

**ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
FULL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING
HYBRID/ZOOM
May 21, 2025
8:00 a.m.**

Originating:
Wedgewood Resort – Borealis Ballroom
212 Wedgewood Drive
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Trustees Present:

Brent Fisher, Chair
John Morris (virtually)
Anita Halterman
Kevin Fimon
Corri Feige
Josie Hickel

Trust Staff Present:

Mary Wilson
Allison Biastock
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Shannon Cochran
Valette Keller
Julee Farley
Luke Lind
Carrie Predeger
Michael Baldwin
Eric Boyer
Kat Roch
Kelda Barstad
Tina Voelker-Ross
Eliza Muse
Debbie Delong
Heather Phelps

Trust Land Office Staff Present:

Jusdi Warner
Jeff Green
David MacDonald
Sarah Morrison
Cole Hendrickson
Mariana Sanchez
Katie Vachris

Also Participating:

Karen Health; Lance Johnson; Art Delaune; Philip Tafs; Michael Goh; Brenda McFarlane;
Lynette Falke; Richard Bishop; Wendy Cloyd; Jeanette Branson; Nenette Rogers; Allan Popper;
Natalie Condon; Michael Sanders; Brenda Stanfill; Sarah Koogle; Mary Bishop; Liz Sewell; Iris
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Matthews; Kyle Dexter; Kermit Wilson; Leah Van Kirk; Yasmin Radbod; Patrick Reinhart; Jena Crafton; Lori Grassgreen; Steve Center; Steve Sikes; Julia Moriarty.

PROCEEDINGS

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR FISHER called the meeting to order and called the roll. He introduced Josie Hickel, the newest trustee, and added that they were happy to have her on the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made to remove all of the grants from the agenda, including those in the consent agenda, until the Program & Planning Committee has had an opportunity to review them. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FEIGE.

CHAIR FISHER asked for a motion to approve the agenda with that amendment.

MOTION: A motion to approve the agenda, as amended, was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FEIGE.

MR. HICKEY stated that a vote on the amendment should be taken first and then the amended agenda.

CHAIR FISHER called the vote on the suggested amendment.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

CHAIR FISHER called for the vote for the amended agenda.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

ETHICS DISCLOSURES

CHAIR FISHER asked for any ethics disclosures.

TRUSTEE HICKEL stated that she was unsure about this because of the amendment just made. There was a grant for the Alaska Safety Alliance. She stated that she was on that board from approximately 2009 until 2014. She was chair of that board for a couple years, and is currently listed as chair emeritus, but is no longer involved with that organization, and has not been since 2014.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CHAIR FISHER moved to the approval of the February 5 and 6, 2025, minutes.

MOTION: A motion to approve the minutes of February 5 and 6, 2025, was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE FEIGE.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

CHAIR FISHER moved the Special Full Board meeting minutes for March 28, 2025.

MOTION: A motion to approve the minutes from March 28, 2025, was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

CHAIR FISHER continued to the CEO update, and recognized Mary Wilson.

CEO UPDATE

CEO WILSON stated that Ms. Baldwin-Johnson wanted clarification on the previous amendment.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON was seeking clarification on process. The motion was to remove all of the grant review until a future Program & Planning Committee meeting. She asked if that was the structure the Board is giving staff guidance on, that all proposals need to go through the Program & Planning Committee meeting before they come to the Board. She was not sure that had been really clear with the new governance instructions.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated that was her intention. She was not aware of what would be on the agenda until hours before the agenda was published. She would like to have more opportunity for the committee to review. She noted that the Board has a fiduciary responsibility.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON replied that was a good clarification for staff to have, because staff was operating on the assumption that all grants came to the Full Board. But if the desire is to have the Program & Planning Committee review those, they would be happy to oblige.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other comments on the issue.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN stated that there may be a need to look at the bylaws because of the possibility of being a bit haphazard about the grants in the past. She wants to make sure the bylaws reflect what was just done, because she did not think that they do.

MR. HICKEY stated that he would look at that to make sure it is in compliance with the motion that was made.

CEO WILSON stated that they had some staff strategic planning a month ago and shared some of the pictures sent in that were inspirational to them as members of the staff and the Trust. They came together as a team and identified some staff priorities based on feedback from the trustees,

advocates, grantees, beneficiaries, and they did some good team-building. She continued that the team had been engaging with partners, including at various beneficiary-related events, for instance, the Key Campaign, an event in Juneau for Alaskans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their care givers and families. Ms. Voelker-Ross attended and did a great job on behalf of the Trust. CEO Wilson presented the Direct Provider of the Year Award at The Full Lives Conference hosted by the University of Anchorage; and Mr. Boyer presented a keynote address on the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Initiative at a recent Pathways to Recovery Conference, which was co-hosted by ANTHC and Alaska Office of Substance Misuse and Addiction Prevention in Anchorage. She moved to the Legislature and stated that Legislative leadership, particularly the Senate, made it clear that an austere budget was necessary, and they are not seeing a lot of new spending. She continued that the Governor would get the budget and have his ability to approve, reduce, or veto lines in it before June 30th, and she would keep the Board posted. Lastly, there is potential to reduce Federal funding on programs that impact beneficiaries, including Medicaid. There is not a lot of detail yet. She moved to the aging Trust Authority building and that a decision about its future would be with trustees soon. The TLO contracted Agnew::Beck to conduct an analysis of the options that were presented to the Board last year and to generate any new options that are appropriate. She continued that as part of the FY27 budget development process they fielded the stakeholder survey. It was distributed, with the request to recipients to share with their networks. 257 people responded, which was not as high as last year, but still was valuable feedback. Staff are summarizing the results which will be shared with trustees and partners in the future, and will be considered as part of the FY27 budget development process. Next, the intellectual and developmental disabilities and the behavioral health mini-grant programs were updated, which she detailed. She continued to the upcoming strategy planning, and shared some of the details.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN asked staff if they had looked at how the SAMHSA grants, which have an impact on the beneficiary-serving organizations, would be impacted statewide.

TRUSTEE MORAN added that the community development block grants are also at risk of being cut, and that is how a lot of the organizations utilize funding to do facilities.

CEO WILSON replied that she was meeting with leaders of nonprofits to share information, as well as with the Department of Health to try to keep all updated.

TRUSTEE MORAN asked if staff had a chance to assess the impact on having a number of recommendations for additional funding included in the bare-bones budget.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON clarified for additional MHTAAR funding and added that that conversation had not been had. She continued that there are some options and some flexibility in 2026 with award grant dollars.

CHAIR FISHER asked about any contact from beneficiary organizations about any future needs.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON replied that some of the grantees are very concerned, and we intend to engage in those conversations more directly and intently. She reminded all that the intent of Trust funds is not to supplant State funds, but this is just an unusual and difficult time.

CHAIR FISHER called a break until 8:40, when Public Comment begins.

(Break.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIR FISHER called the board meeting to order and read the rules of Public Comment. He introduced Shannon Cochran, the facilitator, who would recognize each person invited to speak.

MS. COCHRAN recognized Karen Heath, in the room.

