

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 25, 2017

8:15 a.m.

Taken at:

Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall  
320 West Willoughby Avenue  
Juneau, Alaska

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

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Trustees present:

Russ Webb, Chair

Mary Jane Michael

Carlton Smith

Laraine Derr

Larry Norene (via speakerphone)

Paula Easley

Jerome Selby

Trust staff present:

Greg Jones

Jeff Jessee

Steve Williams

Heidi Wailand

Carley Lawrence

Michael Baldwin

Miri Smith-Coolidge

Katie Baldwin-Johnson

Amanda Lofgren

Others Participating:

Denise Daniello; Kate Burkhart; Patrick Reinhart; Director Duane Mayes; Philip Licht; Charlene Tautfest; Commissioner Valerie Davidson; Monique Martin; Kara Nelson; Bruce Van Dusen; Michael VanLinden; Deputy Commissioner Karen Forrest; Randall Burns; Diane Casto; Nelson Page; Don Habeger; Sandra Heffern; Brenda Moore; David Branding; Crystal Bourland.

## PROCEEDINGS

### CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR WEBB calls the meeting to order, noting that Trustees Selby, Derr, Smith, Michael and himself are present, and we are waiting for Trustee Norene to call in. He moves to the agenda and asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL makes a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR WEBB reviews the Guiding Principles. He asks for any ethics disclosures.

MR. WILLIAMS states that there is an item on the agenda before the Finance Committee concerning Bean's Café. He reminds all that he sits on the board of Bean's Café.

CHAIR WEBB moves to the minutes of October 26, 2016 and November 16, 2016.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2016 meeting.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16 and 17, 2016, meeting.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

TRUSTEE DERR asks about the public comment that was included in the minutes.

MR. WILLIAMS replies that it is different than before and asks for some guidance from trustees as to whether those should be included as a formal portion of the minutes for approval.

TRUSTEE SMITH states that it would be a good time for the CEO to look at word-for-word minute-taking and offer some recommendations.

CHAIR WEBB states that the bylaws state that the Trust is governed by Robert's Rules of Order, and those rules specify what the minutes are supposed to be. He asks Mr. Jones to have the minutes follow the governance document that is followed. He moves to the mission statement of the Trust: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, the Trust, administers the Mental Health

Trust to improve the lives of beneficiaries. Trustees have a fiduciary responsibility to protect and enhance Trust assets in perpetuity for the beneficiaries. The Trust provides leadership and advocacy, planning, implementing, and funding of the comprehensive integrated mental health program and acts as a catalyst for change. He continues that there was some discussion about lack of understanding of the role of the Trust Land Office. The statement is as follows: The Trust Land Office manages Mental Health Trust land to generate revenue to improve the lives of beneficiaries. He recognizes Steve Williams.

## **MISSION MOMENT**

MR. WILLIAMS introduces Michael VanLinden who is currently a Juneau resident and a graduate of the Wellness Therapeutic Court in Juneau. He is also very active in the reentry coalition efforts, as well as working full time for NCADD, the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence. He is here to share his story.

MR. VANLINDEN states that he is a person in long-term recovery from substance-use disorder and owes most of his recent success to the opportunity of being a participant in the Juneau Therapeutic Court program. He continues that he had been living in untreated active addiction for most of his life. In thinking of the positive work the Alaska Mental Health Trust is doing in the communities, it should be understood when helping him, the Trust is also helping his family. His wife and children are the real benefactors in this story. It is not only the chance to save his life, but also to save the lives of his wife and son. He states that he dreamed of being a father to his son, and the tragedy was that he was there but unable to function as a father. He continues that today he can live in recovery and doing something for his recovery every day is necessary to stay clean and healthy. He adds that this led to a turning point when he had the opportunity to take the recovery coach training by John Showalter. This brought on a feeling of empowerment, of being able to make a difference not only in his life, but in the lives around him. The recovery coach training gave him a sense of purpose, a reason to stay clean. He states that, today, because of the help of the Trust, NCADD can lead the charge in Juneau with the peer support program based on these same principles. He explains the process and how it works. He thanks all at the Alaska Mental Health Trust for all the opportunities he would never have had. He serves on the board of the Alaska Therapeutic Court Alumni Group; provides a Wellness Together peer support group for the Juneau Therapeutic Court; and facilitates their monthly recovery activity. He has joined the team at NCADD where he coordinates the recovery coach project and serves as a case manager for a new reentry program. He has also been selected to chair the Juneau Reentry Coalition's peer support work group. Without recovery, none of these things would have been possible. He thanks the Trust for the support in making the communities healthy.

