

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 5, 2014
1:00 p.m.

Taken at:
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Trustees present:

Laraine Derr, Chair
Paula Easley
Russ Webb
Larry Norene
Mary Jane Michael
John McClellan
Mike Barton (via speakerphone)

Trust staff present:

Jeff Jessee
Nancy Burke
Miri Smith-Coolidge
Kevin Buckland
Steve Williams
Marilyn McMillan
Luke Lind
Carrie Predeger
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Mike Baldwin
Carley Lawrence
Valette Keller
Amanda Lofgren

TLO staff present:

Marcie Menefee
John Morrison
Sarah Cunningham-Morrison
Craig Driver

Others participating:

Kate Burkhart; Denise Daniello; Teresa Holt; Kathy Craft; Stephanie Krost; Jill Hodges Still; Tawny Buck; Tammy Hansen; Tara Bicknell; Rosalie Nadeau; Saralyn Tabachnick; JoAnne Cummings; Tari O'Connor; Mike Bailey; Bill Trawick.

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR DERR calls the Finance Committee meeting to order and states that all the Trustees are present. She asks for any announcements.

MR. JESSEE states that the Planning Committee has presentations the next two days, with presentations from the boards and focus areas.

CHAIR DERR asks for any ethics disclosures. There being none, she moves to approval of the agenda.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR DERR moves to the minutes from April 17, 2014.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2014 meeting.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR DERR moves on to the Cash Management Report, and recognizes Kevin Buckland.

CASH MANAGEMENT REPORT

MR. BUCKLAND states that the cash management worksheet has updated figures through June 30, 2014. He adds that state agencies have July and August to close their books for the prior fiscal year, and some of the figures are still fluid. He continues that the material figures, especially related to the investment revenue at Treasury and the Permanent Fund, are pretty much solidified. He goes through the report, explaining and answering as he goes along.

CHAIR DERR states there are technical problems and for anyone on the phone to hang up and call back.

(Off the record.)

CHAIR DERR welcomes everyone back, and asks Mr. Buckland to continue his report.

MR. BUCKLAND states that there is approximately \$28 million for the budget deliberation, and asks for any other questions.

CHAIR DERR thanks Mr. Buckland, and moves to the Trust Land Office operating budget, which was reviewed by the Resource Committee. She states that the Trust Land operating budget being presented this year is for \$4,327,000, and asks for any questions. There being none, she asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to recommend to the Full Board of Trustees to approve \$4.327 million for the FY16 operating budget for the Trust Land Office.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend to the Full Board of Trustees approval of a minimal Trust Authority operating budget for FY16 of \$3,473,000.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR DERR moves into approvals, beginning with partnerships, unobligated funds. She states that the first request is from the Neonatal and Family Recovery Center at Alaska Regional Hospital.

NEONATAL AND FAMILY RECOVERY CENTER

MS. BURKE states that this proposal is to fund a portion of the nursery, the NICU at the Alaska Regional Hospital to provide an evidence-based clinical management program to support newborn infants and their families who have been identified with substances in their systems. She adds that there are some people who can speak to this proposal.

MR. TRAWICK states that he is Bill Trawick and is a practitioner with Alaska Neonatology which is partnering with Alaska Regional Hospital in this project.

MS. BURKE states that the project is going to fund just a small portion of personnel costs and will also serve as a resource to other obstetricians who are working with families in this way.

CHAIR DERR asks how many of these are Beneficiaries.

MS. BURKE replies that answer will not be known for a number of years. She states that if children are exposed in utero to substances, it is fairly likely that they will struggle with fetal alcohol syndrome or some other cognitive conditions as they mature.

MR. TRAWICK adds that the parents of the patient population are likely to be Beneficiaries, as well. He states that this unit will focus on providing substance abuse counseling and direction to try to allow families to get into substance abuse counseling; it is a family program. He adds that it is a program that hopefully will help end the cycle of drug addiction in families, beginning with the intervention with the babies, and then bringing the parents along for a substance recovery treatment.

