

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

FULL BOARD MEETING

May 7, 2014

8:00 a.m.

Taken at:

The Westmark Hotel
Yukon Room
813 Noble Street
Fairbanks, Alaska

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Trustees present:

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

Trust staff present:

Steve Williams
Kevin Buckland
Michael Baldwin
Carley Lawrence
Natasha Pineda
Nancy Burke
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Valette Keller
Marilyn McMillan (via telephone)
Miri Smith-Coolidge

Trust Land Office staff present:

Marcie Menefee
John Morrison

Others participating:

Kate Burkhart, ABADA and Mental Health Board; Denise Daniello, Commission on Aging; Theresa Holt, Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education; Patrick Reinhart, Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education; Ric Nelson, Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education; Erin Riehle, Project SEARCH; Michael Bailey, Hope Community Resources; Maureen Harwood, Senior and Disability Services; Donna Mongo, Alaska Peer Support Consortium (via telephone); Gene Redden, Northern Door Clubhouse; Jeanette Grasso, NAMI; Cheris Haymond-Rotter, NAMI; Rose Woods; David van den Berg, Downtown Association of Fairbanks; Kathy Watson; Cyndi Nation, Tanana Chiefs Conference; Emily Ennis, FSA; Senator Pete Kelly.

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR BARTON does a roll call of the Trustees. He moves to the agenda, stating that Commissioner Streuer is unable to participate, and he moves everything up. He moves to the approval of the minutes of January 29-30, 2014, and asks for any corrections or changes.

TRUSTEE DERR states there are minutes of January 29 and then minutes of January 30 and explains that the meeting recessed at noon and reconvened the next morning. She asks that it be changed to recessed and then reconvened.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to approve the minutes of January 29 and 30, 2014, as corrected.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR BARTON moves on, asking for any ethics disclosures. There being none, he states that the Guiding Principles are available in the packet for review, as well as the current bylaws. He states that there is a proposed change to the bylaws, and recognizes Mr. Buckland.

MR. BUCKLAND states that currently the Resource Management Committee has the authority to expend up to \$50,000 in principal funds. He explains that this change would enable the Resource Management Committee to expend up to \$50,000 from the Facility Maintenance account, from principal or from budget reserves, without having to go to the Full Board. He continues that it would provide the Resource Management Committee with additional flexibility when projects come up and are recommended by the TLO, which would essentially make a way for the fund source to follow the nature of the project.

CHAIR BARTON thanks Mr. Buckland, and asks for a motion.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to amend the bylaws, Line 25-26 of Article VIII(a), to say, "Approves project-specific expenditures from principal budget reserves or the facility maintenance account up to \$50,000."

TRUSTEE WEBB seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR BARTON moves on to staff report, and recognizes Steve Williams.

STAFF REPORT

MR. WILLIAMS states that Jeff Jessee sent out his CEO report before he left on vacation. He states that he will not review any of the items unless there are any questions. He continues that he will comment about what is going on internally in terms of operations. He states that Bill Herman retired on April 30, and Mike Baldwin has moved into the evaluation and planning officer position. He adds that there has been a good transition. He continues that there is recruitment for the grants accountability manager position; the applications will be gone through, and then the interview process will begin in the next few weeks. He hopes that the position will be filled within the next 30 to 45 days. He moves on to the grants database, stating that the transition to an online version is going through GIFTS and continues moving forward. He continues, stating that staff is beginning to look at the FY16 administrative budget in preparation for the Finance Committee in August. He states that there are three things related to Disability Justice. He begins with the retirements, stating that Barb Henjum, director of the Division of Juvenile Justice retired on April 30, and the acting director is Karen Forrest, who was the deputy director of DJJ. He continues that the DOC Hornby Zeller report should be out in the next month and will be circulated as soon as it arrives. He moves on, stating that there was a graduation for the Anchorage participants of the Wellness Court, which is a DUI alcohol-related court. He continues that there were over 20 graduates, and the entire courthouse was full. It was very impressive. He states that there were two awards given: one to Ronald Wilson, a long-time graduate of the DUI Court who has continued to give back and support current placements going through that court; and Carmen Gutierrez was acknowledged and given an award for her leadership around reentry and therapeutic courts. He asks for any questions, and asks Ms. Burke if she has anything to add.