(Applause.)

CHAIR WEBB thanks Mr. VanLinden for not only coming today and sharing the work he is doing, but also for having the courage to be here and tell his story. He states that it is incredibly important for the public to hear that success occurs every day; that people are in recovery; and treatment works.

MR. WILLIAMS also thanks Mr. VanLinden and states that he shared some information about Dr. Kevin McCauley, who is coming up here on February 7<sup>th</sup>. He continues that he will talk about the recovery process and getting on a path to sobriety and wellness. He recognizes Dan Habeger, who is the reentry coalition coordinator in Juneau, one of the four that the Trust funds. He also introduces Kara Nelson, the executive director of Haven House, who provides safe, sober housing for women coming out of Corrections. He adds that both are huge advocates in the community.

MR. VANLINDEN acknowledges that they were partnering with Haven House as well as in the recovery coach program.

CHAIR WEBB acknowledges all who are here and moves on to the CEO update.

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **CEO UPDATE**

MR. JONES states that he and Mr. Jessee managed to meet 11 of the key legislators in the Capitol: Andy Josephson, the chair of Resources in the House, who is interested in the land trade; Gabrielle LeDoux, chairman of State Affairs in the House; Ivy Spohnholz, chairman of HSS in the House; Pete Kelly, president of the Senate; Anna MacKinnon at Finance; Kevin Meyer, the Rules chair and controls the flow of bills this session; Bert Stedman, who has strong opinions on the land trade and HSS. He adds that he, John Morrison, and Jeff Jessee were at all those meetings, and it was a good combination. There was interest in what was going on with the Trust, and they seemed to be satisfied that things are moving forward. He moves to the workshop and thanked everyone for their participation. He stated that he came away with some to-dos which includes working on the PR aspects for the Trust. He continues that it was clear that everyone would like to see some of the positions filled, including the CEO position. He adds that he will be circulating the job description drafts and will try to get feedback from everyone involved. He needs to get feedback on the organization chart, and he has been talking to some consultants. We will have some progress on that over the next few weeks. He states that prospective language for some of the obvious fixes in the statutes related to use of principal is being worked on. He continues that staff has been very active and there has not been any action on the audit yet, which may be a month down the line. He asks Amanda Lofgren to talk about the update on the Housing Summit.

MS. LOFGREN states that the groups have been meeting throughout the year and this was an opportunity for a larger group to come together and give updates and the status on the various components. She continues that the reason behind the Housing Summit update at the Health Summit was to continue to push the need for housing and health to be looked at together. She adds that she gave the update on senior housing and recognized the Commission on Aging and the Commissioners that put together a good update and summary. There were also updates on reentry and the work going on with housing, rural housing development, veterans and homelessness, and innovative strategies in financing. She moves on to senior services and states that she and Heidi Wailand presented at the Senior and Disability Services Care Coordination Conference. It is important that every individual in the state that receives home- and

community-based waiver services has a care coordinator. Annually all the care coordinators are brought together to do a two-day presentation and conference. A strong stance has been taken to continue pushing the envelope on person-centeredness. She states that there is a lot of work to do, and we are a long way from being a truly person-centered system. She continues that this presentation was done with leaders within the developmental disability provider world and care providers, and will continue with direct service workers and a few other groups. This will provide baseline data to come back to in a few years as the changes are worked through. She adds that there were about 90 people participating in that session.

MR. JONES asks Ms. Wailand to give an update on DHSS, and resolving the contract.

