

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 5, 2015

1:30 p.m.

Taken at:

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Trustees present:

Mary Jane Michael, Chair
Paula Easley
John McClellan (via Speakerphone)
Larry Norene
Russ Webb
Carlton Smith
Laraine Derr

Trust staff present:

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

TLO staff present:

John Morrison
Sarah Morrison
Connor Michael
Mike Franger
Craig Driver

Also participating:

Keith Hamilton; Penny Gage; Michael Collins; Karl Garber; Matt Dammeyer; Kelda Barstad; Quinlan Steiner; Kathy Craft; Tawny Buck; Nelson Page.

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the Finance Committee meeting to order and does a roll call. She asks for any announcements. Hearing none, she asks for any ethics disclosures.

MR. WILLIAMS states that Bean's Café is here, and they have a proposal before the board. He adds that he is the chair of the board for Bean's Café.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for any other disclosures. There being none, she asks for a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL moves to the minutes of April 16, 2015.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2015.

TRUSTEE WEBB seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL moves to the cash management report, and recognizes Kevin Buckland.

CASH MANAGEMENT REPORT

MR. BUCKLAND states that the updated cash management has been handed out. He continues that the State is in the process of converting over from the 30-year-old State accounting system access over to a new and modern called IRIS, which is CGI. He adds that it is moving along with a few bumps. He goes through the report, explaining as he goes along.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks why almost a million in current unobligated is being projected.

MR. BUCKLAND replies that the way the current unobligated works is that whatever the payout is in the formula used is the base payout; and the last appropriation has stayed pretty constant in total. He explains that TLO spendable and the GEFONSI interest gets put together and backs out what trustees obligated for everything. There is a million right now. He adds that FY17 has yet to be determined. There is nothing shown on the bottom line as unobligated for that yet.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for any questions.

TRUSTEE SMITH asks if the Permanent Fund investment managers have given any suggestion of any change in the interest rate environment in the near term, or is it steady.

MR. BUCKLAND replies that, as far as the interest rate environment, the consensus is that most folks are expecting an interest rate increase sometime this year or next year. He states that, as to the return expected at the Permanent Fund, the investment adviser, Callan, provides an update. He goes into more detail.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for anymore questions. There being none, she moves on to the request for trustees to ratify the legislative actions that the Legislature had done most recently. She states that this request is for the Trust and other agencies receiving MHTAAR funds to receive the cost-of-living allowances for those positions. She continues that there is a memo with the requested motion, and then there is a breakout by agency of what those amounts are.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to recommend that the Full Board of Trustees ratify the Legislature's FY16 MHTAAR and Mental Health Trust admin budget amounts, as appropriated in executive special session CCS HB 2001, and, therefore, increase the previous FY16 Trustee authorizations by \$82,500.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL moves to the Trust Land Office budget.

TRUSTEE EASLEY makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommends that the Trust Authority Board of Trustees approve the Trust Land Office operating budget for FY17 in the amount of \$4,397,500.

TRUSTEE SMITH seconds.

TRUSTEE DERR makes that with the proviso that the existing long-term non perm PCN is converted into a full-time permanent PCN, and then the costs associated with that are funded in this budget.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. JESSEE moves to the Trust admin budget and states that there was a discussion on the budget where the Trustees are supportive of looking at a replacement for the microphone system. He continues that the new budget, with that addition, would be \$3,612,000.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommends to the Full Board of Trustees the FY17 Trust Authority Mental Health admin fund's budget of \$3,612,000.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL moves to the FY16 unobligated funds.

MR. JESSEE starts with the Alaska Christian College proposal.

MS. BURKE states that site visits were made at the May meeting on the Kenai Peninsula and the school was visited. It was very impressive that the school is reaching out to Alaska Native youth to attend and receive degree programs in areas that are aligned with the work that the Mental Health Trust Authority and partner nonprofits do. She continues that a few projects were mapped out, and Katie Baldwin has been meeting and helping them look into some of the curriculum ideas discussed and ways to increase opportunities for students who are beneficiaries to become employed in fields that also serve beneficiaries. The beginning project might be for some vans to help expand capacity to serve students and make daily operations easier. She adds that it is a partnership that will go forward to the Rasmuson Foundation, and adds that some agency funds are in the project as well. She states that the request is for \$45,000.