MS. BURKE adds some information about the work group meetings. She states that for FY16 all of the work groups are going to be looking at the budget recommendations. She continues that summertime is when those are put together, and there will be work group meetings scheduled. She adds that those dates will be in the CEO reports in the event that the Trustees would like to attend. She moves on, stating that for housing on Friday, the Region 10 administrator from HUD, Bill Block, will be attending the work group meeting. She explains that Mr. Block was involved in Seattle's planning process to house people who were on the street and who had longstanding addictions. He was also the coordinator for King County's ten-year plan. She adds that some of the Anchorage Municipality leadership was asked to meet with him and have some conversation about housing and how to structure zoning to support it. She states that the Housing First Program here in Fairbanks has been running for two years, and both Anchorage and Fairbanks are participating in outcome studies. She adds that the universities will be providing an update on Friday, and hopes to have the completed evaluation by fall. She talks about the visit to the Housing First site. She continues that there was also a visit to Joel's Place

-- Wellspring Ministries is the grantee -- to see the operation and get a feel for it. She states that it is a youth engagement center, has a skateboard park and a place for concerts and lots of things for youth. She moves on, stating that there is an auction of the properties that were formally owned by Fairbanks Community Behavioral Health Center. She explains that because that board went under, four of their properties will be auctioned. She continues that they are housing Trust Beneficiaries right now, and are trying to work on one of them to see if there is something that can be done to maintain housing there. She adds that there is a lien on one of the properties that caused it to go into foreclosure, and the result for the community is there is no supportive housing in Fairbanks. She continues that a second casualty to the bankruptcy was that the only assisted living home in town that served people with a mental illness went under, as well. She adds that Fairbanks has no options right now for people who need on-site support services that are more intensive than just renting a place in the community.

CHAIR BARTON asks for any questions on the update. There being none, he recognizes Theresa Holt.

MS. HOLT states that there are several guests, and asks Patrick Reinhart, who oversees Project SEARCH, an employment program for youth, to introduce the Project SEARCH founder.

MR. REINHART states that there are four Project SEARCH programs in the state: Fairbanks; Mat-Su Regional Hospital; Providence Hospital; and Central Peninsula Hospital in Kenai. He explains that they are employment training programs for young people with developmental disabilities. He continues that on average there are about 25 to 30 students per year going through this nine-month intensive program, and about 60 percent of them have found good-paying jobs afterward; jobs that are paying well over \$10 per hour. He states that one student in Mat-Su is so excited about his full-time job working at the hospital that he is no longer accepting any kind of benefits or waiver services and is completely independent. He introduces Erin Riehle, the founder of Project SEARCH, who came up four years ago and provided all the knowledge on how to start these programs.

MS. RIEHLE thanks the Trustees for the opportunity to speak, and to the Governor's Council for allowing Project SEARCH to be in Alaska. She states that she is a nurse and works at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and was the director of the Emergency Department. She continues that she recognized that the hospital was making a lot of money by providing medical care to people with disabilities, but never allowed them to do anything other than volunteer in the facility. She continues that it is also a teaching hospital, and she reached out to the people involved in the disability employment movement and asked them to work with her as an employer, and together we created a model that allows training of young people with disabilities, giving them skills so they can be hired in the communities; and also, by placing the program in a business, teaching business people about the truths of employment for people with disabilities, raising expectations and doing away with many of the existing myths. She goes through some slides and explains a bit about Project SEARCH, which is a business-led program that believes that people with disabilities are capable of working. She adds that it is a skills training program that allows young people to go into a business and learn marketable skills. She explains the program in detail and states that it is built to be a sustainable program that does not use more

resources than are already being used. She states that the definition of employment used is the Federal Vocational Rehab definition of employment, which only counts if it is competitive employment in an integrated setting, year-round work, 16 hours or more per week, and minimum wage or higher. She continues that they have an international database, and all the programs are required to put data into the database. She adds that this is tracked, audited, and, if they are not producing, will be shut down. She continues that there are 273 programs in the United States, including the four in Alaska. She states that the focus is on jobs that are complex and systematic or hard and routine, and illustrates what is being done with a couple of stories. She thanks the Trust and the Governor's Council, and states that there are four great programs here in Alaska which are going very well. She commends them for everything that they are doing for people with disabilities, and thanks all.

MS. HOLT thanks Ms. Riehle, and asks Mr. Nelson to talk about the successful legislative year.

MR. NELSON states that it was a successful year and had the inclusion of \$525,000 ongoing funding through the CBC; passed HB-210, the Act regarding restraint and seclusion in schools; passed HB-211, the Employment First Act; passed HB-278, which included removal of the high school qualifying exam.