MS. WAILAND states that the second of three site visits from the technical assistance contractor was done January 17 through 19. She continues that they will be coming again February 13 through 15. On February 14, they will be working with the entire AHEN board to define a vision of what statewide interoperability looks like and the role of the Health Information Exchange in achieving that. She adds that, nationally, the HIEs are critical tools in creating a health learning system that can take research and evidence and putting it into practice to improve population health. Through this process there should be a final report by mid-March that includes a vision, a description of the role of AHEN, a list of priorities and projects that need to be pursued in the next five years, and a plan for how to tap the high-tech funding to support those initiatives. She states that it is an extensive effort that is being undertaken in collaboration with AHEN and the Department to move to a Health Information Exchange that aggressively pursues the kind of interoperability needed to support the Medicaid and health care reforms that are happening.

MR. JONES states that Mr. Jessee has been working on the Long-Term Care Office's need for legislation to get square with the feds. He asks Mr. Jessee to continue.

MR. JESSEE states that there is a draft of a bill, the analysis is done, and the Governor's office is processing that. He continues that there are not huge substantive changes, but they will bring the office into compliance with federal law. He adds that no problems are expected in moving this through the session.

MR. JONES states that Ms. Lawrence worked on getting an op-ed piece out and asks her to continue.

MS. LAWRENCE states that it was published in the Ketchikan Daily News on Friday, January 20, and has also been submitted to the Petersburg paper.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asks if that could be sent to the trustees.

MR. JONES replies yes, and moves on, asking Mr. Jessee for an update on the Behavioral Health Seminar.

MR. JESSEE states that he and Judge Rhoades co-chaired the Behavioral Health Work Group, which had a three-month timeline to come up with some recommendations to the Commission, which was done. He continues that it was not sufficient to cover all the issues around behavioral

health and criminal justice that need to be addressed. He adds that the Commission has agreed that the work group will have a continued existence and meet bi-monthly. At the first meeting the issues that need to be addressed were winnowed down, and a work plan is starting to develop. He states that the Criminal Justice Commission met on January 19 and addressed the issues of Senate Bill 91, Criminal Justice Reform. He continues that there are several technical fixes needed, and some substantive issues that need to be addressed. He adds that there is a lot of misinformation on exactly what the bill and its impact is; and it is getting blamed for a few things that it has no effect on. It is a process of education and some amendments will probably come forward. Senator Coghill is leading that effort. He states that, from the Trust perspective, the biggest issue around Senate Bill 91 is the reinvestment which is really an investment that needs to be done up front for the potential outcomes that it can provide.

MR. JONES moves to the Criminal Justice Working Group Therapeutic Court Subcommittee, and recognizes Steve Williams.

MR. WILLIAMS states that the Criminal Justice Working Group has been in existence since around 2006. This policy-level work group is looking at how the existing therapeutic courts are operating, their capacities, and if they are being fully utilized. He continues that at the last meeting the work plan for 2017 was discussed. First, is to continue looking at capacity utilization. There are three communities, Bethel, Ketchikan, and Juneau, that are currently below the 75 percent utilization, and the working group will assess what factors are impacting the utilization. The other key thing will be looking at the standards that these various courts are operating at and pulling together a core set of operating standards that can be applied to any therapeutic court in any location. He states that another element discussed was looking to get at issues of legal competency as it relates to revising Title 12 statutes and corresponding Title 47 civil commitment statutes. A work group was developed, chaired by him, to look at that issue and report back on the findings and recommendations.

MR. JONES states that he and Mr. Morrison will be meeting with Angela Rodell at the Permanent Fund and will give the same briefing that was given to the legislators. Then, going forward, he will be working on more organizational things that have already been discussed.

MR. JESSEE wishes Mr. Jones a happy birthday.

(Applause.)

TRUSTEE EASLEY states that she had an opportunity to meet the head of the think tank in Ohio that worked on criminal justice reform. She continues that she asked about the bright line between felonies and misdemeanors. He stated that their standards have been relaxed. She explains that Ohio has been the national leader in criminal justice reform. He was asked if there was an increase in thefts, which some people have said will happen. He replied that they have very good data, and that has not happened.

TRUSTEE SELBY asks for the date of the current DNR memo of understanding.

