

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

FULL BOARD MEETING

April 17, 2014

1:00 p.m.

Taken at:

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Trustees present:

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

Trust staff present:

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

Trust Land Office staff present:

Marcie Menefee
John Morrison
Sarah Cunningham

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR BARTON calls the meeting to order and recognizes the Trustees present. He asks for a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL seconds.

MR. JESSEE states that staff would like to add an item to the agenda regarding the recidivism plan.

CHAIR BARTON states that will be right after the approval of the small projects. He asks for any further additions or subtractions.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR BARTON asks for any ethics disclosures. There being none, he states that the Guiding Principles are in the packet to be reviewed. He moves into the approval of small projects, and recognizes Steve Williams.

MR. WILLIAMS states that there are ten applications that are recommended for approval. He continues that the total amount exceeds the amount of funds available, which is always a consideration, as well as the merits of the application.

CHAIR BARTON asks if the Trustees have any questions or comments on the projects.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve \$80,000 for the small projects for March.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR BARTON asks Mr. Jesse to move to the second item.

MR. JESSEE states that, through the Disability Justice Focus Area, legislation is being pushed to look at the rate of incarceration and recidivism of Trust Beneficiaries. He continues that the argument focused on the fact that the Beneficiaries are not only incarcerated for a longer period of time than nonBeneficiaries, but also recidivate at a higher rate. He adds that the Legislature is on the path to constructing another prison within the next three years and they realize that something needs to be done to avoid that. He states that staff is asking approval of \$100,000 of unobligated Trust funds to support this collaborative effort. He adds that this would pay for expenses related to putting together the plan, and most significantly, a contract with someone to coordinate between the agencies.

TRUSTEE MICHAEL asks if this is a potential focus area.

MR. JESSEE replies that it touches almost all of the focus areas, and is a definite focus effort.

TRUSTEE WEBB agrees, stating that the Disability Justice Focus Area deals with a subpopulation of Beneficiaries who happen to get involved in the criminal justice system. He continues that it is more of a subset of work to be done under the Disability Justice Focus Area which will be related to all of the other focus areas.

CHAIR BARTON asks for any other questions or comments. There being none, he asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Board of Trustees approve \$100,000 of currently unobligated Trust funds to award a contract to facilitate the development of a recidivism plan as requested and outlined by the 28th Legislature.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR BARTON asks for anything else to come before the group. There being none, he asks for a motion of adjournment.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.

CHAIR BARTON adjourns the meeting at 1:20.

(Full Board Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.)