

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 26, 2016
2:45 p.m.

Taken at:

Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation
Hugh Malone Board Room
801 West 10th Street, Third Floor
Juneau, Alaska

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Trustees present:

Carlton Smith, Chair
Laraine Derr
Larry Norene
Russ Webb
Paula Easley
Mary Jane Michael

Trust staff present:

Steve Williams
Jeff Jessee
Miri Smith-Coolidge
Carley Lawrence
Amanda Lofgren
Kevin Buckland
Mike Baldwin
Katie Baldwin-Johnson

TLO staff present:

John Morrison
Wyn Menefee

Others participating:

Kate Burkhart, ABADA and Mental Health Board; Kathy Craft; Millie Ryan, Patrick Reinhart, Casey Anderson, Mobility Coalition; Scott Ciambor, Mental Health Board; Chief Bryce Johnson, Juneau Police Department; Mary Becker, Mayor; Mariya Lavishchuk, Glory Hole; Norton Gregory, Tlingit and Haida Regional Housing; Amy Skilbred, Stephen Soresen, Juneau

Community Foundation; Sarah Dewane, Providence Family Medical Center; Keith Hamilton, ACC; Linda Soriano; Cynthia Brandt, Sitka Community Hospital.

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR SMITH convenes the Finance Committee and notes that all members are present. He asks for any announcements.

MR. JESSEE states that all members are present except Jerome Selby.

CHAIR SMITH asks for ethics disclosures. Hearing none, he moves to the agenda.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve the agenda.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR SMITH moves on to the minutes of October 21, 2015.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2015.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR SMITH recognizes Kevin Buckland for the cash management report and the budget update.

MR. BUCKLAND states that there is headway being made on the IRIS project and goes through the report, explaining as he goes along. He continues that there is \$10 million negative, the earnings between the Permanent Fund and Treasury netted against the \$4 million at TLO, which is positive, and leaves a \$6.5 million negative. He moves through the rest of the report, explaining in greater detail.

TRUSTEE NORENE asks how bad is the news from the first of the year.

MR. BUCKLAND replies that the official results for the performance are not in, and we are hopeful that it will rebound. He states that there is a lot of negative news with everything happening in China, and the price of oil and commodities being down. He continues that the good news is that consumer confidence has been high and people will continue opening their wallets to spend. He goes through the fiscal year payout calculation and a more realistic projection for the fiscal year.

CHAIR SMITH asks for any other questions. There being none, has asks for a payout motion.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend to the Full Board of Trustees the authorization to transfer \$20,030,000 from the Alaska Permanent Fund Budget

Reserve Accounts to the Mental Health Settlement Income Account to finance the FY2016 base disbursement payout calculation. The CFO may fulfill this motion with one lump sum or multiple transfers.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR SMITH moves on to the four approvals and begins by recognizing Katie Baldwin-Johnson.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that this request follows the discussion with trustees earlier in the month about the need to authorize funding to move forward with procuring a contract for national-level expertise and experience to provide some guidance and consultation to the Trust through the legislative session, and to work with the Trust in partnership with the Department of Health and Social Services on implementation of some of the reform and redesign initiatives that are currently being considered. She continues that if these funds are approved, the procurement process can move forward.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve \$350,000 of FY15 Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Focus Area funding for contractual services to support the Trust during the 2016 legislative session and through implementation of Medicaid reform and system redesign efforts.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

TRUSTEE EASLEY states that when this focus area was approved the plans were for spending that \$350,000 on substance abuse prevention and treatment. She asks about the idea that this was not needed or was not able to be implemented in the proper time frame. She continues that that is an awful lot of money for a contract.

A discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asks if this money is not spent on this, how would it otherwise be used immediately in this focus area.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON replies that the funds were set aside in the focus area for a strategy under access to treatment and did not have a specific plan on how to spend those funds. She continues that by assisting to implement the reforms and some of the redesign that is being considered, the outcome would be improved access to services. She adds that this is sort of laying the groundwork, which then can help build our system and figure out, more specifically, what the priority investments are around actually improving access to treatment services.