MS. BURKE states that the difference with this unit is that they are establishing that the family stays together, and the parent receives referrals and assistance in accessing treatment while the infant is being medically managed through the detoxification process. She continues that the bond between mother and child is critical, and this promotes the family staying together.

A discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend approval to the Full Board of Trustees a \$74,700 FY15 partnership grant for Alaska Regional Hospital for the Neonatal and Family Recovery Center.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

KODIAK AREA NATIVE ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP GRANT

CHAIR DERR moves on to the partnership grant to Kodiak Area Native Association, and recognizes Katy Baldwin-Johnson.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that this project is to support a portion of the renovation for one of the facilities that they currently own. She continues that KANA is in the process of a new construction of their Miller Bay Clinic and are proceeding with the remodeling and renovation of an existing facility that is currently owned. She adds that the redesign will help improve patient services, access to care, and in addressing both mental health and substance abuse within the primary-care setting. She states that some funding has been secured, and there are some pending requests being worked on.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asks for a clearer explanation on the remodeling of the existing facility and the building that was purchased.

MS. HANSEN states that she is Tammy Hansen and the vice president of health services. She replies that the primary focus of the project is the remodel of a clinic recently purchased to create a patient-centered integrated care model. She adds that an additional site with the integrated care model is in the clinic on Rezanof Drive. She continues that there is some remodeling that is being done separate from this project to further integrate some of the behavioral health services into the primary-care clinic in existence.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asks why a new building was better than adding on to the existing building.

MS. HANSEN replies that the cost was significantly lower.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asks for more information on the building.

MS. HANSEN replies that the building was a chiropractic clinic, had storage units and a flooring shop. She states that the plan is to remodel the entire interior of the building, and then do a facelift on the outside.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend approval to the Full Board of Trustees for a \$75,000 FY15 partnership grant to the Kodiak Area Native Association for the Behavioral Health Integration project.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

YKHC-ONC FAMILY CENTER PARTNERSHIP

CHAIR DERR thanks the people in Kodiak for being on the line to answer the questions. She moves on to YKHC-ONC Family Center Partnership and recognizes Ms. Baldwin-Johnson.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that ONC is in partnership to renovate a facility that they have to establish a family center. She continues that currently they have a grant through the State, and they provide services to children, adults and families through that grant. She explains that this funding would allow the renovations that are needed to contribute to that project to be able to serve children and families in a separate environment from their general behavioral health clinic. She continues that this is an opportunity where ONC can contribute the cultural traditional healing approaches, incorporating Elders into that practice, and blending that with more of the kind of western civilized clinical model of behavioral health services that are currently provided.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend approval to the Full Board of Trustees for a \$75,000 FY15 partnership grant to the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation for the YKHC-ONC Family Center Partnership.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

HAINES WELLNESS CENTER

CHAIR DERR moves to the Haines Wellness Center, and recognizes Amanda Lofgren.

MS. LOFGREN states that she had the opportunity to visit Haines last week, meet with Lynn Canal Counseling Services and tour the Veterans' Village, along with the wellness center. She continues that the Veterans' Center is an 11-unit apartment, a two-story building, and the wellness center would be in the basement -- a large, open space. She states that Lynn Canal Counseling Services is the community mental health and substance abuse provider for Haines and four surrounding communities. She continues that this funding request is to build their new office space with soundproofing walls, which is very important for HIPAA. She adds that the project is a great effort to collaborate and coordinate, in addition to sharing costs with other providers in town and have centralized services with the wellness center and the other nonprofits.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend approval to the Full Board of Trustees for a \$75,000 FY15 partnership grant to Lynn Canal Counseling Services for the Haines Wellness Center/Lynn Canal Counseling Services offices project.

TRUSTEE MCCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

HOPE COMMUNITY RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP GRANT

CHAIR DERR moves to the approval of the partnership grant to Hope Community Resources, and recognizes Nancy Burke.