TRUSTEE SMITH asks if the vans will be identified physically as being donated by the Trust if the motion is approved.

MS. BURKE replies that that could be requested.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve a \$45,000 FY16 partnership grant to the Alaska Christian Collage to purchase two 15-passenger vans.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that there are members from the college here, and asks if they would like to make any comments.

DR. HAMILTON thanks all and explains that the students come from Bush Alaska and do not have driver's licenses. He states that the college wants to partner in many ways to serve beneficiaries of the state, and these vans will help transport students from Anchorage back and forth around the Kenai Peninsula. He adds that he has no problem with the Trust logo and advertisement on the van.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that the Trust is delighted that the college will be producing new employees in our community and thanks Dr. Hamilton. She continues that the next item is the Haines Wellness Center.

MS. LOFGREN states that SAIL, Southeast Alaska Independent Living Center, is one of the four independent living centers within Alaska and is a peer-run organization that covers the entire Southeast. This project is requesting funding to customize the space specific to the programmatic needs within the wellness center. She continues that the wellness center is a big

building that has office space for more than six programs and different organizations that serve the beneficiaries. She adds that this new space will allow beneficiaries to learn independent living skills such as cooking and self-care. A universal designed kitchen would allow them to teach cooking and other services. There will also be a bathroom that is accessible that will teach individuals how to do self-care and will also serve the individual beneficiaries in the community that are homeless and do not have access to showers. The second component of this is exciting. She states that SAIL is one of the new employment partnerships with the Division of Vocational Rehab that focuses specifically on transition-aged youth to do preemployment transition services. The acronym is now PETS. They are currently serving multiple students within the community, and this new space will allow that training to be brought in-house.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to recommend to the Full Board of Trustees to approve a \$75,000 partnership grant to Southeast Alaska Independent Living, Inc. for the SAIL in Haines Wellness Center project FY16.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that next is the domestic violence shelter improvements deferred maintenance by the Alaska Community Foundation.

MS. BURKE states that this project is a partnership that the Alaska Community Foundation is heading up for a number of partners, including the Rasmuson Foundation, Mat-Su Health Foundation, and a list of steering committee members utilizing a resource that the Trust has supported for many years in the predevelopment program. She continues that the services available through that program were accessed to take a look at shelters statewide, look at their deferred maintenance needs, and what is needed to maintain health and safety in the shelters.

A short discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE EASLEY makes a motion to recommend that the Full Board of Trustees approve a \$100,000 FY16 partnership grant to Alaska Community Foundation for the domestic violence shelter improvement project.

TRUSTEE WEBB seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL moves to the Bean's Café administrative office of the Children's Lunchbox kitchen and warehouse project.

MS. BURKE states that this is a request for \$100,000 for Bean's Café, which is located in Downtown Anchorage, to consolidate their administrative office space and their Children's Lunchbox kitchen project in one location in close proximity to the café itself.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognizes Michael Collins.

MR. COLLINS states that he is the HR manager, finance manager and operations manager for the nonprofit here in Anchorage. He continues that Lisa Sauder, executive director, could not be here today. He adds that he is here to answer any questions the trustees may have.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to recommend that the Full Board of Trustees approve \$100,000 FY16 partnership grant to Bean's Café for the Bean's Café administrative office and the Children's Lunchbox kitchen and warehouse project.

TRUSTEE SMITH seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. COLLINS thanks the Trust very much.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that the next one is the Diamond Willow Sober Living, Central Peninsula Hospital.

MS. BURKE states that this program was also visited during the May trip to the Kenai Peninsula. She adds that Matt Dammeyer from the agency is here today. She continues that this is sober housing for youth who are participating in treatment. The facility is a large building acquired by the hospital that is currently being remodeled to provide this service for youth in the community. She adds that it is a \$75,000 request.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognizes Matt Dammeyer.

MR. DAMMEYER states that he is COO at Central Peninsula Hospital and thanks all for coming down and visiting, and also thanks for the efforts in helping. He continues that this project would not have gotten off the ground without the Trust, and the infrastructure, and particularly the predevelopment program whittling away at the project to make it work. Having you as a resource was very helpful.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend that the Full Board of Trustees approve a \$75,000 FY16 partnership grant to Central Peninsula Hospital for the Diamond Willow Sober Living project.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that next is the conflict-free case management, person-centered care coordination, Alzheimer's Resource Center of Alaska.