CHAIR SMITH asks for any further comments on the motion.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR SMITH moves on to FY16 housing and long-term services and support for the Juneau Housing First.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve a \$350,000 FY16 Housing and Long-Term Services and Support Focus Area allocation to the Juneau Housing First Collaborative for the Juneau Housing First Collaborative project. \$250,000 is from the FY16 Housing and Long-Term Services and Support Focus Area funds, and \$100,000 is from FY17 Housing and Long-Term Services and Supports Focus Area funds.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asks if there is anyone in the room that would like to speak to the issue.

MS. LOFGREN states that this project has come forward with many partners. She thanks them for coming, and states that the evidence of the collaboration and partnership with this project is very evident in the room.

TRUSTEE WEBB thanks everyone for all of their hard work on this project and for showing up today. He states that it is an impressive group of folks.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asks if there is anyone who would like to speak.

MS. LOFGREN states that it is important to note that today was the Juneau homeless count, and there were a little over 210 people that showed up.

MR. CIAMBOR states that it is the annual outreach component to the annual point-in-time homeless count. He explains that this is the biggest event which reiterates not only the continued need and support for projects like this, but also housing philosophy and policy for the future. He adds that this will put a dent in a big component of the most vulnerable homeless population in this community, but there will still be a need for more housing in the community as we move forward.

MS. LOVISHCHUK thanks the trustees for entertaining the request and states that it is a really great project. She explains that it will provide 32 units of quality housing to the most vulnerable citizens of Juneau. She states that it will also include a public health center as well as a dining facility and the offices for mental health provision, and a garden.

MR. SORENSEN states that he is president of the collaborative, an attorney in town, and has been involved in affordable housing for most of his professional life. He continues that he likes this project because it takes the most vulnerable people off the streets and puts them in safe and decent housing.

CHAIR SMITH recognizes Norton Gregory from the housing authority.

MR. GREGORY states that he represents Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority which plans to be the developer for the project. He continues they have very extensive experience developing in Juneau, as well as the rest of Southeast Alaska. He adds that they also understand the great need to serve the most vulnerable segment of the community. He states that the project is going to be located next to their facility in Lemon Creek, and how excited they are to see this project get underway. He continues that the housing authority has very generously donated the use of the land adjacent to their facility for this project, and it is a very buildable piece of land.

CHAIR SMITH thanks Mr. Gregory and recognizes Mayor Mary Becker.

MAYOR BECKER states that this project has been supported as an Assembly and as a City. She continues that they have made two commitments to this project of \$1.5 million and \$1.8 million. This will make a big difference in the city to have these people cared for in such a compassionate way. She thanks that Trust for their support.

CHAIR SMITH thanks the mayor and recognizes Chief Johnson.

CHIEF JOHNSON states that it is quite a collaborative. He continues that, from a police perspective, it will allow using resources for things that should not be crimes, like homelessness. It should allow for more resources to be put where they are really intended, and we are very supportive of it.

MS. LOFGREN adds that this project also has space for the Front Street Clinic, which will be on site not only to serve the residents, but also the community.

MS. SKILBRED states that she is with the Juneau Community Foundation and thanks the Trust for all the work in supporting this project and numerous other projects in Southeast and throughout Alaska. She continues that the Community Foundation has put this as a priority and it is phenomenal. She adds that this is a complete package community effort making this happen.

MS. LOVISHCHUK, again, thanks the Trust and states that every stakeholder is here and will make sure the project succeeds and provides housing to the homeless population.

TRUSTEE EASLEY states that these facilities are in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Juneau, and thinks the fact that the other two are very successful that Juneau is off to a wonderful start. She adds that she thinks this will encourage other communities to address this situation.

CHAIR SMITH asks for any objections.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR SMITH asks for the trustees to join in congratulating this group.

(Applause.)

CHAIR SMITH calls a five-minute break.