MS. BURKE states that this is a request for \$75,000 to assist Hope Community Resources with the construction of a community center project in Kenai. She continues that this will allow the removal of the administrative offices to another location to have more programming space.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend approval to the Full Board of Trustees of a \$75,000 FY15 partnership grant to Hope Community Resources, Incorporated, for the Kenai Community Center.

TRUSTEE MCCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

AKEELA

CHAIR DERR moves on to Akeela, and recognizes Ms. Baldwin-Johnson.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that Akeela has operated the KAR House Program in Ketchikan for four years. She continues that it is a 12-bed residential substance abuse treatment program that has been located close to the hospital. She states that the hospital was moving forward with expansion plans, which resulted in the facility that this program was located in being torn down. She continues that the Ketchikan Community Hospital donated one of their facilities and provided \$100,000 in match to the program. She adds that the City of Ketchikan has contributed \$300,000, and Rasmuson was approached.

MS. NADEAU states that the building the hospital donated looked lovely, but it was discovered that it is rotted clear through. She continues that residential substance abuse services are critical and explains how the building will be used and how the program runs.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL states that Akeela House does a great job and has been for a lot of years.

MS. NADEAU states that this year is the 40th anniversary.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asks about the financing.

A short discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend to the Full Board of Trustees approval for a \$75,000 FY15 partnership grant to Akeela, Inc., for the KAR House Replacement Project.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

AWARE PARTNERSHIP GRANT

CHAIR DERR states that the next item on the agenda is a \$50,000 partnership grant to AWARE.

MS. BURKE states that the Trust has actually had a number of years' experience with the predevelopment program and is pleased that AWARE has found a location and is able to move forward with the development of 12 units of supported housing for women exiting the shelter in a way that can continue their support and services for coordinating the social services going forward to help them make a successful transition into the community.

CHAIR DERR states that there was an article in the paper, and asks if their funding was replaced.

MS. BURKE replies that they are still anticipating the funding approval from the Trust, adding that there is a small gap in the budget which they plan to fill by fundraising.

MS. TABACHNICK states that it is a 12-unit building with four efficiencies with one bedroom, four two-bedroom units. She continues that this request is for beds and then furnishings, and adds that there is also office space and community space with some equipment also needed.

MR. JESSEE asks if the project will be fully funded with this \$50,000.

MS. TABACHNICK replies, yes, it will be fully funded, and that includes funding from AWARE reserves.

TRUSTEE WEBB asks that in order to complete funding for the project both the Trust funds and \$140,000 from your reserves are needed, and is the hope to refill the reserve account through fundraising in the future.

MS. TABACHNICK replies yes.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve a \$50,000 FY15 partnership grant to AWARE, Inc., for the Supportive Transitional Housing Project.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHRISTIAN HEALTH ASSOCIATES

CHAIR DERR moves on to a \$25,000 grant to Christian Health Associates.

MS. BURKE states that this is a request that has been funded in prior years. She continues that it is \$25,000 to support the Anchorage Project Access, which provides assistance to Trust Beneficiaries through coordination of donated care.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve a \$25,000 FY15 partnership grant to Christian Health Associates for Anchorage Project Access patient benefits and patient services project.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

ANCHORAGE FAS DIAGNOSTIC TEAM TRANSITION

CHAIR DERR moves on to Anchorage FAS Diagnostic Team Transition, and recognizes Mike Baldwin.

MR. BALDWIN states that the request for these funds are to provide assistance in transitioning the Anchorage FAS Diagnostic Clinic and support program out from underneath the umbrella of Assets into the communities. He continues that these funds are to help support one month transition, salary, and supplies and equipment at setup. He adds that there is a sustainability plan, and they are in the process of transitioning from a provider agreement with the State of Alaska through Assets over to this new entity.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve a \$24,000 FY15 partnership grant to FASDx Services, LLC for the Anchorage FAS Diagnostic Team Transition/Expansion Project.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AT BEGICH MIDDLE SCHOOL