MS. HOLT adds that, with the exclusion of the Employment First Act, each one of those were worked on for five to ten years. She states that there have been some really significant changes in the DD community, especially providers. She continues that the first and most overarching is changes to the home- and community-based waiver services. She moves on to the new enterprise system under the Medicaid management, which affects all of Medicaid billing in Alaska. She states that the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services put out new rules that went into effect 3/17/14, and basically mean that the Senior and Disability Services has one year to come up with a plan to transition. She continues, explaining the three major parts: ensuring that all the planning is person-centered planning which revolves around the needs of that particular individual; people have to be served in fully-inclusive settings; and a requirement for independent care coordination, a person who works with the family and develops the plan.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks about the 40-or-so page report on the new regulations.

MS. HOLT replies that it is not a report, but actually 40 pages of regulations that were rewritten, changed, reorganized.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks if there is a narrative that explains the regulation changes.

MS. HOLT introduces Maureen Harwood, who works for Senior and Disability Services.

MS. HARWOOD replies that on the website there are frequently asked questions that went through each of the sections still posted, but no companion report outside of the regulations.

MS. HOLT introduces Michael Bailey.

MR. BAILEY states that he works as a fiscal controller for Hope Community Resources, a provider agency across the state, and also volunteers as the vice president of the Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities. He presents some information which is a collation of what providers are experiencing across the state in terms of the Medicaid management information system conversion. He talks about the slowness with which the remedies are occurring, and adds that billing staff typically rebill the same item five, six times to even achieve the 80 percent payment. He states that most organizations like Hope, FRA, who had any minimal reserves have used them. He continues that there are millions of dollars tied up in procedure codes that were supposed to have been released on October 1, 2013 and still are not. He adds that the “just need to rebill” is frustrating, and states concern about the burnout of billing staff. He states that Hope is anticipating a lot of angst going through the annual financial audit because of all these factors that are outside of their control.

TRUSTEE EASLEY talks about a small company that had gotten an advance for help and got investigated instead. She asks for a letter to try to rectify the situation and do some work on publicizing the situation.

MR. BAILEY states that it is not the providers, but a consequence of a state system changes that are affecting providers.

CHAIR BARTON asks if this is a state or national problem.

MR. BAILEY replies that it is a state problem, but is not unique to Alaska.

A discussion ensues.

CHAIR BARTON asks Emily Ennis if she has anything to add.

MS. ENNIS echoes Mr. Bailey’s request in providing support to the request that the advances not be called in until full payments of the accounts receivable have been received. She states that the bank can no longer look at the Medicaid receivables as collateral for the line of credit and asked to provide some real estate as collateral. She continues that the bank explained that they do not believe that they were going to be in a position to collect that money from Medicaid or the State, given the uncertainty of the ability to receive payment on it.

CHAIR BARTON asks to whom the request in delay of the repayment of the advances until full payment should be directed.

MR. BAILEY replies that it would be to the Department of Health Care Services, because they actually control those finances.

TRUSTEE WEBB states that this is clearly a crisis in all the service systems that are primarily reliant on Medicaid as the fund source. He continues that it is not just the small agencies that are at risk; it is also some of the largest most established agencies.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion that the Trustees direct staff to invite the Commissioner and the director of Health Care Services to meet with staff and Trustees, as well as representatives of provider organizations, as soon as possible.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

TRUSTEE DERR suggests including the Health and Social Services governor's aide in the meeting.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MS. HOLT continues her presentation, moving on to the rate freeze and rate changes. She states that all this affects workforce retention. She asks Mr. Nelson to share information on how it affects life on a daily basis.

MR. NELSON states that it feels like he is being tied up with duct tape and not being able to move. He continues that he is trying to leave and is having a hard time trying to find his replacement, adding that no one wants to work.

MS. HOLT states that the last recommendation is some ideas of how to help providers build financial reserves needed for situations specifically like this one with Medicaid. She suggests an entity that oversees all Beneficiary services, and looking at how many changes are happening in a particular system at a time. She asks for any questions.

TRUSTEE WEBB addresses all the executive directors, stating that it would be helpful if a briefing paper could be put together with more depth in terms of information which would be more effective.

CHAIR BARTON asks Ms. Riehle with SEARCH how many folks ended up in nonhospital jobs.

MR. REINHART replies that it varies from site to site and year to year. He states that some of the smaller hospitals may hire a couple each year, but cannot do that year after year. He continues that Mat-Su and Central Peninsula Hospital have a good hiring rate of some of the graduates, and Providence not so good. He adds that Fairbanks generally hires one or two people per year out of five or six graduates; the rest are getting jobs elsewhere.

MS. HOLT states that part of Project SEARCH is that the hospital is responsible for creating a business outreach committee and actively work on finding places for the students that relate to the work they have done.

MS. RIEHLE adds that 30 percent in Alaska are hired into hospitals, and 70 percent outside.

CHAIR BARTON recognizes Trustee Webb.

