

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 22, 2014

1:33 p.m.

Taken at:

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 120
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Trustees present:

Laraine Derr, Chair
Larry Norene
Paula Easley
John McClellan
Russ Webb

Trust staff present:

Jeff Jessee
Nancy Burke
Miri Smith-Coolidge
Kevin Buckland
Michael Baldwin
Marilyn McMillan
Amanda Lofgren
Katie Baldwin-Johnson

Others participating:

Karen Nugen-Logan, Nugen's Ranch; Zack Desmond, Brave Heart Volunteers (via telephone); Corrine O'Neill, RurAL CAP; Duane Mayes, Division of Senior and Disability Services; Donna Mong, Alaska Peer Support Consortium (via telephone); Bruce Van Dusen, Alaska Peer Support Consortium; Sherrie Hinshaw, DBH; John Spurbeck, Anchorage Community Health.

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR DERR calls the meeting to order, and recognizes the Trustees present. She asks for any announcements. Hearing none, she asks for any ethics disclosures. She moves on to the agenda,

and asks for any additions or corrections. There being none, she asks for a motion to approve the minutes of August 5, 2014.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to accept the minutes of August 5, 2014.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR DERR moves on to the staff report and the cash management report, and recognizes Kevin Buckland.

MR. BUCKLAND states that the cash management report reflects activity through September 30, 2014, and goes through it briefly.

CHAIR DERR asks about the gold on the front of the monthly report.

MR. MORRISON explains that was all of the gold in a time period by one of the placer miners, and by the lease, we receive 10 percent of the value. He stated that in the leases we reserve the right to accept in-kind payment; even in the oil and gas leases.

MR. BUCKLAND continues through the report, explaining and answering questions as he goes along.

CHAIR DERR thanks Mr. Buckland, and moves on to the continued suspension of quarterly payouts.

MR. BUCKLAND states that, at one time, Trustees had a resolution on file to order the CFO/CEO to remit cash that accumulated in the Trust Authority Development Account, which was a temporary holding account for the Land Office to deposit proceeds from gold or oil that is principal until it is remitted over to the Permanent Fund. He continues, that resolution was suspended, but we do have a motion for the Finance Committee to consider and report on to the Full Board to continue to suspend those cash transfers for another fiscal year.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommends that the Full Board of Trustees suspend transfers of cash principal from the Trust Land Development Account to the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation through November 2015.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR DERR moves to the PRI update, and recognizes Nancy Burke.

MS. BURKE states that the PRI ad hoc committee has met and has completed a fair amount of the policy and some of the guidelines for making a PRI investment. She continues that AMPS is

moving forward with an ad hoc committee to review and make recommendations to the Board. She adds, that includes a PRI section. She states that they will meet with the committee and look at potential investments, but there is nothing to report at this time.

CHAIR DERR asks about the Joshua House in Fairbanks, and recognizes John Morrison.

MR. MORRISON states that some due diligence was done on the property for physical conditions and have the results back. He continues that it can be discussed or a packet sent out.

CHAIR DERR asks for them to be handed out, and if there is follow-up, it can be taken up at the Resource Management Committee. She thanks John for doing the job. She asks for any other questions on PRI. There being none, she moves on to approvals. She states that the first one is for haying farm equipment for Nugen's Ranch, and recognizes Amanda Lofgren.

MS. LOFGREN states that Karen Nugen-Logan, executive director, is here to answer any questions. She continues that this partnership request is for \$50,000 to purchase a tractor and haying implements. She explains that Nugen's is a residential treatment program, and this funding will allow them to diversify their income through the profits made off the hay. She added that the Beneficiaries are very engaged in all aspects of the ranch, including a very large greenhouse. She states that there is also a very large garden, hogs, a hog barn, and then other chores. She explains that they have increased their hay production and had been borrowing the equipment, but that is no longer an option. She states that they strongly feel that they can get two cuttings, and each cutting would profit about \$30,000.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve a \$50,000 FY15 partnership grant with Nugen's Ranch for haying equipment.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MS. NUGEN-LOGAN thanks the Trustees.

CHAIR DERR moves on to Vocational Program Coordination, Brave Heart Volunteers.