MS. HEATH stated that she is the director of the University of Alaska Center for Human Development. She continued that, this year, CHT programs have provided training and resources to thousands of Trust beneficiaries, their families, and service providers. As a result of these supports, beneficiaries had access to guidance, education, and funding to grow their own businesses. Providers are better prepared to help beneficiaries to explore healthy relationships and identify abuse. She shared a brief report of some of the activities, and she thanked the trustees for providing the funding to address these needs over the years that accomplished the important work for Trust beneficiaries. She respectfully asked that the Trust flat-fund them in FY27.

MS. COCHRAN recognized Lance Johnson, online.

MR. JOHNSON stated that he is the COO for the Alaska Behavioral Health Association and appreciated the opportunity to offer some comments to the Board and staff. He thanked the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority for the support over the years in his work as a behavioral health provider, and the work with health corporations to help establish a behavioral health treatment center, as well as the help with the Alaska Behavioral Health Association in developing a clinical supervisor academy to increase the competencies of the providers across the state. He continued that increasing competencies is very important to the behavioral health provider field in the training and development of those competencies. There are requirements by the State of Alaska for providers to have certain certifications, which he spoke about. The Alaska Training Cooperative through the Center for Human Development at UAA, has been a vital partner in offering the trainings and the help to build the competencies in helping providers meet the requirements. He stated appreciation to the Trust for supporting the Alaska Training Cooperative, and he encouraged continued support for them.

MS. COCHRAN stated that Art Delaune was next, and then Philip Tafs.

MR. DELAUNE welcomed all to Fairbanks and stated that he is a long-term Fairbanks resident with a family of five children. Two of his youngest children experience developmental disabilities, both diagnosed with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. In addition, his youngest son has severe mental health issues; and his next older brother has substance abuse issues, and is currently in rehab. His wife is a senior, experienced a traumatic brain injury and is also a Trust beneficiary. He continued that he was there to thank the Trust for all the resources, benefits and services they helped produce in the State of Alaska. Because of the need to support his sons and family, he was appointed to the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education where he focuses on the Legislature and advocacy for people, like his family, that are unable to advocate for themselves. He asked the Trust for support and help in advocating to pass those bills for people with developmental disabilities, as well as the shared-vision statement passed

into law in 2018, and supportive decision-making agreements passed the same year. These are important in that they allow people with developmental disabilities to live more independently. He added that he is concerned about the future. He concluded by thanking the Trust, again, for the continued support.

MS. COCHRAN recognized Philip Tafs, followed by Mike Goh.

MR. TAFS stated that he is the owner of a small APA clinic in Anchorage, and is also the president-elect for the Alaska Association for Behavioral Analysis. He was there to advocate for and answer questions on a grant that was before the Trust around complex care within the State. He continued that it is a small amount of funding to pull together some of the loose threads out there. The complex care system is struggling very much, but it feels like it is starting to come back within the state. This funding will help to pull together some comments and things that are happening within the system that sometimes get lost. It is important funding. He also discussed a bit about the Center for Human Development capacity-building process and their preventions program, which is also losing Federal funding. Because of that program, there are now 87 behavioral analysts in Alaska; the backbone of the complex behavior collaborative.

MS. COCHRAN recognized Mike Goh, followed online by Walter Macistan.

MR. GOH stated that he is there to express his opposition to the Mental Health Trust contract for transport with a particular emphasis on the importance of responsibility and liabilities of a landowner of Alaska. He did purchase land from the Trust, and is also grateful for the services that the Mental Health Trust provides for the State. In Alaska, landowners must be acutely aware of the potential liabilities associated with their actions, especially when it comes to activities that can impact local communities, wildlife, and ecosystems. It is not just a legal obligation, but also a moral one. He talked about the moose population around Lake Minchumina, which has been historically low. Introducing transports into this area would lead to an increased disturbance to wildlife habitats, and subsistence resources vital to the local communities. This increased disturbance can cause serious repercussions for the Mental Health Trust. This is not about protecting assets, but also about safeguarding the cultural and ecological integrity of the community. There is also a lack of community and tribal consultation in the process, which raises further liability concerns. He urged the Board and the Mental Health Trust to carefully consider the liabilities associated with the contract. The responsibilities of Alaska land ownership are profound, and he asked to work together to insure that the actions reflect the commitment to the stewardship and respect for the land and people who call it home.

MS. COCHRAN recognized Walter Macistan, online. Hearing no response, she then recognized Brenda McFarland, in the room.

MS. McFARLAND stated that she works as the Crisis Now coordinator in Fairbanks, funded by the Trust. She welcomed all and continued that she was there to testify about the longevity of funding mobile crisis teams. She talked briefly about her background and experience. She stated that the problem has always been that when a person actually sought help, the right help was never available. She continued that Crisis Now is solving some of the problems faced, and it needs the Trust to fully commit to this challenge. Needed are crisis teams that can serve whole regions either by telehealth or by going in person. Needed are regional stabilization centers that accept 100 percent of the time. It is not just individuals and family members and community

workers; it is first responders getting burned out by this. She added that it took three years to get Alaska State Troopers to sign an agreement, which is the typical length of a grant cycle. They are just starting, and are raving about it. This is saving lives, and is really saving first responders' mental health, as well.

MS. COCHRAN recognized Lynette Falke, followed by Richard Bishop.

MS. CLOYD stated that she was Wendy Cloyd, and that she was with Lynette Falke. She works at Fairbanks Resource Agency and is a board member for Key Coalition of Alaska. She is a parent and guardian of three individuals served by the Trust, who have intellectual and developmental disabilities, and they were there together to ask for the Trust to continue funding the Alaska Training Cooperative. It plays a vital role in Alaska's behavioral health and developmental disability systems by providing essential training and workforce development for the direct-support professionals who serve Mental Health Trust beneficiaries.

MS. FALKE stated that she is with Fairbanks Resource Agency, as well. The agency has been providing resources to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for nearly 60 years. The Trust has been involved in a key part in helping assist the workforce, primarily by the impact, but also by AKTC that allows their DSPs to provide to the beneficiaries. It is a great impact on a basic everyday level. This year they have helped with five stipends to the Whole Lives Conference that have supported their DSPs. She stated that \$685,000 is needed, with that impacting the providers to all of the beneficiaries. She added appreciation for their support and knows that they will continue to provide that.

CHAIR FISHER stated that there were some audio difficulties and called a ten-minute break.

(Pause.)

CHAIR FISHER resumed the public comment period, and asked Ms. Cochran to continue.

MS. COCHRAN recognized Richard Bishop, followed by Mary Bishop.

MR. BISHOP stated that he lives in Fairbanks and is a retired wildlife biologist. He praised and appreciated the Trust. He continued that he was very concerned about the application for, and perhaps approval of, a permit for a commercial operation on Trust lands near Lake Minchumina. He was not clear on the details, but added that it is an activity not well adapted to the area where the application had been made. He explained that it is an area of moderate productivity ecologically, of modest populations of wildlife, in particular, moose. The resources there are used extensively by residents and visitors, friends and families. He thought that the resources would be at great risk, and it is not a good idea for the country. He hoped that the Trust Land Authority would look at vast areas of Trust lands that are not that far away where such an operation could be established with minimum effects on the wildlife or local populations. He asked for some careful consideration to potential side effects of potential high-volume extractive uses of, particularly, the living resources from the Trust's land.

