

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

FULL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

November 17, 2022

12:30 p.m.

WebEx Videoconference/Teleconference

Originating at:

**Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200
Anchorage, Alaska 99508**

Trustees Present:

Anita Halterman, Chair
Verne' Boerner
Brent Fisher
Rhonda Boyles
Kevin Fimon
Agnes Moran
John Sturgeon

Trust Staff Present:

Steve Williams
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Carol Howarth
Miri Smith-Coolidge
Kelda Barstad
Michael Baldwin
Eric Boyer
Valette Keller
Autumn Vea
Allison Biastock
Kat Roch
Luke Lind
Travis Welch
Jimael Johnson
Carrie Predeger

Trust Land Office staff present:

Jusdi Warner

Also participating: Patrick Reinhardt; Lesley Thompson; Meridith Griggs; Beverly Schoonover; Jon Haghayeghi.

PROCEEDINGS

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR HALTERMAN called the meeting back to order and began with a roll call. She stated that there was a quorum and asked for any announcements. Hearing none, she moved into Trustee Comments.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

TRUSTEE MORAN stated she had a few things. In the TABI discussion, the woman with the brain injury mentioned that the application grant was difficult for someone with a brain injury. She asked to look at that and see if an easier application could be developed for that population. At the program meeting, the True North Recovery was talked about, and she asked if the TBI screenings were built into it when dealing with folks associated with Crisis Now to reinforce or build into those the encouragement to do a TBI screening. She added that if the Trust did not take a lead on that and say, "You really ought to be screening that," their minds will never change. She stated that the third thing was that she was recently asked in Ketchikan what the overall investment of the Trust was in Crisis Now. As a new person, it would be nice to know what the investment was to date. She thanked staff and Miri.

TRUSTEE FIMON thanked the Chair for running a great meeting and keeping all on pace. There was a lot of information, and he really enjoyed hearing from the folks that presented, including Nona. He stated that the tour was very informative and opened his eyes to things that are still ahead for the Board. He thanked Ms. Howarth for working with the BDO staff and getting the audit done, and also the staff for the program work. He added that he always enjoyed being with his fellow trustees and the staff here. It was a good day.

TRUSTEE STURGEON thanked staff for all the work put into the packets and that it was much appreciated. He also thanked them for all the program work they do that makes the board look really good.

TRUSTEE FISHER thanked staff for the great work done in preparing ahead of time and giving the documents needed to be reviewed and the communication to make sure that the trustees know when and where they are supposed to be. He appreciated hearing from some of the grant recipients, and the peer experiences shared. It was important to look forward to other programs that can be supported. It was an excellent meeting.

TRUSTEE BOYLES stated her compliments to Ms. Howarth for coming through the audit and understood the difficulty of any amount affecting the beginning balance.

TRUSTEE BOERNER thanked staff and her fellow trustees and wished she could have joined the site visit. She also stated appreciation to the Mission Moments that always move her. She stated that this month was Alzheimer's Awareness Month and is also Native American Awareness Month, and in her studies and the work she is doing, she is helping to build awareness. One of her colleagues expressed her heartbreak when she had to remove two American Indians from a study being conducted because of low numbers. They had dedicated their time and energy and had given of themselves to participate. She stated that on a personal level that was sad for those individuals, but it also represented an erasing and removal of the

visibility of American Indians and Alaska Natives from research. That is an issue and one of her reasons to go after this degree. She also thought that it was critically important to recognize the strengths and resiliency of the people and families that work with those that have Alzheimer's, but also the strength and resiliency of the indigenous populations, as well. She stated appreciation for all and thanked the Board for having trustee comments as part of the agenda.

TRUSTEE STURGEON talked about his experience while driving through Wyoming of getting a text from a beneficiary that was definitely suicidal. They knew the number to call was a 988 number. They called that number and were told to call 911; but he could not dial 911 in Wyoming to be responded to in Alaska. He continued that they called some friends and got the person some help; but the crisis line did not work. The person ended up being okay, but it was definitely a suicidal text sent.

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that was an interesting observation that the hotline did not work from out of state, and she was not sure if staff was aware of that. She thanked Miri Smith-Coolidge for setting up the network and system stuff, and stated much appreciation for her. She thanked Valette Keller for preparing her for the CEO evaluation process. She thanked Carol Howarth for her transparency and honesty. She thanked CEO Williams for his indulgence about the grant training and the additional dialogue over grants. She stated appreciation for Trustee Moran for sharing observations about how it might be more meaningful for rural communities if it was more widely known. She appreciated the dialogue, discussions and the support. She thanked everyone, and moved to the last item on the agenda which was a CEO annual performance evaluation, and asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session.

CEO ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

MOTION: A motion that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Full Board of Trustees go into Executive Session to perform the annual performance evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, AS 44.62.310(c) was made by TRUSTEE FISHER; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)

MS. KELLER asked if the Chair would like to have any staff sit in on the Executive Session.

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked to initially have Ms. Keller and Ms. Smith-Coolidge in the Executive Session.

(Executive Session from 12:38 p.m. until 4:12 p.m.)

TRUSTEE FISHER stated, for the record, that he, his fellow trustees and members of the Trust Authority were returning to the Full Board of Trustees meeting from the Executive Session. During the Executive Session, the Board of Trustees only discussed the items identified in the motion to move into Executive Session. The Board of Trustees did not take any action while in Executive Session.

CHAIR HALTERMAN entertained a motion to adjourn.

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

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes.) Chair Halterman noted, for the record, that just before getting out of Executive Session, Trustees Sturgeon and Fimon were excused.

(Alaska Mental Health Trust Full Board meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.)