CHAIR DERR moves on to Behavioral Health Services at Begich Middle School, and recognizes Ms. Baldwin-Johnson.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that this request is the Healthy Spot Health Clinic that is at Begich Middle School. She continues that it was initiated in January of this year to provide some limited health-care access to students that are attending school there. She adds that this fund actually supports the frontloading to initiate the project to enter into a partnership with Volunteers of America to add behavioral health as an additional service to that school clinic. She explains that Volunteers of America is partnering with Children's Health Associates and will staff a behavioral health clinician there for about 20 hours a week. She continues that the full gamut of services needed will be provided through their State grant. She states that Begich is a Title I school, and 70 percent of the families meet the poverty threshold. She adds that the funding is needed to get the sustainability plan going.

MS. O'CONNOR states that she is Tari O'Connor, the outgoing director of School-Based Health Centers. She continues that the school district does not fund any of the healthcare services or anything associated with school-based health centers, and we are able to operate in the schools with their permission.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve a \$30,000 FY15 partnership grant to Christian Health Associates for Behavioral Health Services at Begich Middle School.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR DERR calls for a ten-minute break.

(Break.)

CHAIR DERR calls the meeting back to order, and moves to the Medicaid Payment Crisis Research Project.

MEDICAID PAYMENT CRISIS RESEARCH PROJECT

MR. WILLIAMS states that this project is an outgrowth of a meeting with the Department of Health and Social Services, the Commissioner, and some of his staff around the status of the MMIS, Medicaid Management Implementation System. He continues that one of the things that came out of the meeting was that a lot of demonstrated factual information as to the impacts of

the implementation or the struggles with the implementation was having on the provider communities delivering the services to Beneficiaries.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to approve a \$46,088 FY15 partnership grant through the Alaska Association of Developmental Disabilities for Medicaid Payment Crisis Research Project.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

A discussion ensues.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

FOCUS AREA ALLOCATIONS

EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE/BENEFICIARY PROJECTS

CHAIR DERR recognizes Amanda Lofgren

MS. LOFGREN briefly explains some of the details around the result areas and then walks through the spreadsheet. She states that there are seven result areas: Beneficiaries have increased employment outcomes through access to community services and supports; businesses to increase the hiring of Beneficiaries; Beneficiaries have increased self-sufficiency or meaningful activities; increased utilization of employment programs by Beneficiaries; increased capacity for providers to support Beneficiaries seeking employment; policy data development and program evaluation; and administration.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve the FY15 budget allocation for the Beneficiary Employment focus area within the Beneficiary Projects Initiative focus area in the amount of \$1 million.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

FY15 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND TREATMENT FOCUS AREA BUDGET

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that there is a twofold request; one is seeking an increase to the originally authorized million dollars for FY15; and second is approval of the allocations as the different categories of how the budget can be allocated in FY15. She notes the placeholders and explains as she goes along. She continues on to the FY15 budget recommendations, stating that they are organized based on three result areas. She states that under the first result area is that Alaskans use alcohol responsibly and avoid illegal substances. She continues that a majority of these budget recommendations support the work with the partners on the partnership initiatives. She adds that they are Coalition Capacity Development and Advocacy; Recover Alaska; and the Alaska Wellness Coalition.

A discussion ensues with questions and answers.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON continues her presentation, explaining as she goes along. On policy development she states that the plan is to continue working on the Title IV alcohol statute review with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, hoping that it will conclude with this next legislative session.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend to the Full Board of Trustees increasing the Substance Abuse and Prevention and Treatment focus area FY15 budget to \$1,400,000.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

MR. BUCKLAND states that the issue is that the focus area as approved by Trustees in September is actually \$1,030,000; one million in Authority Grants, and \$30,000 for incentives for Alcohol Policy Partnerships, which was MHTAAR.

TRUSTEE WEBB revises his motion to recommend that the Full Board of Trustees increase Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment focus area FY15 to \$1,430,000, for an increase of \$400,000.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN states that the second agrees to the revision.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR DERR asks for anything else to come before the Finance Committee. There being none, she adjourns the meeting at 4:18 p.m. She thanks all.

(Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.)