TRUSTEE WEBB asks for a better explanation of how Project SEARCH operates for a better understanding.

MS. RIEHLE states that it is almost like a not-for-profit franchise. She continues that because her hospital is very evidence-based, a model was created, licensed, trademark-registered and claimed the intellectual property. She adds that it is a way of working that many people had not done. She states that they are not allowed to make a profit, and only charge for the technical assistance which, in Alaska, was covered by the Governor's Council. She continues that the model is given away and folks are taught how to do it. It is audited, there is a database; over 500 pages of resources; and have really strict rules that all of the sites follow that ensure quality. She adds that the model does not require it to be in a hospital, and most of the recent growth has not been in health care.

MS. HOLT states that the Council is looking to open a fifth site and hopes for a nonhospital site.

CHAIR BARTON thanks all, and recognizes Denise Daniello.

ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING

MS. DANIELLO states that she is executive director for the Alaska Commission on Aging, and thanks the Trustees for the time to provide a report on the legislative advocacy outcomes from last session, as well as the challenges to care for senior Trust Beneficiaries. She begins with an update about the demographics on senior Trust Beneficiaries, and talks about the challenges in caring for them. She states that Alzheimer's disease is becoming a major public health priority for Alaska, and for the nation, due to the changing demographics. She adds that age is the most significant risk factor for developing Alzheimer's disease. She continues that women are at a particular risk for developing Alzheimer's, mainly because they live longer. She moves on to the challenges, stating that the most important one is limited public awareness which often leads to denial and stigma. She adds that in order for services to be most effective, they need to get started early. She states that cost for providing services for Alzheimer's disease is the most expensive, and the cost of care is a challenge. She states the need for a provider system that is savvy and knowledgeable about how to care for people with Alzheimer's across the continuum of care. She continues that family caregiver supports is another critical issue, along with housing and residential care, especially for people with dementia. She adds that there are not enough assisted living homes that are licensed to care for people with dementia and challenging behaviors. She continues that Alaska needs an overall plan to address these challenges in a comprehensive way.

She moves on to the advocacy priorities at the state and federal level. She states that they worked to increase the proportion of senior Trust Beneficiaries and their unpaid caregivers to be served by the National Family Caregiver Support Services Program as well as the Nutrition, Transportation and Support Services Senior Grant Program, which are both administered by Senior and Disability Services. She moves on to the two budget priorities, stating the first one was to increase funding for the National Family Caregiver Grant Program. She explains that this is an important program for unpaid caregivers who care for an elderly person with dementia at

home. She adds that it provides case management, counseling, peer support, respite, legal assistance, and supplemental support services. She states that the second budget priority is to increase funding for the Nutrition, Transportation, and Support Services Program, which provides the basic core services for seniors aged 60 years and older with home-delivered meals, congregate meals served at senior centers and adult day homes, transportation, and homemaker services. She states that there was no traction made for the National Family Caregiver Grant Program, and there were no cuts to the program. She continues that the other issue is that unpaid family caregivers are being looked at more and more to help hold down the increasing costs of long-term care, but at the same time are not providing the supports, training, or the respite to do that. She states that they were able to successfully advocate for \$545,000 additional funding in the base for Nutrition, Transportation, Support Services thanks to the advocacy partners like the Trust and HNET. She continues that this additional funding will help to serve 908 more seniors, and is really important for senior Trust Beneficiaries in the early to mid-stages of Alzheimer's who just have issues of cognitive impairment that limits their ability to function independently. She moves on, stating that the Commission had four policy recommendations with the first one having to do with increasing the availability and affordability of senior housing across the continuum of care. She continues that the second policy recommendation was to continue the senior benefits program because that program is coming up for a sunset on June 30, 2015. She adds that Representative Mike Hawker sponsored House Bill 263, which is an important program for seniors living on a fixed income. She states that the third policy recommendation is to improve capacity to serve seniors with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. She continues that they are working on Alaska's roadmap to address Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, whose purpose is to bring about more public awareness about Alzheimer's in Alaska, and also to have a better understanding about the impacts of Alzheimer's on people affected, including unpaid family caregivers and providers. She adds that one of the promising strategies to address costs is to look at implementation of the 1915(i) waiver option which brings an array of services that would be very appropriate for serving people with ADRD, including specialized behavioral health supports. She states that the fourth policy recommendation is to support policies that promote protection of older Alaskans from financial exploitation and elder abuse.