MS. COCHRAN recognized Mary Bishop, followed by Devon Doss.

MS. BISHOP stated that she was the other half of Richard Bishop and knows that the Mental

Health Trust Authority has lots of land that needs management, and is in need of money for a very worthy cause. Perhaps the Minchumina land deal was a new type of effort to raise money, but it was not approached correctly and resulted in a lot of upset people. The land is not being sold but leased for a long period of time, with the potential for renewal of the lease. She suggested going about it in a different way and offered her help in how to lease land to people who want to go hunting, because they are hunters. But not the way this was done.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Mrs. Bishop.

MS. COCHRAN stated that Devon Doss was next and believed that would complete public comment for those here in the room. She asked for any individuals online to raise their hands.

MS. BRANSON stated that she was on the phone, and is Jeanette Branson. She was calling from Anchorage and has been a caregiver for the last two years for her husband who has dementia and has entered into a new world of being a Trust beneficiary. She has been a mental health aide for a long time. She encouraged the Trust to continue supporting groups that provide help for people that are brand new in one of these situations like dementia or mental illness. She did not know where to turn or how to handle it. Both NAMI and Alzheimer Support Association have helped her immensely. She is still on NAMI's board which is doing amazing work reaching out to young families through the school and in the pilot program. She is proud to be part of that organization. She thanked the Trust for what they do and for the opportunity to speak.

MS. COCHRAN gave another call for anyone online wishing to provide public comment.

CHAIR FISHER concluded Public Comment. He stated that if anyone wished to give public comment, written comments are always welcome and may be submitted to the trustees at any time. He shared the e-mail, as well as the address for mail. He recognized Executive Director Warner for the Resource Management Report.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

E.D. WARNER began by requesting a trustee to read a motion into the record.

TRUSTEE FEIGE stated that the following actions were proposed to the Full Board by the Resource Management Committee at the April 23, 2025, meeting.

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with creating a pool of approximately 28 subdivision lots and small-to-large tract parcels to be subdivided that may be disposed of through the TLO's statewide land sales program. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FEIGE; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

CHAIR FISHER asked for a summary, and then a discussion.

E.D. WARNER stated that this is done on an annual basis which frontloads the competitive land sale, and those parcels are also available for other ways of disposal through a land sale, a negotiated sale, the competitive land sale, or the OTC; but first is that competitive land sale. She added that there was a technical error in the consultation about the acreage for parcel CRN 2556. The acreage listed was incorrect and the accurate acreage is 64.138 acres.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions or comments from the trustees. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

TRUSTEE FEIGE stated that the next motion is for a negotiated sale of MHT 91-01408.

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with disposal of Trust parcel C-20931 of approximately 14 acres through a negotiated sale or subsequent disposal. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FEIGE; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

E.D. WARNER summarized that this is a negotiated land sale that is being sold for 52.47 percent above the appraised fair-market value. It is slated to go to Sundance Mining Group, LLC, which proposes consolidating their land holdings and to continue their operation outside of Hollis.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any comments or questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

TRUSTEE FEIGE moved to the consultation on utility easement, MHT 9201031.

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Board of Trustees concur with the disposal of a portion of Trust parcels SM-1523 and SM-1524 through a turn of nonexclusive easement to Chugach Electric Association. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FEIGE; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

E.D. WARNER stated that this is on the Community Park Loop parcel in Anchorage where the Trust Authority building sits. Chugach Electric Association is taking an area line and burying it underground.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

TRUSTEE FEIGE stated that next was another utility easement, MHT 201032.

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Board of Trustees concur with the disposal of a portion of Trust parcels S20524, S20554, S20556, S20560, and S20562, through a 30-year term nonexclusive easement to Matanuska Electric Association. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FEIGE; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

E.D. WARNER explained that this is a transmission and distribution line out in Mat-Su Valley. It is north of the Parks Highway, west of Wasilla, and east of Meadow Lakes. It is a 30-year term with an anticipated revenue of just over \$226,000.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions or comments.

TRUSTEE FEIGE asked Ms. Warner to speak to, for education purposes, the aspects of this being a nonexclusive easement.

E.D. WARNER explained that nonexclusive means that although they will have the authorization for this easement, there are other things that can be done on that land.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other comments. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

TRUSTEE FEIGE moved on to MHT 9400899, also a utility easement.

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the disposal of a portion of Trust parcels F20286, F20288, F20289, F20298, F20299, F20309.001, F20309.002, F70015, and F70536, as depicted in exhibits, through a 30-year term nonexclusive easement to Doyon Limited, Inc. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FEIGE; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

E.D. WARNER stated that this is a fiber optic line that will bring high-speed fiber connectivity into the Yukon. That is the goal of the overall project.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any comments. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

TRUSTEE FEIGE stated that the last consultation was a negotiated oil and gas lease, MST 9300102.

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the negotiated lease of Trust land parcels S50560, S50561, SM-2434, SM-2435, SM-2436, SM-2437, SM-2438, SM-2439, SM-2440-01, SM-2441, SM-2442, SM-2443, SM-2445-B, and SM-2450 near Houston, Alaska, for the exploration and development of oil and gas resources. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FEIGE; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

E.D. WARNER stated that this was out in the Mat-Su Valley and is a five-year term. However, it can be continued indefinitely by production.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any comments or questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

TRUSTEE FEIGE apologized as she turned the page and found two more. This is for a mineral lease, MHT 9400921.

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concurs with the negotiated lease of Trust mineral estate of F20410 on Dome Creek for the processing of placer gold, as proposed. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FEIGE; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

E.D. WARNER stated that this is a placer lease in the Greater Fairbanks Mining District. They are working on extracting placer gold from the historic stockpile tailings.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other questions or comments. Hearing none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

TRUSTEE FEIGE stated that this last one is a consultation for a ground lease, MHT 9400917.

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the negotiated surface lease for waste rock storage for a portion of Mental Health Parcel F70015 to Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc., to facilitate the continued operations at the Fort Knox Mine. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FEIGE; seconded by TRUSTEE HICKEL.

E.D. WARNER stated that they need to expand their waste rock disposal to continue their operations. It will be a ten-year term, unless reclamation happens before that. She continued that after the Resource Management Committee meeting, they were approached with a need for an additional 120 acres, still a portion of the same parcel. The motion remains the same; it is just a larger footprint, which also means more money.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

PROMONTORY POINT

CHAIR FISHER moved to Promontory Point.

TRUSTEE FIEGE stated that she had a motion to go into Executive Session.

MOTION: A motion that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Alaska Open Meetings Act, AS 44.62.310(c)(1) and (c) (3), to discuss the disposition of the Promontory Point property in Texas, and a separate issue. The discussion on the promontory point disposition will include matters that will have an immediate material effect on the finances of the Trust and legal advice from our counsel. The second issue will involve discussion with counsel and staff concerning possible litigation. Identifying the subject of the possible litigation would defeat the purpose of discussing it in private. Accordingly, the subject is not required to be identified in the motion under AS 44.62.310(b). The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIEGE; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

CEO WILSON introduced RCLCO, consultants who will be in the Executive Session, as well.

