

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

FULL BOARD MEETING

June 25, 2014

11:17 a.m.

Taken at:

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Trustees present:

Laraine Derr, Chair

Larry Norene

Mary Jane Michael

Paula Easley

John McClellan

Russ Webb

Trust staff present:

Jess Jessee

Steve Williams

Kevin Buckland

Michael Baldwin

Carley Lawrence

Natasha Pineda

Nancy Burke

Valette Keller

Marilyn McMillan

Carrie Predeger

Amanda Lofgren

Trust Land Office staff present:

Marcie Menefee

Sarah Cunningham-Morrison

Mike Franger

Paul Slenkamp

Cindi Bettin

Craig Driver

Karol Collyer

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR DERR calls the meeting of the Board of Directors together and states that on the agenda are the motions from the Resource Management Committee. She adds that there will be an additional item regarding increasing the administrative budget. She turns the meeting over to Larry Norene, chair of the Resource Management Committee.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion that the Mental Health Trust Board of Trustees approves the action of acquiring operating facilities known as Denardo and Fahrenkamp.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Board of Trustees approves an increase to appropriation 15960-2015 from the facility maintenance account, AKSAS fund 34048, in the amount of \$275,000 for Denardo and Fahrenkamp, and authorizing the CFO to transfer the funds to the third-party property manager for management of the facilities.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR DERR notes, for the record, that Mike Barton is ill and, therefore, she is filling in as vice chair. She states that a memo regarding Ballot Measure No. 2 was received, and she turns the meeting over to Jeff Jessee.

MR. JESSEE states that this is based on conversations at the retreat where it appeared that the Trustees were supportive of opposing the ballot initiative on fairly specific groups, i.e., the commercialization of the industry. He continues that he had a lengthy conversation with the attorney for the Public Offices Commission and was told that there must be compliance with AS 15.13.145, which prohibits state corporations from advocating on ballot initiatives unless they have a specific appropriation for that purpose. He adds that he went through a series of new, creative and innovative arguments, but they were pretty unpersuasive to the APOC staff. He continues that their interpretation of what can be done without an appropriation is extremely narrow. He states that all that can be done is to tell people exactly what the initiative says and when and where they can vote. He adds that it makes it impossible to provide any information to the public about what the impact might be without running afoul of the APOC. He states that the proposal is for the Trustees to approve a nominal amendment to the FY15 operating budget of \$10,000 which would be a green light to be proactive in advocacy on the issue. He adds that this would allow making presentations and providing information and weighing in on the ballot initiative.

A short discussion ensues on the subject.

TRUSTEE NORENE makes a motion that the Full Board of Trustees approve amending the Trust FY15 operating budget by increasing the administrative budget to \$10,000 for advocacy against Ballot Measure No. 2.

TRUSTEE WEBB seconds.

TRUSTEE WEBB states that his major concern is not putting the Trust in a position that would impact its position on sentencing reform.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR DERR asks for anything else to come before the Board. There being nothing, she adjourns the meeting.

(Full Board meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.)