MS. LOFGREN asks the Trustees to review this project today because it is ready to begin September 1st. She states that Karl Garber, executive director of Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska, is here today. She continues that this request is specifically related to the terminology of conflict-free case management. She adds that Senior Disability Services added the person-centered care coordination in the mix of the name, which explains the title of the project. She states that the Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska board voted to provide conflict-free case

management services instead of direct services. She continues that they also expanded the population served to include all Trust beneficiary groups, including children with complex medical conditions and individuals with developmental disabilities. She adds, that is significant because those two populations have a significant number that have to transition to conflict case management in the system. She states that Alzheimer's received notification that their certification was approved for those additional waiver types. She continues summarizing. She states that the request is for \$100,000 FY16.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks Mr. Garber for any comments.

MR. GARBER states that it is an honor to be here to request Trust support for this project, and he can answer any questions.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that this is going to be a very challenging opportunity and wishes them the best. She asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE SMITH makes a motion to recommend that the Full Board of Trustees approve \$150,000 FY16 partnership grant to the Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska for conflict-free case management, person-centered care coordination.

TRUSTEE WEBB seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognizes Trustee Derr.

TRUSTEE DERR states that she has been accepted into the Alzheimer's research study and explains the process she has gone through and will go through in the next few weeks. She continues that it is a double-blind study and will go on for at least seven years. She adds that she will report from time to time on the study.

CHAIR MICHAEL congratulates and thanks Trustee Derr. She moves on to the general relief assisted living care assessments.

MS. LOFGREN states that Kelda Barstad, the supported housing program for Senior Disability Services, is here, and on the phone from the Division of Behavioral Health is Bradley Grigg. She gives a short history and report on the happenings.

A short discussion ensues.

MS. BURKE states that assisted living homes are really one of the only options when someone comes to the attention of the authorities and are not making it in supported services or in housing. She continues that these projects are very hard to understand for a lot of people, but it is helping them get what is needed to do these assessments so that the programs can move along. They are very valuable.

CHAIR MICHAEL recognizes Kelda Barstad.

MS. BARSTAD states that she is the health program manager with Senior and Disability Services. She thanks the trustees for considering this funding. She continues that she is passionate about ensuring that people have as much involvement in the community with as much independence as possible. She adds that she wants to see the GR program not only fulfill its intended purpose, but also to ensure that people can be solidly transitional to a level of service which meets their needs.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend that the Full Board of Trustees approve a \$175,000 FY16 MHTAAR grant to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Senior and Disability Services for the general relief assisted living care assessments project.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL moves to the previous motion, the conflict-free case management. She wants to make sure that the passed motion is on the record. She asks for a second.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

MR. JESSEE asks that the motion be restated.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend approval to the Full Board of Trustees for a \$150,000 grant to the Alzheimer's Resource Center of Alaska for conflict-free case management, person-centered care coordination.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that the next item is the holistic defense model, Alaska Legal Services.

MR. WILLIAMS states that Nicole Nelson, the executive director of the Alaska Legal Services, is on the phone; and in the audience is Quinlan Steiner, the public defender. He states that this request is for the trustees to approve a focus area allocation of \$67,500. He explains that this exceeds the \$50,000 threshold, and gives a detailed background of the request. He states that the model has been implemented in several other states, and the Department of Justice is behind this implementation. He continues that now is a great opportunity to actually implement the full model. This request will give the ability to do an Authority Grant directly to Alaska Legal Services for three quarters of FY16.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks Quinlan Steiner for any comments.

MR. STEINER states that he is a public defender for the State of Alaska. He continues that this model came out of the Bronx. It is a collaborative model between civil lawyers and defense lawyers and has been tremendously successful.

A discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve a \$67,500 FY16 Disability Justice focus area allocation to the Alaska Legal Services Corporation for the holistic defense model project.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE DERR asks if there will be a financial impact on Nancy Burke moving to the city, and how will that be handled.

MR. JESSEE replies that will be talked about more tomorrow but, basically, no, not in the short run.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for any other questions or concerns. There being none, she asks for a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

(Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.)