(Executive Session from 9:54 a.m. until 11:17 a.m.)

TRUSTEE FEIGE and her fellow trustees returned to the Full Board of Trustees' meeting from the Executive Session. She stated that 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 other than to give direction to our counsel.

CHAIR FISHER stated that what they did not do was introduce RCLCO, a consultant and property consultant group that were contracted by the Trust about a month ago. They will introduce themselves so everyone is aware who they are and what role they will fulfill for the Trust with regard to commercial real estate.

MR. POPPER stated that RCLCO stands for Robert Charles Lesser & Company. The firm has been around for 60 years and has grown to over \$100 billion in real estate equity value. They serve investors in multiple countries and resource overseas investments across a really broad variety of property types and risks spectrums. They have over 100 employees across a half dozen regional offices, including in Austin, Texas. He continued that the firm is an SEC-registered advisor. They do not own assets, but oversee a \$14.5 billion real asset portfolio. In collaboration with their clients, they set strategy, recommend managers to implement. They work on business plan execution and approve budgets and financing and approve major leases and sales. He stated that their broad scope of work with the Alaska Mental Health Trust, which was started a month ago today, is to provide asset management and reporting for the properties, including oversight of the property managers and brokers, and to position the properties for economically optimized disposition. They will also manage the disposition process. He continued that one of the first items on their list is to review the budgets and the business plan, and they started this assignment in time to work on the budget, which is the item for discussion.

CFO FARLEY asked Mr. Popper to introduce himself and Natalie.

MR. POPPER stated that he is the director of property operations for RCLCO and has been with the firm about 4.5 years. He has 30-plus years of real estate experience starting out as a lender for big real estate projects in New York City, and he worked in asset management, loan workouts, and operations of real estate. He is very familiar with the product type and is a very skilled and accomplished real estate professional. He stated that Natalie has been with the firm for two years, and he asked her to introduce herself.

MS. CONDON stated that she started her career in 2018 after graduating, studying finance at Cal Poly of San Francisco, at PNC Bank working in their servicing asset management for a couple of years, and then switched to a real estate developer. She started at RCLCO about two years ago, helping with asset management stuff, serving portfolios, including student housing, office, and retail and multifamily. She stated that she is excited to be working on this portfolio.

CHAIR FISHER thanked them and stated appreciation for the introduction. There being no other comments or questions, he moved into real estate property budgets.

REAL ESTATE PROPERTY BUDGETS

MR. POPPER began with a quick overview on the budget process, explaining it in greater detail. They reviewed the actuals, added the budget expenses, the operating expenses, leasing costs and such, and then noted that trustees have been presented with the final product. The overall budget reflects occupancy for the portfolio starting at 54.8 percent leased on July 1st and growing incrementally for new and renewal leasing to 62 percent. He continued through the presentation, and added that this was his first budget with the trustees and that he would be happy to address any questions.

TRUSTEE MORRIS noticed that Commercial Drive was not on the spreadsheet. He asked if they were not helping with this property, and if so, what was the reason for having the whole portfolio except one.

CFO FARLEY replied that that property would continue to be managed by the Land Office, and that property's budget would be presented in their budget documents.

TRUSTEE MORRIS asked why the consultant was engaged to manage most of the portfolio, but not all of the portfolio.

CEO WILSON explained that at the Resource Management Committee meeting it was decided and elected through the trustees to have that property remain with the TLO to manage.

CHAIR FISHER stated that there were a couple of motions, and began with the Promontory Point loan payoff, which was discussed in Executive Session.

TRUSTEE FIMON thanked Mr. Popper for the presentation. He continued that the Promontory Point property currently had an unpaid balance in the amount of \$8,346,649, and due to some credits, a net amount of \$6,770,000 is due to be paid on or before July 1st, 2025.

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Board of Trustees authorizes the CFO to utilize budget reserves funds to satisfy the loan balance due on July 1, 2025, for Promontory Point in the amount of \$6,770,000. Further, the CEO is authorized to approve payment

of the loan balance on or before July 1, 2025, as may be required by the lender. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Board of Trustees approves the Fiscal Year '26 expenditures for Promontory Point, Amber Oaks, and North Park totaling \$7,765,459. The expenditures are to be paid by the property manager for Amber Oaks and North Park from rents, cash reserves, and other income collected from the property. The expenditures for Promontory Point shall be paid via the Central Facilities Fund, and the CEO, as manager, is authorized to expend Central Facility Funds for Promontory Point expenditures and any expenditures for North Park and Amber Oaks resulting from a shortfall in revenue. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

TRUSTEE MORRIS asked if this motion was open-ended and limited, or if it has a cap on maximum outlay.

CFO FARLEY replied that the maximum outlay is the amount listed in the motion. She added that the outlay was limited to \$7,765,459.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

CHAIR FISHER asked if there was anything else on the real estate property budgets, or anything else in this part of the agenda.

E.D. WARNER replied that there were two proposed motions in the packet, and asked for a trustee to read it into the record.

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees approve the incremental building expenditures for the program-related real estate portfolio totaling \$1,004,521, budgeted for fiscal year 2026. The expenditures are to be paid by the property managers from rents, cash reserves and other income collected from the properties and/or Central Facilities Fund. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

E.D. WARNER asked David MacDonald to continue.

MR. MacDONALD stated that they were asking for a total of \$1,004,521 to operate the program-related real estate portfolio. Specifically, this includes the Cordova Asset, the Trust Authority Building asset, the property on Nichols Street, which is occupied by Assets, Inc. It also includes the sobering center and Fahrenkamp properties in Fairbanks. He noted that the last two properties are on individual leases right now. However, they were submitting a below-market lease with Alaska Behavioral. Those were put into the budget because of the timing of

that lease. Once that lease is complete and approved, those two properties' budgets will drop off. He explained the rest of the budget, and asked for any questions.

TRUSTEE MORRIS stated that he was surprised to hear that the other tenants in the building were moving out. He asked when and why that was happening.

MR. MacDONALD replied that the specific tenant is Colliers, and those assets have been sold off and rolling to the below-market deals, they were given less business, and it was less important for them to be across the hallway.

TRUSTEE MORRIS misunderstood and asked if all the kids in the school and the Trust Authority Building would still be there.

MR. MacDONALD apologized and stated that he was referring to the turnover in the Cordova building. He continued that the Trust Authority Building had not been adequately maintained. There is potential building system catastrophic failure, and we are not in a position to guarantee the space that the school district would be habitable. He explained that that was the reason for the Agnew::Beck study. He added that the school would be moving out at the end of June when their lease runs out. He noted that the building is operating on a day-by-day basis.

TRUSTEE MORRIS stated that the assessment is that it is safe today, but they do not know if it will be safe during the term of the lease.

MR. MacDONALD replied that they cannot make any long-term commitments to the building being a functioning building.

CEO WILSON stated that she toured the building, and it does not look like it is about to fall down, but looking behind the scenes shows some definite issues. It is not catastrophic. The issue is that if something goes wrong with the heat and it is freezing in there, no one can stay there.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN added that this has to do with the HVAC system that is failing.