She states that two bills were supported this session and begins with House Bill 254, sponsored by Representative Shelley Hughes, on strengthening Alaska's statutes on the power of attorney by incorporating provisions from the 2006 Uniform Power of Attorney Act. She continues that it is a good bill that did not pass this session, but will be brought up again at the next session. She states that the other bill was House Bill 60 that was sponsored by Representative Gruenberg and was the Uniform Property Transfer on Death Bill which did pass and was signed into law. She adds that it provides an easy and inexpensive means for seniors and other people to transfer, on their death, their real property to a beneficiary, but happens on death and is through a recorded deed. She adds that a will or probate is not required. She continues that they also advocated for the \$525,000 in the base for the Complex Behavior Collaborative; restore funding for the Alaska Heating Assistance Program; restore funding for the SHARP program because it is an important program for recruitment, training, and retention of targeted health care professionals in the state; Senate Bill 169, the Statewide Immunization Program, sponsored by Senator Giessel. She states that the Commission is also working to advance advocacy at the federal level for Alzheimer's

disease, the Alzheimer's Accountability Act and for the HOPE Act, which stands for Health Outcomes Planning and Education for Alzheimer's disease.

She states that she attended the National Advocacy Forum in mid-April and was asked to represent the Commission as ambassador to Alaska's delegation to talk about the efforts in Alaska to address Alzheimer's disease. She provides a quick update on Alaska's roadmap, which will be worked on over the summer, putting it out for stakeholder review in August, and presenting the final draft plan at the Alzheimer's Resource Conference in November. She states that the Power of Aging, an Alaska symposium, was held last week in Anchorage. She adds that the purpose of the symposium was to provide seniors and those who care about seniors with the tools and the information needed to help make Alaska the best place to live and grow old with dignity, and to encourage seniors to be active community members. She recognizes Trustee Paula Easley for serving as one of the panel moderators on access to primary care and behavioral health supports. She adds that Paula did an outstanding job and maximized the speakers on that panel. She continues that there will be a follow-up to that symposium that will focus on a call to action for the senior community. She thanks all.

CHAIR BARTON thanks Ms. Daniello and asks for any questions.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks about the \$200,000 a year for 24-hour care of Alzheimer's patients.

MS. DANIELLO replies that is the average for nursing home rates.

CHAIR BARTON calls a 15-minute break.

(Break.)

CHAIR BARTON recognizes Kate Burkhart.

MS. BURKHART states that she is the executive director of the Alaska Mental Health Board and the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. She continues that the presentation will include results of the legislative session, a discussion of threats to the effective performance of the behavioral health system, the strengths of the behavioral health system, and some suggestions on how Trustees and the Trust Authority can help move solutions forward. She states that the most significant development related to the budget is the reduction to the behavioral health grants line. She goes through the operating budget General Funds as they relate to the Boards' constituents. She adds that all of the information about the budget is subject to change because it is awaiting transmittal to the Governor. She moves to the capital budget, and states that the increments that the Governor's Council and the Commission on Aging and the Boards recommended together for essential equipment, coordinated transportation, and home modifications were all included in the capital budget and they are ongoing programs. She goes through explaining each program. She states if there are any questions she has all the budget spreadsheets available.

CHAIR BARTON recognizes Trustee Webb.

TRUSTEE WEBB asks if the Department is planning some sort of reduction in grants given the substitution of the federal receipts for General Funds for behavioral health.

MS. BURKHART replies that it is her understanding that a performance-based funding mechanism will be used to move forward with some reductions. She states that she has not heard a definite plan from the Division.

A short discussion ensues on the subject.

MS. BURKHART states that the Boards are 100 percent on board with finding solutions that do not exacerbate the problems that providers already face. She goes through a few of the bills passed and enacted, and then moves to bills that did not pass but we expect to see, such as the mental health grievance and continued legislation related to opiate medications. She moves on to expanding on things that providers are identifying as the biggest problems such as the failure to provide timely reimbursement for services rendered by Medicaid providers and rates not meeting the cost. She goes through some of the weaknesses of the system and then moves on to the strengths, which are self-identified strengths of the behavioral health providers. She states that the Trustees would have great impact in supporting the behavioral health system and navigating these challenges and building on the strengths. She continues that the first idea is collaboration with the Behavioral Health Association to bring in specialized behavioral health business technical assistance to the providers. She adds helping the provider community maximize private insurance revenue; creatively looking at ways to partner with EAP programs and large employers who have folks in occupations that are at higher risk for behavioral health conditions; instituting formal knowledge transfer; streamline initiatives, and the issue about having adequate resources to support providers and programs; define a living wage; distinguishing need versus vacancy; maintaining and expanding education and training for behavioral health and primary-care professionals moving into the integrated setting; support an accurate conversation about resources and prioritization of funding; recognizing and supporting community contributions;

CHAIR BARTON thanks Ms. Burkhart and notes that Senator Pete Kelly has just joined and asks if he would like to speak to the group.

