ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY SPECIAL FULL BOARD MEETING

March 16, 2016 3:45 p.m.

Taken at:

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES

TELECONFERENCE

Trustees present:

Russ Webb, Chair Laraine Derr (via Speakerphone) Larry Norene Paula Easley Jerome Selby (via telephone) Mary Jane Michael

Trust staff present:

Jeff Jessee
Steve Williams
Miri Smith-Coolidge
Kevin Buckland
Michael Baldwin
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Amanda Lofgren
Carrie Predeger
Heidi Wailand
Valette Keller
Carley Lawrence
Luke Lind

Others participating:

Kathy Craft; Duane Mayes; Randall Burns; Monique Martin.

PROCEEDINGS

Kat Roch

CHAIR WEBB convenes the Full Board meeting and calls the roll. He states that Trustee Smith is not able to be here. He asks for a motion to approve the agenda. He asks for any changes to the agenda.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL makes a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR WEBB asks for any ethics disclosures. Hearing none, he moves into the discussion of Medicaid reform and implementation, potential Trust financial involvement. He recognizes Jeff Jessee.

MR. JESSEE states that the Planning Committee has reviewed the materials from the Department and some additional materials from the advisory boards and the provider communities, as well as information about the ABLE Act. He adds that the programmatic elements were also discussed. He continues that these items are before the Full Board for funding considerations.

TRUSTEE DERR asks, in regard to Medicaid expansion, if there is an idea of how many Trust beneficiaries are part of that group.

CHAIR WEBB asks Ms. Martin and Mr. Burns if they have the answer.

MS. MARTIN replies, no, she does not.

MR. BURNS replies that some calculations, in preparation for the meeting with the providers two weeks ago, were done. He states that they were looking to cut over \$6 million in the budget and were anxious to see whether the providers were able to fill that gap. He continues that there were 988 new enrollees from the Medicaid reform expansion population, and it was \$5.7 million. He adds that they are moving forward with enrolling the expansion population and billing Medicaid for that population.

TRUSTEE DERR asks if all the Medicaid enrollees are Trust beneficiaries.

MR. BURNS states that Ms. Martin will talk about the Web page that shows the expansion population. He adds that he was only referring to that number which was the Trust beneficiaries and behavioral health only.

MS. MARTIN states that the dashboard was updated through the end of February, and that it is 12,678 newly eligible for Medicaid under expansion. That is beneficiaries and nonbeneficiaries.

CHAIR WEBB reiterates that of the 900 who were behavioral health beneficiaries, who were served by behavioral health providers, the billing for those behavioral health providers alone

amounted to almost \$6 million. He continues that the return on the investment appears to be justified on just a six-month period of \$6 million billings for behavioral health services only.

MR. BURNS states that the data will get to Mr. Jessee. He continues that they also want to know what agencies are successful in this and which ones are still having difficulty. He adds the need to focus on working with those providers that are being less accessible in enrolling their patients. He also states that there is a backlog, and they are working with the Division of Public Assistance on having staff begin enrolling people, specifically behavioral health grantees.

TRUSTEE NORENE asks if there is a way to sort out the Native enrollment that was pushed and if the demographics of the remaining population can be found.

MR. BALDWIN replies that was not looked at.

TRUSTEE NORENE asks if there is any effort in demographics of the population of the new enrollees.

MS. MARTIN replies that there is a breakdown by age and then male or female. She states that there was a request from Tribal Health to see how many of the newly eligible under Medicaid expansion are Alaska Native or American Indian. She explains more fully. She continues that some demographic information was received and are getting more significant numbers.

CHAIR WEBB thanks all for the discussion.

MR. JESSEE adds, that is 400 percent on the investment in just six months, and just with behavioral health. He continues, that does not account for the fact that providers have up to 12 months to bill. He states that the latest Medicaid enrollment page, the dashboard, is being distributed for information. He continues, that it is now before the Trustees to consider these elements for funding.