MR. MacDONALD noted that with the lack of income, there would be expenses to the building. He estimated that approximately \$365,000 would be needed from the CFF to get it through the year.

CHAIR FISHER thanked him for the notification and called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees approves the incremental building expenditure for 2618 Commercial Drive totaling \$836,004, budgeted for fiscal year 2026. The expenditures are to be paid by the property manager from rents, cash reserves and other income collected from the property and the Central

Facility Fund. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

MR. MacDONALD stated that this was solely for the 2618 Commercial Drive property. The \$836,004 is \$700,000 greater than last year. The reason for that pertains to the lease that Cummins, Inc., has, which expires next fiscal year. There is \$210,000 for the lease-up, and also \$500,000 for the expenditures, which is primarily for replacement of the roof, which is old and in poor condition. To continue on in the lease and continue to provide revenues from that property, those sums will need to be expended. He noted that this is not asking for a CFF draw at this time.

TRUSTEE MORAN asked if the sale does not go as anticipated, if this will be back before the Board to make that CFF draw.

MR. MacDONALD replied yes.

TRUSTEE MORRIS stated that it appears that the bulk of the request is for fiscal year '26, so not an urgent need, but something for the future.

E.D. WARNER stated that this budget year is for fiscal year '26, beginning July 1st. We need this to be done in order to know the budget we are working with through this potential disposal in the negotiations. She continued that approval was needed before they can obligate money.

TRUSTEE MORAN asked if staff actively solicited offers on this property.

MR. MacDONALD replied that there were multiple offers, and there is a negotiation underway. For the property, the lease is the most critical at this stage.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, no; Chair Fisher, yes.)

CHAIR FISHER called ten minutes to get lunch to bring back to the table, and then to proceed with the agenda.

(Lunch break.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

CFO FARLEY stated that the committee met on April 23 and noted on the third paragraph of the memo that there is a reference to FY26, which is a motion tied to FY25. She shared some good news about the staff development: Kat Roch, budget controller, recently obtained a certification from the Government Finance Officers Association. She is now a CPFO, Certified Public Finance Officer, which is a designation that is the CPA equivalent in public finance that consists of seven tests. She studied budgeting, reporting, and a multitude of other areas of expertise. She has been at the Trust for ten years, and is a great resource with a lot of experience in public finance. Another important point is that she has taken the full authorized FY25 payout from the

budget reserves managed by APFC. This has been done in full in two parts, and will be looked at in November when trustees approve the FY26 payout. She continued that there were two motions passed at the recent meeting. The first one was on the spending analysis which was presented by Steve Center and Julia Moriarty from Callan.

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees approves an annual withdrawal rate of 4.5 percent. The CFO shall update the Asset Management Policy Statement with this rate and present an updated Asset Management Policy for approval at the next meeting of the Finance Committee. This payout of 4.5 percent shall first become effective for the development of the fiscal year '27 budget. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

CFO FARLEY stated that if there were any questions, Steve Center is available online. He presented the report in full, and it was included in trustees' materials.

TRUSTEE FEIGE stated that the trustees wanted to take a very conservative approach to the spending rate. She had some reservations about increasing even by .25 percent at this juncture, just for conservative reasons. She asked for a quick update on what Callan is seeing relative to markets, and to reframe around this spending rate.

CHAIR FISHER called a five-minute break.

(Break.)

CHAIR FISHER stated they were back online, and asked Trustee Feige to continue.

TRUSTEE FEIGE asked Mr. Center to remind the trustees of the discussion at the committee around the increase from 4.25 percent to 4.5 percent.

MR. CENTER stated that he presented along with his colleague, Julia Moriarty, who had to drop for another client meeting. The initial findings actually covered the ability for the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to increase their spend rate from 4.25 percent all the way up to 4.75. Much of this was driven by the overall asset allocation structure of the Permanent Fund, along with the assets held by DOR. The expected return of those assets as a whole is high enough to accommodate a higher spend even with the projected 10-year inflation rate of 2.5 percent. He explained in greater detail and stated that with the asset allocation structure of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, they were very comfortable with increasing the spending rate.

CHAIR FISHER stated that during the committee meeting there was quite a discussion on the amounts and the recommendations. The recommendations are what is possible to take out versus what should be taken out and what the need is for the beneficiaries. All of those have to be taken into account.

CHAIR FISHER asked Trustee Morris if he had any questions.

TRUSTEE MORRIS replied that he did not have any questions. For the reason that was discussed extensively at the committee meeting, he stated that he does not support making this change at this time.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other comments. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, no; Trustee Morris, no; Chair Fisher, yes.)

CFO FARLEY stated there was one more motion for consideration. The committee reviewed the investment allocation for the budget reserves managed by the Department of Revenue, which is an annual process. There is a new recommended asset allocation, and she asked for the motion.

MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority's Board of Trustees approves the following asset allocation for budget reserves managed by the State of Alaska Department of Revenue, effective July 1, 2025. For the asset allocation broad U.S. equity, the target holding is 28 percent; target range is plus or minus 5 percent. For international equity asset allocation, the target holding is 22 percent; target range is plus or minus 5 percent. For the asset allocation of core U.S. fixed income, the target holding is 49 percent; the target range plus or minus 5 percent. For the asset allocation of cash equivalents, the target holding is 1 percent; target range negative 1 percent plus 2 percent. Just to note, that on a core U.S. fixed income, it may include up to 12 percent in tactical fixed income. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

CFO FARLEY stated that Steve Sikes is the investment officer, but he is no longer on the line. She continued that this asset allocation was recommended by Callan and represents a lower-risk profile. We hold a more fixed income on this. That is part of the reason Callan lowered their recommended payout rate from the Phase 1.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

FY26 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

CHAIR FISHER moved into the budget amendments presentation.

MOTION: The Board of Trustees approves amending the FY26 budget to update the following budget area: Non-focus Area Allocations: Allocate the FY26 mini-grants for beneficiaries experiencing mental illness, chronic alcoholism, substance use disorder, and intellectual and developmental disabilities to Information Insights. This modification does not alter the total amount of the FY26 budget. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON explained that this is just naming the contractor through a competitive process. It does not change any dollar figures, and it is a simple amendment.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated that there had been discussions on how the payment to the contract is very low, which makes this an unappealing project for folks. She talked about revisiting that.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that the question is to adjust the amount paid to the contractor, and she referred to Luke Lind about it.

MR. LIND replied that the procurement process for that was done. If we went out for a new Contract, then the upper threshold of the potential contract amount could be set.

TRUSTEE MORAN asked about the duration of this contract.

MS. KELLER replied that it is a one-year contract with one more one-year renewal.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

FY27 BUDGET PROCESS

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON gave an update on the steps for the FY27 budget development. There is an obligation to develop a two-year budget cycle, and we are approaching the second year for 2027. There is also an obligation to submit the budget by September 15th, and to make recommendations for the MHTAAR receipts, as well as GF recommendations. She also talked about the request for recommendations process.