MR. JONES replies that the year was 2005, but he did not have the exact date. He states that there have been discussions with DNR over the years to update it, and that was never successfully completed.

TRUSTEE SELBY thanks Mr. Jones.

CHAIR WEBB states that next on the agenda is an update from the Trust's statutory adviser. He introduces Commissioner Valerie Davidson of the Department of Health and Social Services.

## **STATUTORY ADVISER UPDATE**

COMMISSIONER DAVIDSON introduces Monique Martin, health care policy adviser, Deputy Commissioner Karen Forrest, Director Randall Burns, Division of Behavioral Health, and Diane Casto. She states that the first House Finance overview process is very different this year. It is a different format of preparing a matrix that contained every program or allocation. It was an interesting shift in approach that did not include the budget changes between last year and this year. She added that information was provided because it is important to see. She moves to the Governor's State of the State and he announced an opioid abuse strategy and asked several departments to work on this. There are five strategies: limit the prescribing ability by limiting the number of pills that can be prescribed; tighten the prescription drug monitoring program more; mobilize more quickly to classify drugs as they emerge into the classification systems; improve screening and enforcement for the transport of drugs into rural communities; and to require opioid addiction training for providers. She moves to Senate Bill 72, which is the Medicaid reform bill, and was encouraged by the Governor not pursuing any new major legislation this year. He is concerned that would distract from the need to pass a fiscal plan, which is the biggest priority for this year. Without a fiscal plan, all the reform will not get anywhere because the resources to do that are necessary. She states that the 1115 behavioral health waiver has been submitted to CMS. She adds that none of this reform effort would have been possible without the generosity of the Trust and the staff. She continues that the priorities of the 1115 behavioral health waiver are: expand treatment capacity, improve capacity; better integration of care between behavioral health providers, primary care providers and throughout different settings; third is cost and outcomes reform; fourth is provider payment and accountability reform; and fifth is delivery system reform. She states that the Department and Trust staff are working through and reviewing the resources that were allocated by the Trust. Some resources, that were not geared up quickly enough, may need to be moved. She talked more about the Affordable Care Act and what is happening at the national level. Medicaid expansion provides the cushion needed to do things more creatively. She adds that through the end of December, 27,415 Alaskans were enrolled in Medicaid expansion; and over \$316 million in new federal revenues came to Alaska at a time when the economy really needed a boost.

CHAIR WEBB asks if there would be any potential benefit from action by the Trust to advocate on the Affordable Care Act at the federal level.

COMMISSIONER DAVIDSON replies yes, absolutely. She states that the Trust is in a position of influence with the congressional delegation and talking about the impact that it would have to beneficiaries would be very beneficial. She continues that she would appreciate the support very

much. She states that the successful grantees for the \$6 million in grants for the new resources that were made available last year will be notified today. She asks Ms. Martin for the Senate Bill 74 update.

MS. MARTIN states that she will provide more specific detail on where they are with the implementation of SB 74. She continues that they are beginning the process of drafting the request for information for the Administrative Services Organization. The plan is to release the RFI in February, which could be helpful in the next round of site visits of what an ASO might be doing in Alaska. She adds that two RFPs are in the process of being drafted: one is for the technical writing of the 1115 application; and the other is the public input process. She asks for any questions.

A short question-and-answer period ensues.