MS. LOFGREN states that is a typo and it is not a vocational program. She continues that Zack Desmond, the program coordinator for this project, is on the phone to answer any questions. She states that the Brave Heart staff is asking for funding to become certified in a grief recovery method. She continues that they want to integrate it into their four core programs: case management; volunteer visiting program; therapeutic arts program for Beneficiaries; and a grief and bereavement group therapy. She explains that there is very limited training and programs for end of life and hospice care for Beneficiaries around the state. She states that the plan is to work with other providers in Southeast and across the state to implement it into their programs. She adds that Brave Heart is very respected and innovative, and this is an opportunity for them to expand and diversify some of their funding sources. She asks for any questions.

A short discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to approve a \$42,920 FY15 partnership grant to Brave Heart Volunteers for the grief support training for caregivers, Beneficiaries, and providers.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. DESMOND thanks the Trustees.

CHAIR DERR moves on into the Safe Harbor acquisition designated grant.

MS. BURKE states that this request is a follow-up to work that is going on in the Housing focus area. She continues that Safe Harbor has run an innovative idea of operating a nonprofit hotel for Trust Beneficiaries, and also serves homeless people in Alaska. She gives a short background on Safe Harbor. She states that, since Lynne Ballew left the organization, everything has been going downhill. She continues that the Safe Harbor board came to the conclusion that they did not have the resources, and their population were people that needed more intensive services than being offered by a nonprofit hotel. She adds that they began a selection process to try to find an organization that could assume the properties and identified RurAL CAP, which is contemplating taking over. She states that in doing due diligence for the properties, they have not been well maintained. She continues that the Muldoon property needs some immediate changes to the building to remain safe. She states that the proposal is in three separate tasks: \$120,000 of operations start-up funding will bridge RurAL CAP to full operation once their staff gets in; \$20,000 for consulting to assist documenting all the things needed for permanent supported housing to be done correctly; third is a consolidation. She states that the total of the proposal request is \$350,000. She states that she provided an initial evaluation of Housing First that was presented at the homeless conference last month. She continues that there are great results coming out of that program, and the numbers on the evaluation look very positive. She adds that RurAL CAP also operates the Karluk Manor project which utilizes Housing First as the philosophy and the way of providing support services.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend approval to the full Board of Trustees for a \$350,000 FY15 designated grant to Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. for start-up of the newly acquired Safe Harbor housing program and capacity, development and activities.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

MS. O'NEILL states that she is Corrine O'Neill, the supportive housing division director. She continues that the RurAL CAP board met and approved going forward with acquiring Safe Harbor. She adds that they plan to acquire it Monday, October 27.

A discussion ensues.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR DERR calls a break.

(Break taken.)

CHAIR DERR calls the meeting back to order. She moves to the Beneficiary Employment Program Management Initiative and recognizes Katie Baldwin-Johnson.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that this is in regard to the biennial consumer and family conference that the Trust has historically funded as one of the strategies with the Beneficiary Project Initiative focus area. She points out the Bruce Van Dusen is the current acting board chair for Alaska Peer Support Consortium, and he is here to answer any questions. She adds that Donna Mong is also here. She clarifies that this request is to approve the designation of FY15 focus area funds that were previously authorized for the purpose of the Family and Consumer Conference in FY15. She continues that this request is to designate those funds to the Consortium to plan and facilitate the Family and Consumer Conference in October, 2015. She adds that this event is looking at coordinating with the Peer Support Consortium and other partners to focus on the new beneficiary employment and engagement strategy. She states that this is an opportunity to get the Beneficiaries and family members together to provide information about their benefits and benefits analysis.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee approve a \$122,896 FY15 Beneficiary Employment and Engagement Focus Area allocation to the Alaska Peer Support Consortium for the 2015 Peer-Powered Conference.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

TRUSTEE WEBB asks if there is a sustainability plan for this conference.

A short discussion ensues.

MS. MONG states that evaluation has been done at multiple stages through the conference, and we are always looking on how to get feedback from the participants to adapt to meet the needs of the group.

TRUSTEE WEBB states that if this will be evaluated as a strategy, then outcomes and results of the conference need to be looked at.