MR. LIND described what was involved with the recommendation process.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN stated that the process was changed. She observed the need for some education on how the advisers weigh in on the budget. Staff does vet the requests through the advisers, and it would be beneficial for all trustees to have a recurring training on how the budget deliberation process works out so they understand some of the risks associated with allowing people to come late in the budget process to start making demands, which may not be appropriate requests. She added that she would like to see this better managed in the future.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON appreciated those comments which is what is behind the formalizing of the process and making sure that is communicated to the advisers.

TRUSTEE MORAN cautioned on being consistent with what the advisory boards are required to do for justification.

MR. LIND moved to the budget spreadsheet and stated that it is a draft of an updated budget spreadsheet, just organized a little differently. He went through the draft, answering questions as he explained the different sections.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated that she was not opposed to this. She wanted to be sure that there was some way the trustees could know if there is overspending in one area so that those resources are not exhausted when there are other areas that need considerations.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON noted that as an important comment.

CHAIR FISHER stated that they should understand how a partnership line item is being expended by different categories and focus areas, and it should be tracked.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON agreed, and stated that they would want to plan to track that connected to the ways of tracking in the strategy document.

CEO WILSON thanked Mr. Lind and Ms. Baldwin-Johnson. Understanding the budget-making and strategic process is daunting, and they are really looking for it to be simple and flexible, but still adhere to what is possible within the statutory regulations, how to be a good partner, and improving mental health in the State of Alaska. This is a first pass, and is a lot simpler when looking at this.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other comments.

TRUSTEE FIMON agreed with what was stated, but noted that the best way for the public is to see action and sometimes reaction in getting the information out. He felt that when they were working on that and making adjustments, the public got to see, react, and we heard some things.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that it will be a balance because direct public comment cannot be replaced or the advocacy from individuals there to advocate. She continued that staff wants to structure it and try to improve the process.

CHAIR FISHER thought that was all good, and added they want to support the staff with the process.

MAYOR'S WELCOME

CHAIR FISHER stated that there was a representative from the City of Fairbanks here to welcome us, and stated his appreciation for the good weather provided. He recognized Michael Sanders.

MR. SANDERS stated that he has talked to the trustees several times over the last many years and continued that this is a special event for him. He continued that he is the chief of staff for the City of Fairbanks, and it is truly an honor to be the person representing the City to welcome the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to Fairbanks. His very first job in the city was a Trust-funded position: the housing and homeless coordinator back in 2017. It has been quite the journey. Since the Trust funded that position, this community has reduced homelessness by 17 percent. He contributed a lot of this to Kelda Barstad, one of the program officers for the Trust. With her guidance, and the Trust funding, they developed a rapid rehousing program that for years was the best housing intervention that the State had. It worked exceptionally well. He stated that we stayed with what works. In 2019, Kelda introduced him to Katie Baldwin, Eric Boyer, and Travis Welch. They wanted to come to Fairbanks to talk about Crisis Now. He will never forget on Halloween Day in 2019, City Hall was absolutely packed with folks that showed up to hear about Crisis Now from the Trust. It was the first public meeting in Fairbanks about Crisis Now, and City Hall was packed. Anyone who has been in Fairbanks on Halloween knows that City Hall is packed with little kids in the afternoon. At that point, he was still the housing

guy, and he worried about the capacity in the chamber. In 2021, the Trust, the Center for Living, Alaska Behavioral, and the City launched a mobile crisis team that follows the crisis model to a T. It has been overwhelmingly successful. The City is currently dispatching it through the 911 dispatch center, and will ultimately go to 988. He continued that the next phase for Crisis in Fairbanks needs to be the stabilization center. It will work here because they are going to follow the model and because there is a population of Trust beneficiaries that have fallen through the cracks on a daily basis. The City is doing what it can. He noted that there is nothing that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority could do that is more important than what Crisis Now provides. He thanked trustees for all the support given to the City of Fairbanks and the entire community. He also talked about the reentry program and Marsha Oss, their entry coordinator funded by the Trust. They have served hundreds, if not thousands, of Trust beneficiaries. This year she has housed 140 justice-involved individuals, so far. He thanked the trustees, and gave them a warm welcome to Fairbanks.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Mr. Sanders, and continued to the community panel.

COMMUNITY PANEL

CHAIR FISHER stated that on the community panel is Brenda McFarlane, Crisis Now community coordinator in the city of Fairbanks; Sarah Koogler, director of adult services, Alaska Behavioral Health; and Dr. Kyle Dexter, behavioral health aide director, Tanana Chiefs Conference. He welcomed them and thanked them for joining the trustees today.

MR. BOYER thanked the panelists and stated that he would ask questions. He began with Dr. Dexter and asked him to introduce himself.

DR. DEXTER stated that he is a clinical psychologist from Fairbanks. He went to Denali, then Orion, West Valley, attended UAA for undergrad, and completed his doctoral program through UAF; the joint program with UAA. Currently, he is the behavioral health aide program manager for TCC. He provides clinical supervision, managerial support for behavioral health aides, and is involved in the reentry program at TCC. He continued that his success is because of their people. The behavioral health aides are life-long community members of their own villages. They possess unique insight, expertise, and knowledge into their own communities, indigenous culture, and the specific needs of their villages.

TRUSTEE FEIGE asked how many communities he services under the TCC umbrella, and how many aides does he have.

DR. DEXTER replied that TCC serves approximately 42 communities with a full spectrum of services; not just mental health. Twenty of those communities have agreements with TCC to provide behavioral health services. There are eight full-time behavioral health aides in the various communities, and a lot of agencies. They send clinicians to those 20 villages to provide care on a quarterly basis.

MR. BOYER stated that it was great to hear about someone home-grown coming up through the system. Trustees should know that previous trustees have approved funding that supported that community clinical psyche program through UAF and UAA. He recognized Sarah Koogler.

MS. KOOGLE stated that she is the clinical director at Alaska Behavioral Health at Fairbanks

and has been with Alaska Behavioral Health for 10-plus years. She has also worked at other agencies around town. When they first started talking about a mobile crisis team, they kept hearing that it was being done backwards, and they needed the stabilization center. They made it work, but it showed that the gap was the lack of a stabilization center. She added that Fairbanks is special because they do a great job with very little resources. Alaska Behavioral Health has done a tremendous job as far as growth in Fairbanks. They have the mobile crisis team, partial hospitalization, and did intensive case management for a while. Their adult mental health treatment center is called Tamarack, and they are only looking to expand with a stabilization center. There is the need for a lot of resources to help out. They need a building; staff, because of a lot of vacancies. There is the need for program management because they do things through fidelity at Alaska Behavioral Health, which is one of the reasons that their mobile crisis team is so successful. They also need their partnerships within the community.

MR. BOYER thanked Ms. Koogle, and introduced Brenda McFarlane.

MS. McFARLANE works at the City of Fairbanks with the grant funded by the Trust. It has been a really good fit for supporting the work of crisis services. She likes that the position is located from a neutral party. They are able to forward all the opportunities that come through to agencies, and support agencies willing to do the no-wrong-door model. She has worked at emergency shelters and knows that sometimes a person in your location needs sedation, but there is not medical staff available. She encourages no-wrong-door. She shared that in 2024 the mobile crisis team had 800 requests for service from the Fairbanks Emergency and Communication Center. They are increasing their call volume; another success. She stated that the biggest success has been getting Alaska State Troopers to fully engage with the mobile crisis teams.