MS. MARTIN continues to the other big reform which is coordinated-care demonstration projects. A request was issued for information, and 12 responses were received. The Pacific Health Policy Group, PHPG, has drafted a summary of those responses. Those were not released because of the impact to the RFP process. She notes that they will be reaching out to the Proposal Review Committee that is called out in SB 74 to get the group appointed. She states that the CEO of the Trust, or his designee, is one of the members of the Proposal Review Committee, and the chair. An e-mail will be sent soon asking for the appointee to that position. She moves on to 1915(i) and (k) and states that a one-pager is being prepared on some of the significant dollar savings attached to those options. She continues that the Emergency Department Care Improvement Initiative, which is the lead of the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association, is using their guidelines as a starting point. She explains this more fully. She states that the Tribal claim policy is probably the biggest opportunity for savings in FY17, and we got some permanent new employees with Trust funding for long-term nonperms. The Tribal Claim Group is working hard to identify the opportunities in achieving the \$32 million in savings. She adds that the first Annual Medicaid Reform Report was released to the Legislature on November 15; a requirement every year. She states that there are about 21 different elements that must be reported on. She continues that this report is a baseline and will look much different in future years. She states that the medical work group is the quality and cost effectiveness work group. It is an ongoing work group that will work with some stakeholders to create and recommend different measures for measuring the quality and cost effectiveness of the Medicaid program. One of the other reports that was released is the Fraud Abuse and Waste Payment and Eligibility Errors Report. That was due on November 15 and was completed by the Department of Health and Social Services with the Department of Law. Also, the Healthy Alaska Plan web page is being updated. She continues her update, and then asks for any questions.

COMMISSIONER DAVIDSON states that they are really committed to being as transparent as possible and adds that change is challenging and hard. She expresses appreciation to the Trust for all the support provided to make this possible. Thank you.

CHAIR WEBB recognizes Trustee Selby.



TRUSTEE SELBY thanks the Commissioner for the report and appreciates all the hard work being done with all the changes. He encourages, in terms of reporting requirements, to minimize the additional new administrative burden on the providers.

CHAIR WEBB comments on the spectacular job being done under the most difficult circumstances. He calls a 15-minute break.

(Break.)

CHAIR WEBB calls the meeting back to order. He recognizes Kate Burkhart, the executive director of the Alaska Mental Health Board and Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

## **STATUTORY ADVISER UPDATES**

### **ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD/ADVISORY BOARD ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE**

MS. BURKHART states that she was asked to provide an overview of the proposed FY18 budget as it affects Trust beneficiaries and constituents, any legislation that has been prefiled or filed that is of interest to the constituency, and any policy issues coming up as important for this session. She begins with the State-funded core services, building on the presentation provided to trustees in September. She continues that the five-year perspective helps to show the effects of reductions. She adds that there is an increase in tribal assistance and public assistance in the proposed FY18 budget. Part of this is to address the demands of Medicaid expansion, being able to respond to the increased enrollment, and processing all of that information. She continues through her presentation, explaining as she goes along.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asks for the number of people that have come on Medicaid.

MR. LICHT replies that while in many instances there is a great increase in the ability to bill, some individual providers or some services cannot be billed through Medicaid expansion. There is a need to continue to advocate that funding, not decrease to the point that services cannot be provided. He adds that some services and the grants fund cannot and will not be replaced by Medicaid.

MS. BURKHART continues her overview of the proposed FY18 budget, explaining as she goes along.

A discussion ensues on the Juvenile Justice state facilities closing and that operating funding is being lost because they are not Medicaid programs.

MS. BURKHART states the need to identify the need for services in the public school system. She continues that this is the place where the youngest beneficiaries and their families start to identify the need for services, or begin to access those services. She adds that it is more difficult for the constituents and beneficiaries in rural school districts to access the services that are needed.

MR. LICHT states that in Mat-Su there are collaborative partnerships with the school district for providers to come in and provide services within that environment that then the provider can bill Medicaid. That has been a great benefit. It is a model that could help people to build relationships and provide some technical assistance. He adds that very few communities have that role right now.