SENATOR KELLY states that he would just like to listen.

CHAIR BARTON asks for any questions.

TRUSTEE McCLELLAN states that the map of Alaska with health aides in the villages was too fuzzy to read and asks where to get a source of the original.

MS. BURKHART replies that it is on the Alaska Native Tribal Health Web site.

MS. BURKE states that Ms. Burkhart's full presentation is available on the Trust Web site and in the packet.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks about the number of community health aides.

MR. BALDWIN replies that there are approximately 150 of them across the state.

CHAIR BARTON states that it is time for a lunch break, and the Full Board will reconvene at 12:00 o'clock for the public comment period.

(Lunch break.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIR BARTON calls the meeting back to order. He states that the purpose of having public comment is to allow persons the opportunity to provide information to the Trust Authority and to advise the Trust Authority about problems and issues. He continues explaining the public comment period. He moves on and asks if there is anyone on-line waiting to testify.

MS. MONG states that she is the executive director at the Alaska Peer Support Consortium. She gives an update, stating that they are in the final week of the training summit which was funded through a 2014 grant and will have the final number of that report in the coming week. She states that 15 communities were visited to do presentations on emergency psychiatric response systems and how peer support can be utilized within the systems to benefit rural communities. She continues that the Consortium is involved in a reorganization of the statewide peer support implementation group and has accomplished some good things that have evolved into helping get peer support written into the Medicaid guidelines. She adds that there is active collaboration between the Division of Behavioral Health, peer organizations and area providers that are implementing peer support within their services. She states that for the consortium a proposal has been put in to run a pilot project around the implementation of a wellness discovery access planning, which is an intense evidence-based practice within the Alaska prison system. She continues that another SAMHSA grant around recovery community organization development across the state has been applied for. She adds it is helping substance abuse providers and peer organizations that are peer driven to create substance abuse support groups.

CHAIR BARTON thanks Donna, and recognizes Kathy Watson.

MS. WATSON states that she is a long-time resident of Fairbanks and has worked with mental health off and on for the last few years. She continues that she has been communicating with Heather Vogel at Governor Parnell's office because of a concern about the lack of housing for the mental health people in Fairbanks and was told that at the end of June there will be property secured for housing for the mental health and disabled. She asks if anyone knows if that is fact. She states that she is an advocate for a lot of people and got a call from a lady in crisis and tried to get her into Fairbanks Behavioral Mental and was told that she could not come in without payment and could not see a psychiatrist until the end of June. She asks if that was true.

CHAIR BARTON thanks Kathy, and recognizes Gene Redden.

MR. REDDEN states that he is currently coordinating the operation of the Northern Door Clubhouse which was toured by many yesterday. He continues that he saw a need for a safe place for folks with a mental illness to go during the wintertime and found that the community was extremely supportive. He adds that he received a \$10,000 grant from the Trust and opened the doors on January 6, 2014, an all-volunteer program. He states that this is providing safety for folks, an opportunity for them to be themselves, come and be empowered, to be engaged, to connect with each other socially, be in a healthy, happy place, and deal with the issues of life that they deal with on a daily basis. He continues that funding has been found for another year and is hopeful in hiring some staff and keep it sustained beyond the next year.

CHAIR BARTON thanks Gene and looks forward to Courtney's Chick Hour on their radio station. He recognizes Jeanette Grasto.

MS. GRASTO states that she is currently the president of NAMI Fairbanks in her day job and the lifeline coordinator at the hospital and welcomes all to Fairbanks. She talks about the effects on the community and the casualties when Fairbanks Community Behavioral Health ceased operating. She adds that when planning services here with Anchorage Community Mental Health it helps to remember that this is not Anchorage, and what works there does not work here. Fairbanks does not have any backup systems for people on Medicaid, especially those with no method of paying. Thank you.

CHAIR BARTON thanks Jeanette, and recognizes Cheri Haymond.

MS. HAYMOND-ROTTER states that she is employed at NAMI of Fairbanks as the office manager and speaks as the guardian for her adult son, Donald, who is 31. She continues that in September vocational services closed, so his employment closed, which confused him as to why he could not go to work anymore. She adds that in November a phone call from Downtown Care was received that the house was closing and the residents had to be moved. She states that it was a traumatic three months to have him at home, but we were lucky that people in town cared about him. She continues that he has moved back to Westling House, a rooming house, and the rent is now \$1,100 a month, plus he purchases and prepares his own food. She adds that the previous rent was his Social Security check. She states that this place fits the care he needs, the friends and people interacting with him. She continues that she wants to do everything in her power to make him feel safe, secure, happy, and have a full life. She states that more housing is needed in Fairbanks. Thank you.