TRUSTEE MORAN asked with the new and ever-changing Federal funding environments, what is their biggest fear and what is the biggest thing the Trust should be looking out to support their system.

MS. McFARLANE stated that she wanted money from Murkowski for the stabilization center and did not have to go to the Trust. She wanted to go to the Trust for the operations gap. When that fell apart, it was a big disappointment for the stabilization center. She wanted to stick with the Trust for operation funds rather than capital.

MS. KOOGLE replied that is a question that all of the employees at AKBH have been asking senior leadership. Alaska Behavioral Health is fiscally responsible, but they have had stuff slashed from the budget; and they continue monitoring, but are ceasing BHC. They have been impacted by the changing federal environment.

DR. DEXTER replied that he does not really know or have a full insight into the financial aspect or the implication. He supervises a primarily rural team with a lot of openings. If they closed a position, there may be funding available. He added that he is not the best person to reply to the question.

TRUSTEE MORAN asked if they were seeing any abatement at all of the fentanyl issues.

MS. KOOGLE replied that the best people from her team to answer are in the back.

A SPEAKER replied that, through her experiences, just being able to have Narcan on hand and know that family members have it or have access to it has been really impactful in the types of calls they get. Personally, she has found that she is not responding to the same houses for the same issues over and over. Sometimes those same houses, but for different presenting concerns.

DR. DEXTER replied that he could not speak to fentanyl specifically, but overall substance use concerns have experienced a decrease. That may be in part to the hard work done to expand services, reduce barriers to access to care, and the ability to receive quicker services. He was not sure that there was an overall decrease.

MR. BOYER thanked them for their flexibility and taking the time to come. He continued that this helps staff and the trustees to be able to have an idea of what is dealt with and what is seen. He hoped they would be at the reception at Lavelle's at 5:30 to have some more conversations.

DR. DEXTER stated that the first time he ever presented to the Trust, he was a graduate student and thinks the program was requesting additional funding for an assistantship. He did not know the ultimate outcome, but the Trust invested in the program, and it really did produce psychologists that were committed to providing care in Alaska and stayed in Alaska. He thanked them for that.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Mr. Boyer, and thanked the panel for sharing their experiences.

STATUTORY ADVISERS

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that the statutory advisers were online and would present remotely. First on the agenda is Kermit Wilson, and Leah Van Kirk with the Department of Health. Mr. Wilson will present on behalf of the Alaska Mental Health Board and the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

MR. WILSON stated that he was the new executive director for the boards and the Suicide Prevention Council. He has been on the job six weeks, and his report comes from his research and reading to understand the history of the boards and council over the last quarter. He would be going through six elements: leadership, purpose, stakeholder engagement, alignment, stakeholder report, and moving forward. He gave a brief background on himself and his family. He was grateful for the support of partners that helped open doors throughout the whole year, and he recognized them. He stated that the organization structure of the board is complex and, while appointed by the Governor, they also sit within the Division of Behavioral Health for budgeting, staffing, and managing State employees. He continued that it is important to keep an eye on their purpose and mission, which brings focus and directs the work. The purpose of the board is just to advocate, advise, plan, and coordinate behavioral health services. He went through their duties and functions and continued through their direct partnership with affiliated partners and stakeholders.

MS. VAN KIRK stated that she was working with the boards as they move forward. One of the things done this past quarter was trying to focus on how they were building and reviewing partnerships in alignment across the Division, the Department, the boards, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, and the executive committee. She talked about a meeting on March 6th and highlighted some of the outcomes. She provided some advocacy updates that occurred

during the last quarter.

MR. WILSON gave an advocacy update, and he noted that the boards wrote letters signed by the board chairs and delivered to the Legislature. He was able to participate in public testimony on a couple of other changes. He talked about different site visits, and the effective work done by the residential youth services.

MS. VAN KIRK spoke about the overall communications that includes timelines related to the work over the year. All of this is to support how to work the goals in, how the boards integrate and intersect with the comp plan, and how their roles and responsibilities align and contribute to that work.

MR. WILSON talked about some of the staffing updates and one of the administrative order plans impacting that. They had 21 applicants vetted; which was whittled down to seven; and that moved down to two. They came highly recommended, great credentials, great history, ready to go and able to be hired. The advocacy coordinator and the public health informaticist were posted on Workplace Alaska. He stated that they were in a challenging time and when you are challenged you have to get creative. Their upcoming meeting is on Zoom, June 12th, 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are also planning a fall meeting for Kodiak.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that next on the agenda was Yasmin Radbod with the Alaska Commission on Aging.

ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING

MS. RADBOD stated that she was the rural outreach coordinator for the Trust, and had been for several years. She has moved into the program coordinator position at the Alaska Commission on Aging. She shared their visit to YK Delta while at Bethel for the Cama-I Festival at the end of March. They traveled with Dr. Steffi Kim from UAA in Anchorage who does dementia education and research. It was a fantastic trip. She added that there was a lot of great feedback from this trip. She highlighted how their overall senior population was increasing, especially the Alaska Native senior population. She projected that the population projecting through 2055 shows that the 55-plus population will continue to grow for the next decade, and then will slow. By the middle of the 2030s, the Department of Labor estimates that the current 115,000 will increase to around 135,000 individuals age 65 and older. Seniors will rise from the current 16 percent to 18 percent, and after that the total will decline somewhat with an increased death rate, plus a smaller generation entering their senior years, bottoming out in the 2040s at around 128,000. There will be more services and more supports for individuals, especially the older they are. She continued that the Alzheimer's Association recently put out their 2025 facts and figures; their annual update. She noted that the Alzheimer's Association is working on funding a part-time position in Alaska in the next six to nine months. Their regional coordinator is super engaged and ready to get that position rolling, and will have them work closely with us, as well. She stated that what they recommended to Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska was a referral system. The link shows that in Nova Scotia they have a simple online form that a doctor can fill out to make a referral for a client to get services from their Alzheimer's Society. She would love to see a similar system in Alaska that would really help connecting people to the resources they need sooner. Alaska was represented among applicants to the Dementia Innovation Grant through the Alzheimer's Association. The funding was half of what it was last year, but they did have an applicant representing Alaska. She continued that Alaska did apply for a Hospice

organization and they were waiting to see if that works out. Alzheimer's Association has a job opening for a public policy director in Alaska. Elizabeth Bowling moved to something else in government affairs and will be missed. She also highly recommended looking at the Congressional Budget Office proposed budget plan. She added that they were also working at canceling their freeze on travel, and were putting a focus on publication and a new statewide senior services summary. She is also working on getting tribal authorization to use Title VI data.

TRUSTEE HICKEL was curious about the comments about the anticipated growing population of people who identify as Alaska Native. She looked at two points of data, and one was positive health factors leading to greater longevity. The other factor is the dilution of shares to the Alaska Native corporations, because as they open their roles, more people are being accepted as shareholders, which probably leads to them identifying as Alaska Native.