(Break taken.)

CHAIR SMITH calls the meeting back to order and moves on to approving an FY16 Housing and Long-Term Services and Support Focus Area.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion for \$50,000 FY16 Housing and Long-Term Services and Support Focus area allocation to Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska for person-centered care coordination, supplemental.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

CHAIR SMITH recognizes Amanda Lofgren.

MS. LOFGREN states that Karl Garber, the executive director for Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska, is on-line. She continues that this request is for \$50,000 to address the conflict-free case management or what is now being called person-centered care coordination. She states that the Department is currently in transition from the current service delivery model where services and care coordination are combined in one organization, which is no longer allowed by CMS. She continues that Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska is the only organization in the state that decided to divest their services and take on case management. It is about \$100,000 short of expanding case management services in Anchorage, Mat-Su, Southeast, as well as other areas of the state, and are requesting half of that for this fiscal year.

CHAIR SMITH asks for any objection.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR SMITH moves on to an Authority Grant, Providence Alaska Medical Center, Sultana New Ventures, FY16.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that Tiffany Hall, new executive director for Recover Alaska, and Joan Fisher, who has been working with Recover Alaska in the capacity of providing some consultation and contract services to work with them, are on the line. She states that the Trust has been a partner in the Recover Alaska initiative from the beginning. She continues that the initiative is a 22-member coalition that provides steering and guidance to the work of Recover Alaska and the strategies that are currently being prioritized. The focus of Recover Alaska is on making systems, policy, practice, and statutory changes ultimately with the long-term goal of impacting the negative consequences of alcohol abuse and dependency in Alaska. She states that the trustees previously authorized funding to contribute to the operational funding for the Recover Alaska partnership in the FY16 budget. Those funds are currently located in the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Focus Area. This request is essentially pulling those funds from the focus area and granting them to Sultana New Ventures, LLC, which is part of Foraker, who is providing the fiscal oversight for the Recover Alaska Initiative.

A discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to approve \$85,000 FY16 Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Focus Area allocation combined with \$100,000 receipt service authorization, RSA funds, from the Department of Health and Social Services for the purpose of the Recover Alaska initiative to Sultana New Ventures, LLC, doing business as the Foraker Group.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR SMITH moves to the next item, the Providence Alaska Medical Center, FY16.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that Sarah Dewane with Providence Family Medical Center, and Rebecca Robinson, with UAA, are on-line.

MR. BALDWIN states that Virginia Parret, also from Providence, is also on the line.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that the trustees have previously approved nonfocus area funding in the budget in FY16 to support evidence-based behavioral health practices for primary-care settings. This is a carryover from previous years' work done about SBIRT, which is the depression screening intervention for primary-care settings. She continues that this is being brought forward because what Providence Family Medicine is proposing is to implement the SBIRT model in serving the refugee population that they are the holder and facilitator of the contract to provide the health-care assessments for all refugees that are coming to Alaska. She adds that Providence Family Medicine has taken this role very seriously and are looking at how to better screen for mental health issues that many of the refugees that are coming to Alaska experience. A recent needs assessment conducted by UAA identified multiple gaps in the mental health services to those refugees. Providence Family Medicine proposes to use Trust funding to develop, implement and evaluate a culturally responsible trauma-informed and evidence-based mental screening that is modeled after the SBIRT model.

TRUSTEE NORENE asks how this will be sustained.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON replies that the plan is by Providence itself. She asks Sarah Dewane to address that specifically.

MS. DEWANE states that the funds are needed to actually help develop a model for doing this type of screening and brief intervention within a primary-care clinic in Alaska. She continues, explaining the need to put this in place in a way that will be able to be maintained for the life of the grant.

A discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE DERR asks how many people in Anchorage will be served.

MS. DEWANE replies that they are looking at approximately 150 refugees that will most likely enter Alaska in the next year and would like to do universal screening for all of them. She gives an overview of the clinic for better understanding of what they do.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks how they connect with the refugees.