MS. BURKHART moved on to State support for locally funded services. She states that this new idea for revenue sharing is huge for local communities. It is a way for the State to pass the bounties of State resources to communities. She explains in detail and then moves to legislation. She states that there are two revenue bills from the administration. In 2015, the boards passed a resolution saying: A fiscal plan with diverse streams of revenue is needed. This should include income taxes, personal property taxes, sales taxes and the Permanent Fund earnings. She continues that Legislators and the administration were encouraged to consider those in trying to put together a fiscal plan. The first revenue bill from the Governor's office is a fuel tax bill which doubles the fuel tax bill 16 cents. It applies to the fuel in the cars, planes, and boats, and creates a transportation maintenance fund to help support infrastructure. The other bills are related to using earnings from the Permanent Fund, which is different from using the Permanent Fund dividend. It puts aside money for the dividend with a cap of \$1,000 for the first two years, and then has a formula for using part of the earnings to fund State government. These are just being presented, and we do not have a position on either of these bills. She states that Senator Bishop has a bill that would create a tax on self-employment income that would go to education, facilities maintenance, and construction. It does not create dedicated funding, but does create an educational, facilities maintenance, and construction fund. Representative Gara has a bill related to State corporate income taxes. There is no alcohol tax bill, which is something that the boards support. She moves to HB 10, which is a long bill and revises the child-in-need-of-aid statutes. There is a complimentary bill, HB 12 from Representative Wilson, that would limit the authority of the Office of Children's Services to remove a child in what would be considered a nondangerous situation. An emergency is usually defined as imminent physical harm. It would require OCS to instigate a child-in-need-of-aid court action before being able to remove the child. She states that HB 24 and SB 20 are bills the boards specifically support and will be delivering letters of support to the sponsors. It adds a designer synthetic opioid known on the street as "kink." HB 34 makes it a 500-foot requirement for liquor retailers between them and a church or school, and grandfathers in existing retailers. She highlights the work with Opioid Policy Task Force which is a group of 20 volunteers from around the state that spent nine months putting together a list of recommendations based on the public health framework to address the opioid crisis from very early prevention. She adds that the recommendations are all available online.

MR. JESSEE points out that Ms. Burkhart did a phenomenal job corralling that whole process, and thanks her for all the work she did.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks if there is a person working to review the licensing barriers to telehealth.

MS. BURKHART replies no, and it is still something that needs to be worked on. She states that the issue is that there is nothing in the statute that says that a doctor licensed in Alaska cannot practice through telemedicine. She continues that it does specify that if the doctor is not physically in the state, you cannot practice. She adds that she will bring this up with some of the legislators that were interested in solving it.

CHAIR WEBB thanks Ms. Burkhardt and moves to an update from Patrick Reinhart, executive director of the Governor's Council.

## **GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

MR. REINHART states that the Governor's Council takes positions on State issues and is keeping a close eye on what happens nationally with Medicaid and health-care reform. The council did take a position as the Special Education Advisory Panel on the nomination of Betsy DeVos as Secretary of Education with Senator Murkowski. He continues, addressing the budget reductions and impacts, the overview of the FY18 Governor's budget, potential impacts on the beneficiary group. He continues explaining the intellectual and developmental disabilities and the Council's legislative priorities for the session. He then has some general comments and news to share.

DIRECTOR MAYES states that Health Management Associates, HMA, was funded by the Trust in October 2015 as a part of Medicaid reform, looking at two options: 1915(k) will go live July 1, and meets the institutional level of care; next is to move forward with the supports waiver to refinance the community developmental disability grant component. He explains in greater detail.

TRUSTEE SMITH asks for a couple of examples of the types of services these individuals are receiving, and what is at risk.

DIRECTOR MAYES replies that, for the 10 percent, the type of persons are individuals with developmental disabilities. He states that one of the common one-service-only type is case management.

MR. REINHART states that there are the ABLE account programs and asks if there are other Trust-type programs that can get under-resourced and become Medicaid eligible and then can get the waiver services. He continues that those are things that must be explored with those families.

A discussion ensues.

MR. JESSEE states that for this plan to succeed the supports waiver must get approved by CMS. If there is an unanticipated delay, he asks about the contingency plan for managing that.

DIRECTOR MAYES replies that there have been a lot of questions about that. Given the circumstances with this new administration, the change in guard, there is a need to regroup with the funding that is in place for CDEG. That is as far as he will go.

MR. REINHART moves on to an idea that has been worked on jointly with Ms. Lofgren and the Developmental Disabilities Design Collaborative Group. Out of this process the group came up with the idea of a vision statement for developmental disabilities. He states that a lot of time and energy went into developing this vision statement and the priorities. The idea is to look at codifying these in the statutes under home- and community-based services. This is the beginning phase of that. He continues his update, explaining as he goes along.