CHAIR BARTON thanks Cheri, and recognizes Rose Woods.

MS. WOODS states that she works as a program manager of Family-Centered Services of Alaska and knows about the needs for mental health. She continues that she is the mother of one of those 16 that were left without housing in this community. She adds that her son could not move into Downtown Care because he needs to be staffed 24 hours. She states that housing is needed in Fairbanks, and people are desperate.

CHAIR BARTON thanks Rose, and recognizes David van den Berg.

MR. VAN DEN BERG states that he is the executive director of the Downtown Association of Fairbanks and is here to thank the Trust for the long support for the Community Service Patrol which is mainly supported by Municipal funds and some federal funds. He thanks them for giving some resources and time to stand up other community partners to support this program.

CHAIR BARTON thanks David, and recognizes Cyndi Nation.

MS. NATION states that she is the director of Community Health Outreach Programs for Tanana Chiefs which serves 38 villages, but does not serve Fairbanks. She thanks the Trust for providing the seed money to start a personal care attendant service. She states that providing services for elders to allow them to die in their homes instead of having to go to nursing homes or assisted living homes is not only better for them, but also cuts down on the cost to the State and everyone else.

CHAIR BARTON thanks Cyndi, and states appreciation for the visit to Tanana Chiefs and what was learned as part of that visit. He asks for anybody else to testify. Hearing none, the Trust stands in recess until 1:00 o'clock.

(Break taken.)

CHAIR BARTON begins with the Finance Committee Report, and recognizes Trustee Derr.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

TRUSTEE DERR states that the Finance Committee met on April 16, 2014, and brings the motions to the Full Board. She continues that the first one is to take care of the fact that the facility maintenance account to do maintenance on the administrative office will be taken care of by the Land Office.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Full Board of Trustees authorize the CFO to transfer up to \$75,000 from the facility maintenance account, AKSAS fund 34048, to the land development account, AKSAS fund 34045.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommends that the Full Board of Trustees authorize the CFO to transfer the residual balance of the facility maintenance account, fund 34048, to budget reserves managed by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation and/or the Department of Revenue Treasury Division.

MR. BUCKLAND states that he will probably delay moving over the cash and will work with the TLO and hold off on transferring until it is concluded that the cash is not necessary.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommends that the Full Board of Trustees concur with the recommendation to approve the incremental building expenditures totaling \$3,287,000 budgeted for FY2015 to be paid by the property manager from rents and other income collected from the properties.

TRUSTEE NORENE states that this would have been brought up by the Resource Management Committee and is willing to handle it at this level and not at the Resource Management Report.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommends the Full Board of Trustees approve an additional \$65,000 in Trust Authority expenditure authorization to FY14 designated grants, AR 16865-17, for the behavioral health systems assessment contract to enable expenditure of partner contributions.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Finance Committee recommends the Full Board of Trustees approve a \$120,952 FY14 designated grant to the Front Street Community Health Center for the Front Street Community Health Center Project.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE DERR states that Mr. Buckland brought an item forward that was not before the Finance Committee.

MR. BUCKLAND states that this is to finalize the actions that the Legislature took with regard to certain MHTAAR and MHTAAR admin in the FY15 enacted operating and capital budgets. He explains.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion that the Board of Trustees ratifies the Legislature's MHTAAR and Mental Health admin budget amounts as appropriated in the FY15 Mental Health Budget Bill, HB 167, and, therefore, reduces previous FY15 Trustee authorizations by \$11,600.

TRUSTEE WEBB seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

MR. BUCKLAND states that the next item is related to an FY14 budget amount, which was approved a year ago, to increase the behavioral health follow-up survey for the Department of Health and Social Services by \$33,150 in MHTAAR. He continues that in subsequent conversations with the Department of Health and Social Services it was concluded that the funds were not ultimately necessary. He adds that this is just a clean-up item.

TRUSTEE EASLEY makes a motion that the Board of Trustees reverses \$33,150 in FY14 MHTAAR approved for Behavioral Health Follow-up Survey, which was previously approved during the May 8, 2013 full Board meeting.

TRUSTEE DERR seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE DERR states that the financial report as of March 31 was received with the packets. She continues that it has not substantially changed since the Finance Committee meeting and, in the interest of time, dispenses with that. She concludes the Finance Committee Report.

CHAIR BARTON thanks Ms. Derr and moves on to the Resource Management Committee.