MS. DEWANE replies that there is a State coordinator for all of the refugees who brings them to their first clinic appointment. She states that, during that time, the screening and brief intervention for them and their entire family would be done.

TRUSTEE DERR asks if this funding is from leftover funds.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON replies that the funds are nonfocus area funds specifically for that strategy. They are specifically approved for integration, evidence-based practices.

CHAIR SMITH asks for any objections.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR SMITH states that there are three items remaining and moves to the first partnership, Alaska Christian College, FY16. He reads the motion: To approve a \$32,340 FY16 partnership grant to the Alaska Christian College for the associate degree program in behavioral health, planning, and marketing project.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that Keith Hamilton, president of Alaska Christian College, is on-line and will be available to answer more specific questions. She continues that this request is being brought forward to the trustees as a follow-up to the trustee visit on the Kenai. On that visit, their interest in developing an associate's degree in behavioral health for their students was discussed. She adds that they serve primarily Alaska Native students from communities and villages throughout Alaska, and a high percentage of those students are coming from a background with personal experience with addiction, suicide, and other things that result in one becoming a beneficiary or creates the risk of becoming a beneficiary. She states that this is an opportunity to not only serve the students by drawing them into a field and getting the education and training to take back to their communities as behavioral health aides, or to build upon the AA degree and seek higher education in the behavioral health field. She continues that the funding would support ACC in bringing on the expertise in curriculum development.

TRUSTEE EASLEY states that this is a good workforce development project.

CHAIR SMITH asks for further comments. There being none, he states that there is a motion.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR SMITH states that the next item is the FY16 partnership grant to Sitka Community Hospital and reads the motion: To approve a \$27,300 FY16 partnership grant to Sitka Community Hospital for the enhanced access to care via telehealth services project.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that Linda Soriano, who has been assisting Sitka Community Hospital with this project, is on-line. She continues that this project is focused on addressing the lack of access to specialized care in Sitka by introducing the telehealth capability, which would allow Sitka Community Hospital to move forward with their partnership with Providence Alaska Medical Center to provide the consultation support around the patients that are being seen in the hospital. She adds that the telehealth will provide enhanced and immediate access to telestroke and other specialty services, and telepsychiatry, with Providence and other consulting entities that are available to them. The funding that the Trust would provide would specifically cover the project costs, the hard-wiring equipment, the telehealth cart, and access, as well.

CHAIR SMITH asks for a second.

TRUSTEE WEBB seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR SMITH states that the final item is the Alaska Mobility Coalition, FY16. The motion is to approve a \$47,500 FY16 partnership grant to the Alaska Mobility Coalition for the capacity-building project.

MR. WILLIAMS states that Casey Anderson, the interim executive director of the Mobility Coalition, is on-line, and Millie Ryan and Patrick Reinhart, members of the Mobility Coalition's board, are here to answer any questions about the request. He continues that the grant that is being requested is a one-time grant to assist in operational capacity-building development for the Mobility Coalition. He adds that the previous executive director resigned and Casey has been filling in in the interim, which provided the board the opportunity to look at the mission and where the Mobility Coalition is going to go into the future. He states that the funds requested are to allow the Mobility Coalition to maintain their current staffing capacity to address some critical programmatic needs that have been identified; but, more importantly, to allow Casey and the board to continue the discussion about where the Mobility Coalition is going in the future.

A short discussion ensues.

CHAIR SMITH asks for any further questions or comments.

TRUSTEE WEBB seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. WILLIAMS states that a particular motion was not read into the record and asks the Chair to go back to item No. 6, the Providence Alaska Medical Center.

CHAIR SMITH makes a motion to approve a \$49,500 FY16 Authority Grant to Providence Alaska Medical Center for the mental health SBIRT and primary care for resettled refugees. The funding would be from previously approved FY15 SBIRT primary care integration of funds.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR SMITH asks if there is anything further. There being none, he adjourns the meeting.

(Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.)