TRUSTEE EASLEY comments that one of the reasons the Trust has funded this is to encourage the leadership of this group to get other peer-related organizations going around the state, particularly in rural areas. She states that she would like to see this grow.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR DERR moves to the Beneficiary Employment Focus Area, Vocational Program Coordination.

MS. LOFGREN states that this is a focus area allocation for the Beneficiary Employment and Engagement for Anchorage Community Mental Health Services. She adds that John Spurbeck, from Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, is here, as well as Sherrie Hinshaw. She states that this funding request is for the capacity and infrastructure for vocational services that are integrated agencywide across Anchorage Community Mental Health Services. She continues that this project was identified as a priority at the May stakeholder meeting in terms of building the capacity back in Anchorage. She adds that Anchorage Community Mental Health would hire a vocational coordinator that would help oversee this infrastructure and capacity developing agencywide in addition to some funding for a peer employment specialist who could help individuals. She states that, concurrently, the Division of Behavioral Health has applied for a SAMHSA grant called Transforming Lives Through Supported Employment. She continues that their proposal is very similar to this one. The only exception for that grant was some strategic planning for the Division of Behavioral Health.

MS. HINSHAW states that she is Sherrie Hinshaw, the manager of the housing and services unit at DBH. She thanks the Trust for all the support for housing and employment for Trust Beneficiaries at DBH. She states that Director Wall sent his regrets on being unable to voice his support for these efforts in person, and DBH is really committed to improving supportive housing options for Trust Beneficiaries. She continues that the application was unsuccessful, but they still want to carry the planning from that forward. She adds that some key positions within DBH were reorganized to focus on housing and employment and to try to integrate that more into operations.

TRUSTEE WEBB asks what happened with the grant and why was it not funded.

MS. LOFGREN replies that it took a really long time for SAMHSA to even announce that it was not awarded. She states that DBH has requested that SAMHSA send the information so the trigger points of not being awarded can be identified.

A discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to approve a \$111,413 FY15 Beneficiary Employment Focus Area grant to Anchorage Community Mental Health Services for vocational program coordination.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to approve a \$150,000 FY16 Beneficiary Employment Focus Area grant to Anchorage Community Mental Health Services for vocational program coordination.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR DERR moves on to the Housing focus area motions.

MS. BURKE states that Duane Mayes, the Division of Senior and Disability Services director, has joined us because this is a very strong partnership with the state Senior and Disability Services on a key component to the state's long-term services and supports, one of the programs. She continues that this is a place to utilize the Housing focus area resources, some prior year's funds, for long-term services and supports as a component of the Housing focus area.

MR. MAYES begins by complimenting the Trust for the tremendous effort in collaboration and partnership. He gives a short history to lay the foundation of this request.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend approval to the Full Board of Trustees to change \$50,000 of FY13 Housing focus area Authority Grant funds to FY15 MHTAAR funds.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

TRUSTEE WEBB asks if there are PCA services that are General Funds only.

MR. MAYES replies no; they are all Medicaid at this point.

TRUSTEE WEBB states that these expenses are associated with managing the Medicaid program and asks why they are not Medicaid admin costs.

MR. MAYS replies that they actually are, and they do Medicaid admin claiming for both PCA and waiver.

TRUSTEE WEBB states that all of those processes are related to Medicaid-funded services and are part of managing the Medicaid program. He adds that Medicaid money should be available for carrying those functions out.

MR. MAYES replies that they will look into it.

A short discussion ensues.

MR. JESSEE recommends passing these as contingent motions. Otherwise, it will not make it to LB&A in time to have them be able to do the work.

TRUSTEE WEBB withdraws his motion.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend approval to the Full Board of Trustees for a \$250,000 FY15 MHTAAR grant to the Division of Senior and Disability

Services for the HCBS program assistance and pilot, contingent on a clear determination provided to the Trust that these are not allowable Medicaid admin costs.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

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TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommend approval to the Full Board of Trustees to change \$200,000 of FY14 Housing focus area Authority Grant funds to FY15 MHTAAR funds.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. MAYES thanks the Trustees.

CHAIR DERR asks for anything else to come before the Finance Committee. There being nothing, the committee is adjourned.

(Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.)