MS. RADBOD stated that she will check with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON introduced Patrick Reinhart, the executive director for the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, and Jena Crafton, the chair of the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education.

MR. REINHART recognized that their chair, Jena Crafton, is coming to the end of her term. She is the first person with an intellectual and a developmental disability to serve as the chair in 50 years. She has been an unbelievable leader and great advocate. He does not think that ending her chairmanship will end her advocacy any time soon. He addressed a couple of activities, including an overview of the legislative session, Federal budget issues.

MS. CRAFTON reported that on April 15, six people were drawn for the IDD label. IDD is intellectual disabilities, with 11 for ISW, Individualized Supports Waiver. Since July, 76 people were drawn from IDD; 106 were ISW. Currently, there are 2,130 people on IDD waivers; and 594 on ISW. Then 249 people on IDD registry only; 41 people on the ISW register only; 193 people for both waivers.

MR. REINHART stated that there is a link in the presentation to the 2024 IDD Registry Report put out by the Department of Health, Senior Disability Services. The numbers are unduplicated except for people on both the IDD and the ISW waivers.

MS. CRAFTON talked about the Key Campaign. They met with all the senators, representatives at the Capitol in Juneau and went to the Governor's Mansion to meet with the Lieutenant Governor. It was a big turnout and a lot of fun. Senator Murkowski also showed up to present, and she also got a little flower from the hospital agency for always helping out with disabilities.

MR. REINHART stated that they are working on the housing initiatives within the Council and are trying to do a PSA about housing options for people with IDD. That is an area that their committee inclusion supports committee wants to work on. They are working on realizing that shared vision. That work being done with multiple partners and groups across the state is called Shared Vision 2.0. He talked a bit about beneficiary employment news. Years ago, the Trust helped to start this project, but it is no longer funded by the Trust. They still support it; and 14

interns in the '23-'24 cohort are already employed. He mentioned that the micro-enterprise reviews were done in April. They had eight applicants, and seven were approved for \$28,000. One was a traumatic brain injury; two were developmental disability; four were mental illness; and one substance-use disorder. Multiple presentations by state conferences like Full Lives about employment, the Alaska Special Education Conference and other events were done at places like the Mat-Su Job Fair. He asked Ms. Crafton to talk about what's happening.

MS. CRAFTON stated that the Spring Council Meeting is May 28th and 29th at the Anchorage Governor's Office, and will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Fall Council meeting is October 6 and 7; and Winter Council Meeting will be February 3rd to 5th in Juneau.

MR. REINHART stated that he listened to the discussion about the higher percentage of payout being considered. He strongly urged trustees to go to the highest level they could. He also commented on a few of the other discussions and presentations. He added that there was only one developmental disability group in the budget, which is ADDs, an perhaps a proposal in there on a provider-led initiative to address complex-care consumers.

CHAIR FISHER called a break.

(Break.)

CHAIR FISHER called the meeting back to order and moved to a contract approval and a grant budget amendment. He noted that there is the need to have an election for a board secretary. He recognized Ms. Baldwin-Johnson.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON began with the contract approval memo, and asked for the motion to be read.

MOTION: The Board of Trustees approve \$60,000 for the Mental Health Supports in Schools Community of Practice Facilitator Contract. These funds will come from the Partnership/Designated Grants line of the FY25 budget. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

MS. VOELKER-ROSS stated that the Trust issued a request for proposal for this work in January of 2024. The Stellar Group was the successful offeror, and the initial contractor began in February 2024, with three one-year renewal options. The request is to approve funding for the first of these contract renewal options. The contract focuses on facilitating a community of practice with school districts and community behavioral health providers. The community of practice associated with this contract is focused on developing mental health supports in schools through a multi-tiered system that incorporates community organizations and families. Mental health supports in schools have impact points in prevention and intervention. This programming will not only reach Trust beneficiaries, but will reach a wide range of students, such as students who may be hesitant to reach out for mental health support.

MS. KELLER clarified that this is an approval for the continuation of a one-year renewal of a contract that was awarded last January. The contract has three one-year renewal options, and this is the first of those three renewals.

MS. VOELKER-ROSS introduced Iris Matthews from the Stellar Group who implemented the contract and finished it up recently. She asked her for some of the school information.

MS. MATTHEWS stated that she is the president of the Stellar Group, and the firm has been facilitating the Mental Health in Schools Community of Practice. The last community of practice session with the schools was on Friday, and they did a post-evaluation survey. The results were quite positive from the participants. They reported that the presentations were enjoyed. She continued that they invited different school districts to present on different aspects of their services to create that peer learning community and the community of practice. She also asked if they were satisfied with their experiences, and 100 percent of the respondents said that they were. They felt it was a place where they were able to speak about their own experiences, and they had the opportunity to contribute to discussions. They all reported that they looked forward to attending and that the topics were interesting and relevant to their work. Overall, it was found that they were quite satisfied and enjoyed being part of a learning community, and to begin to be able to learn from each other, ask questions, and share their experiences.

CHAIR FISHER stated that, if the Board decides to renew the contract, he would request a report so that the satisfaction is of the organizations that received this service in the future.

MS. MATTHEWS added that one of their deliverables is an annual report which was submitted just today. That will definitely be provided in the future.

MS. VOELKER-ROSS added that in the packet there is a section of initial contract outcomes to review.

TRUSTEE MORAN shared her experiences in starting a mental health program that actually placed mental health counselors in the high school initially. That was successfully placed into elementary schools. In looking at this contract, she thinks that they are teaching these people how to do that within their own community.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other questions. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON moved to the next item, an Authority Grant budget amendment to the Association of Alaska School Boards.

MOTION: The Board of Trustees approves a budget amendment for FY25 Project Transform/Mental Health Consultation in Schools Grant with the Association of Alaska School Boards. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

MR. LIND stated that they are bringing any requested budget amendments to the trustees for consideration. The basics on this one is they were requested to do a budget modification to make some changes. It does not impact the deliverables or the project scope. It is merely moving some budget lines to help AASB manage these funds and some other funds they receive.

CHAIR FISHER called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

CHAIR FISHER moved to the next agenda item, which is an election. They were in need of a new secretary. He asked for a nomination for secretary.

MOTION: A motion was made to nominate TRUSTEE HALTERMAN as secretary for the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority; the motion was made by TRUSTEE FEIGE; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any more nominations three times. He called a vote on Trustee Anita Halterman becoming the secretary of the Board.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

CHAIR FISHER congratulated Trustee Halterman. He stated that that was the last item of business in a public forum. He continued that they would move into Executive Session and would be discussing how to make adjustments for emergency needs of the beneficiaries and beneficiary organizations.

MOTION: A motion was made that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Alaska Open Meetings Act AS 44.62.310(c)(1) and (3) to discuss with staff and counsel the Trust's options regarding the recent Federal Government cutbacks in funding. The discussion will include matters that will have an immediate material effect on the finances of the Trust and legal advice from counsel. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

After the roll-vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

(Executive Session from 3:42 p.m. until 4:46 p.m.)

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN stated, for the record, that she and her fellow trustees are 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 other than to give direction to counsel.

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

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

(Alaska Full Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.)