TRUSTEE EASLEY comments that the trustees ought to find a way to express some support for Senator Dunleavy's bill on the foster homes. That is serious.

CHAIR WEBB asks Mr. Reinhart and Mr. Jessee to work together on analyzing the bill and understanding what issues there are. He asks for a report about any action the trustees need to take, or whether they have the authority and the ability to just act in support.

MR. REINHART thanks all for their time.

CHAIR WEBB states that the morning agenda is over and calls a lunch break. Everyone will reconvene at 1:30.

(Lunch break.)

CHAIR WEBB calls the meeting back to order and introduces Denise Daniello, executive director of the Alaska Commission on Aging, for an update.

## **ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING**

MS. DANIELLO states that she will provide a budget overview comparing the enacted FY17 budget with the FY18 Governor's budget. She continues on how the budget is impacting programs and services for senior Trust beneficiaries and other at-risk older people. She adds the policy recommendations for this legislative session, and shares some information regarding collaborations on three special projects: the CR Housing work group, the Governor's Housing Summit; the State plan for senior services; and Alaska's roadmap to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. She states that the Commission will be meeting with the legislators during the second week of February. There will be senior provider organizations and the priorities will be reinforced by AARP Alaska. February will be a good month for senior advocacy. She continues that there are three legislative priorities: to protect the senior safety net, which maintains the funding for those critical services; second is concern about supports for family caregivers; and third will be advocating in support of people with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. She states that the bills that will be tracked are: HB 16, which would provide training to police officers and other first responders who are interacting with people with cognitive impairments; three bills having to do with end-of-life care; HB 67 has to do with food stamps and whether or not a person is employed; SB 16 would allow a way for someone who dies to pass on their online assets as a way of transferring them over to their heirs; and a bill about protection of vulnerable adults, for Adult Protective Services and the Office of Long-Term Care Ombudsman to have their statutes in line with federal changes. She states that in early December the Commission hosted an implementation meeting for the Alaska State Plan for

Senior Services. This brought together the partners to report out on their efforts. She continues that, in conjunction with the Trust, the ADRD Annual Implementation meeting was co-hosted. She adds that an implementation report has been drafted and will be handed out to policymakers. The Commission will be meeting February 6 through 10, the only opportunity to have a face-to-face meeting.

CHAIR WEBB asks for any questions or comments. There being none, he moves to approvals for November small projects.

### **APPROVALS FY17 NOVEMBER SMALL PROJECTS**

MR. BALDWIN states that the last small projects application round was in November and, as part of that process, there were 17 applications totaling \$140,430 in requests. Of those 17 applications, the review resulted in recommending eight projects totaling \$69,430.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve the recommended FY17 small projects from the November application period in the amount of \$69,430.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

CHAIR WEBB calls a break.

(Break.)

CHAIR WEBB calls the meeting back to order for the purpose of considering the motion to move into Executive Session to receive legal consultation and advice.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

TRUSTEE SMITH makes a motion to go into Executive Session and take up an issue that may have financial import to the body.

CHAIR WEBB states that, as he understands it, that issue involves receiving legal advice from the general counsel regarding use of Trust principal and the legislative audit.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

*There being no objection, the motion is approved.*

(Executive Session from 2:10 p.m. to 3:46 p.m.)

CHAIR WEBB states that Executive Session is finished. He continues that Nelson Page helped with a legal consultation regarding use of principal and the legislative audit. He breaks until 4:30 when the meeting will reconvene for public comment.

(Break.)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

CHAIR WEBB calls the meeting back to order and moves into the public comment period. He gives a couple introductory guidelines, and then goes through the protocols. He recognizes Bruce Van Dusen.