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

TRUSTEE NORENE states that there are no Board consultations and the required approval of the FY15 budget has been done through the Finance Committee. He moves right to updates from Ms. Menefee and Mr. Morrison.

MR. MORRISON states that they have been working with DHSS for several months on a transfer of interest in the building known as the DeNardo Center. He continues that the land the building sits on is Trust land, but is subject to a long-term-dollar-year lease with DHSS. He adds that DHSS would like to relinquish their interest in the building to the Trust. He invites those interested in looking at the facility this afternoon. He states that it is located on the way to the airport, and would be a ten-minute walk-through.

CHAIR BARTON asks if there is a ballpark figure for funds.

MR. MORRISON replies that he anticipates something around \$3,000-a-month-type situation. He states that the day the facility is taken over that there will be the need of active management of this vacant building.

TRUSTEE DERR asks what it is being used for, how big, and the value of the asset.

MR. MORRISON replies that it is a 6500-square-foot, single-story building that was previously used as an adult residential facility and was able to treat about 12 people. He adds that, depending on the use, some additional infrastructure and money spent on the building could greatly increase the potential for what it could be used for. He states that the building would be worth at least a million-and-a-half dollars, is in good shape, and was built to commercial standards.

TRUSTEE NORENE asks if there is anything else to report, and recognizes Nancy Burke.

MS. BURKE states that this is one of the facilities that was used by the prior behavioral health organization at one time. She continues that transferring the property to the Trust is something that they are able to do to help maintain that asset in the community. She adds that there may be an opportunity to see one of the properties that is set for auction this afternoon, as well, and would like to arrange for two very quick site visits; just a drive through.

TRUSTEE NORENE states that Ms. Burke was able to obtain a postponement of the first issue to give a longer period of time to review that situation and do due diligence. He continues that the second one just sprung up and seems to be a great opportunity. He concludes the Resource Management Committee Report.

CHAIR BARTON asks for any questions.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks if anyone can bid on the properties that are being foreclosed on.

MS. BURKE replies yes.

CHAIR BARTON moves on to the Planning Committee report.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

TRUSTEE EASLEY states that the Planning Committee met on January 29, 2014, and had an all-day work session and looked at some of the things that were discussed in the Trustee retreats. She continues that among those was the consideration of consolidating several Beneficiary groups. She adds that the action resulting from that has since been taken care of to provide funding to transition the three organizations, streamlining their management and services and are pleased that it was concluded. She states that there was also a discussion on substance abuse prevention and treatment focus area funds, although no action was taken. She adds that the Alaska Behavioral Health Systems Assessment was reviewed and Mike Baldwin has called together the steering committee which is reviewing the streamlining of the assessment process.

MR. BALDWIN states that there will be ongoing feedback once a month, and the steering committee will meet, as necessary.

TRUSTEE EASLEY talks about the problems with getting a comprehensive plan accomplished with the Department of Health and Social Services and states that the Trustees and Trust staff have agreed to move ahead with a Trust comprehensive plan. She states that DHSS support would be very much appreciated. She continues that the suggestion was to use a comprehensive mental health program review and strategy, and the Trustees will get updates as the process moves along. She states that it was discussed at the retreat about improving communications between the Advisory Boards and the Trustees, and is looking for suggestions from anyone with an idea that may work better than what has been agreed to so far. She continues that the Advisory Board members would like direction from the Trustees when there is something special to be considered, otherwise they will move along according to the schedule in their statements of agreement. She states that a suggestion considering a change in the meeting dates of the

Trustees, which will be looked into. She adds that it is part of the restructuring of committees and the Planning Committee assuming some of the Finance Committee that would give them more time to address bigger issues. She continues that the Planning Committee would pay more attention to the program aspects that the Trustees must deal with every meeting. She states that the next meeting will be June 25, 2014, and adds that it would be efficient if the Resource Management Committee was at the same time. She concludes the Planning Committee report.

CHAIR BARTON states that this is the last Board meeting before the September meeting and that officers are elected then. He appoints a Nominating Committee that can report back at the September meeting, at which time officers will be elected. He states that he would like all the Trustees, excepting himself, to serve, and makes John McClellan chairman.

TRUSTEE EASLEY states that it was very useful to have the meeting that the Trustees participated in yesterday available for the new Trustee. She adds that it provided a better orientation.

CHAIR BARTON states that the meeting or the site visits were invaluable. He asks for anything further. He thanks Senator Kelly for his continuing support of the Trust and all the mental health activities, and for participating today.

SENATOR KELLY thanks all for having him.

CHAIR BARTON asks for a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE DERR makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.

There being no objection, the meeting is adjourned.

(Full Board Meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m.)