CHAIR WEBB reads the proposed motion for Trustees to consider for purposes of discussion. The motion would read: I move the Board of Trustees approve funding in FY17, '18 and '19 required to implement the Medicaid reform elements of Senate Bill 74 as outlined in the document titled "Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Medicaid Implementation Support," dated 3/16/2016 at 11:58 a.m., as well as a technical assistance contract, \$300,000, and an ABLE Act startup and implementation costs that total \$3,967,000 for fiscal year '17.

TRUSTEE DERR suggests splitting it out because it is crossing several fiscal years.

CHAIR WEBB states that it can be split out and voted on for each year.

TRUSTEE DERR states that her problem is that she has not seen any finance numbers in regard to the total picture.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL comments that the FY17 can be approved and not the other years until the budget meeting.

A discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE SELBY asks if '18 and '19 need to go into the fiscal notes right now.

MS. MARTIN states that the fiscal notes are on a five-year schedule to see where the funds will come from.

The discussion continues.

TRUSTEE SELBY <u>makes a motion that the Board of Trustees approve funding in FY17, '18 and '19 required to implement the Medicaid reform elements of Senate Bill 74 as outlined in the document titled "Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Medicaid Implementation Support," dated 3/16/2016 at 11:58 a.m., as well as a technical assistance contract, \$300,000, and an ABLE Act startup and implementation costs that total \$3,967,000 for fiscal year '17.</u>

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

CHAIR WEBB explains that the motion as stated includes the ABLE Act and the element from the second page separately, the technical assistance contract for providers. He states that those things have to go in now and are related specifically to either implementing Medicaid reform or implementing the ABLE Act. The total includes both of those elements.

TRUSTEE DERR states that if it is okay with Mr. Buckland, then she is fine with it.

MR. BUCKLAND states that it is good.

TRUSTEE DERR states that she has another point of discussion. She continues that she is still uncomfortable with the direction the Trust is going in regard to funding this much of the Department and putting the Trust on the line for three years on a program that is yet to be defined. She looks at past performance and giving the Department money over the years and them not following the direction the Trust had given. She states that she will vote for the motion, but still has that concern.

MR. JESSEE appreciates her concern and states that staff has been very engaged with the Divisions and the Department and anticipate having a significant involvement in all of the items as they go forward. He adds that staff can restrict any of these appropriations at any time with direction from the trustees.

CHAIR WEBB suggests an amendment to the motion.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to amend the prior motion to read at the end adding after totaling \$3,967,800 for FY17 "that it is subject to implementation requirements and specific trustee review before expenditures are made as established by staff following trustee direction."

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR WEBB asks if there is any further discussion of the motion, as amended.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that there is a small amount in '16 on page 1 of \$25,000 which would be the Authority fund contribution.

CHAIR WEBB asks if she is looking for authorization from the Board of Trustees to spend \$25,000 in MHTAAR Funds in FY16 for the purposes of provider capacity assessment and development.

MR. JESSEE replies yes.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL makes a motion that the Board approve \$25,000 from Authority Grant funds in FY16 for the purposes of providing provider-capacity assessment and development.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. BUCKLAND states that with this motion the intention will be to instruct OMB to establish \$25,000 in new Authority fund appropriation expenditure under appropriation 04 Q163008 for fiscal year '16.

CHAIR WEBB asks the trustees if they agree that was the intent of the motion.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL replies, yes, that was the intent of the motion.

CHAIR WEBB states that the direction that staff has followed in working with the Department is to make sure that what the Trust put in there provides the best opportunity for success, because failure is not an option. He continues that the Trust is committed down this road, which the State of Alaska has been following, for 20 years or more, and it has gotten bigger and bigger with every year.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL comments that this is equal to, if not bigger than, the closure of Harborview or the first waiver the Trust ever did. She states that the Trust has done enough to influence the Legislature and the Governor to let them know that this is moving forward, and all are working together. She thanks everyone for a job well done.

MR. BURNS thanks all.

MS. LOFGREN states that all are going to live to see the end.

CHAIR WEBB thanks the staff for doing a great job. He states that the elements of the comprehensive plan are being implemented and hopes that it will be a usable process in a usable plan that can be acted on in the future. He asks for any other comments. There being none, he asks for a motion for adjournment.

TRUSTEE SELBY makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

(Special Full Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.)