MR. VAN DUSEN states that he lives in Juneau and is the executive director of Polaris House. He continues that they are dedicated to the recovery of men and women with mental illness by providing opportunities for members to live, work, and learn while contributing their talents to a community of support. He adds that Polaris House serves Trust beneficiaries who are living with a serious mental illness. Members are not charged fees for the supports received. He states that many Trust beneficiaries live in poverty which, combined with mental illness, presents challenges that one person on his own will not be able to resolve. Polaris House provides assurances that members will have safe, quality, affordable housing, assurance that members have access to community education programs, access to paid employment and supports, and services needed to maintain entitlements such as Medicaid applications and all forms of government community supports. It is a safe place for beneficiaries. Moving forward, the plan is to work on expanding their funding network and have access to foundations that provide financial support. He states that they will continue to provide support to the Trust Authority by serving the beneficiaries. He thanks all.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks about Medicaid and billing.

MR VAN DUSEN replies that Medicaid is not a feasible funding source for the type of services provided, and he explains in detail.

CHAIR WEBB thanks Mr. Van Dusen and recognizes Don Habeger, Juneau Reentry Coalition.

MR. HABEGER shares what the Juneau Reentry Coalition has accomplished with the Trust investment within the last year. He states that the community was assessed and looked at the resources that can affect the outcome for someone needing treatments and services in the community as they come out of incarceration. The three major needs are housing, behavioral and physical health treatment, and jobs or employment. The community thinks that they have the capacity to service the target population, the misdemeanants, felons in the high risk area of recidivism. He continues that the community reentry plan is finished and the coalition is going to work with all the existing resources and plug reentrance. He adds that, lastly, they are working on case management. He thanks all for the investment.

CHAIR WEBB thanks Mr. Habeger, and asks for any comments.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks if a seamless means of connecting people coming out of the prison system and into the services is in place.

MR. HABEGER replies not yet. There is still some work that needs to be done.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asks if they are still in the planning process to do the transitions.

MR. HABEGER replies yes. He is working with his steering team, which has two DOC individuals on it, to make sure that the system is in place before moving people into it.

CHAIR WEBB recognizes Kara Nelson.

MS. NELSON states that she is the director of Haven House Juneau and thanks the Trust for the support from the beginning. She continues that Haven House is a peer-run recovery residence for women that are coming home after incarceration. She adds that it has developed into something much bigger than what was expected in the beginning. She explains the process and the community outreach and the reunification of families. She thanks the Trust for all the support.

CHAIR WEBB recognizes Crystal Bourland.

MS. BOURLAND states that she is the executive director of NAMI Juneau and is here to say thank you. She continues that they are one of the grantees of the Beneficiary Project Initiative, and they have had that grant for around nine years. She talks about the investment and the work that is being done. She states that they are the largest mental health organization in the country; and locally are a network of individuals who live with the mental illness of family members and friends, as well as caregivers, professionals, advocates, and community members. She continues that all the programs are led by volunteers that make the resources and money go far. She explains that process and how the programs were developed. She thanks all for the support, which is crucial to the success of the mission.

CHAIR WEBB thanks Ms. Bourland and recognizes Dave Branding.

MR. BRANDING states that he is the CEO at Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc., JAMHI. He thanks all for the support of the administrative service organization or ASO travel. He continues that he was honored with the opportunity to look at two different ASO models with the team from Alaska and learned a lot. He has been able to incorporate some of what he learned into the 1115 planning groups, Medicaid reform planning groups, that he is a part of. He thanks Mary Jane Michael and Carlton Smith for walking through Housing First in Juneau earlier in the week. He thanks all for what they do.

TRUSTEE DERR states appreciation for bringing up Trustee Michael's name in going through Housing First. She continues that she serves on the Juneau Community Foundation Board, and Trustee Michael's foundation donated \$100,000 to Housing First. She recognizes and thanks her for that.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL thanks Mr. Branding for all his hard work. The Housing First project was so impressive. It is a six-star facility with 32 units. It is being built modularly, so each unit

is built and then stacked on top. She adds that it is amazing how many people are being served in that small space.

CHAIR WEBB thanks Mr. Branding and asks for anyone in the audience or online to comment. He asks the trustees for any comments. He states that what he sees each time we come back to Juneau is the real sense of community and all the work people do together in ways that is more difficult in a larger community. He recesses for the day, stating that we will reconvene tomorrow morning at the Capitol per schedule. He thanks all.

(Full Board of Trustee meeting recessed at 5:00 p.m.)