 87.

Allowance for uncollectible notes receivable.

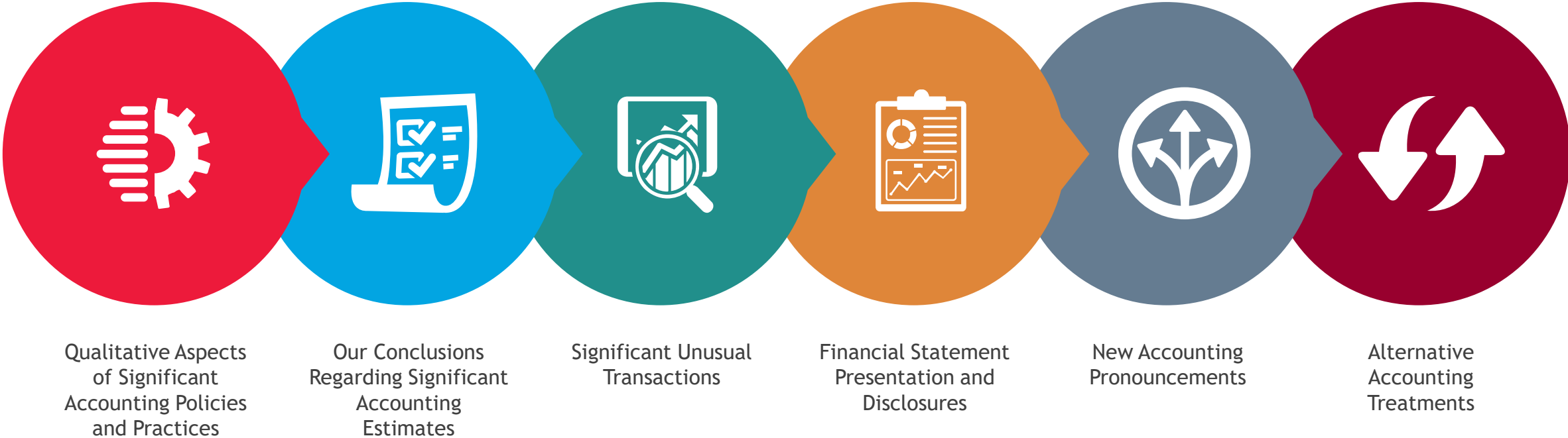
Useful life of capital assets and impairments.

- ▶ Management did not make any significant changes to the processes or significant assumptions used to develop the significant accounting estimates in 2023.
- ▶ We did not identify any significant or unusual transactions, or any transaction for which there was a lack of authoritative guidance.

# Results of the Audit

## QUALITY OF THE TRUST'S FINANCIAL REPORTING

A discussion was held regarding the quality of the Trust's financial reporting, which included:



# Results of the Audit

## CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

There were corrected misstatements related to accounts and/or disclosures that we brought to the attention of management. The corrected misstatement was a \$8 million adjustment to the opening net position and investments to match prior year ending balance.

There were no uncorrected misstatements, other than those that were clearly trivial, related to accounts and/or disclosures that we presented to management.







# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Trust’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion(s) on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust’s internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

We are required to communicate, in writing, to those charged with governance all material weaknesses and significant deficiencies that have been identified in the Trust’s internal control over financial reporting. The definitions of control deficiency, significant deficiency and material weakness follow:

Category	Definition
Control Deficiency	A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis.
Significant Deficiency	A deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.
Material Weakness	A deficiency or combination of deficiencies in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Trust’s financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

In conjunction with our audit of the financial statements, we noted no material weaknesses.

# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In conjunction with our audit, we noted the following:

- ▶ The following significant deficiencies were identified:

Significant Deficiencies	Comments
Financial Reporting and Close Process	During the audit, we noted that net position required an approximately \$8 million adjustment due to an unposted adjustment from prior year.



# Additional Required Communications

# Other Required Communications

Following is a summary of other required items, along with specific discussion points as they pertain to the Trust:

Requirement	Discussion Point
Significant changes to planned audit strategy or significant risks initially identified	There were no significant changes to the planned audit strategy or significant risks initially identified and previously communicated to those charged with governance as part of our Audit Planning communications.
Obtain information from those charged with governance relevant to the audit	There were no matters noted relevant to the audit, including, but not limited to: violations or possible violations of laws or regulations; risks of material misstatement, including fraud risks; or tips or complaints regarding the Trust's financial reporting that we were made aware of as a result of our inquiry of those charged with governance.
Nature and extent of specialized skills or knowledge needed related to significant risks	There were no specialized skills or knowledge needed, outside of the core engagement team, to perform the planned audit procedures or evaluate audit results related to significant risks.
Consultations with other accountants	We are not aware of any consultations about accounting or auditing matters between management and other independent public accountants. Nor are we aware of opinions obtained by management from other independent public accountants on the application of requirements of an applicable financial reporting framework.
Significant findings and issues arising during the audit in connection with the Trust's related parties	We have evaluated whether the Trust's process to identify, authorize and approve, account for, and disclose its relationship and transactions with related parties and noted no significant issues.
Significant findings or issues arising during the audit that were discussed, or were the subject of correspondence, with management	There were no significant findings or issues arising during the audit that were discussed, or were the subject of correspondence, with management.

# Other Required Communications

Following is a summary of other required items, along with specific discussion points as they pertain to the Trust:

Requirement	Discussion Point
Disagreements with management	There were no disagreements with management about matters, whether or not satisfactorily resolved, that individually or in aggregate could be significant to the Trust's financial statements or to our auditor's report.
Significant difficulties encountered during the audit	There were no significant difficulties encountered during the audit.
Matters that are difficult or contentious for which the auditor consulted outside the engagement team	There were no difficult or contentious matters that we consulted with others outside the engagement team that we reasonably determined to be relevant to those charged with governance regarding their oversight of the financial reporting process.
Other matters significant to the oversight of the Trust's financial reporting process, including complaints or concerns regarding accounting or auditing matters	There are no other matters that we consider significant to the oversight of the Trust's financial reporting process that have not been previously communicated.
Representations requested from management	Please refer to the management representation letter.




# Independence

Our engagement letter to you dated July 12, 2023, describes our responsibilities in accordance with professional standards and certain regulatory authorities with regard to independence and the performance of our services. This letter also stipulates the responsibilities of the Trust with respect to independence as agreed to by the Trust. Please refer to that letter for further information.





# Appendix



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