

ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

April 14, 2016
9:00 a.m.

Taken at:

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

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Trustees present:

Mary Jane Michael, Chair
Russ Webb
Carlton Smith
Laraine Derr (via Speakerphone)
Larry Norene
Paula Easley

Trust staff present:

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

Others participating:

Kathy Craft; Donna Mong

PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR MICHAEL calls the Planning Committee meeting to order and begins with the roll call. She moves to the agenda and asks for a motion to approve.

TRUSTEE EASLEY makes a motion to approve the agenda.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL moves to the minutes of February 23, 2016.

TRUSTEE EASLEY makes a motion to approve the minutes of February 23, 2016.

TRUSTEE NORENE seconds.

There being no objection, the motion is approved.

CHAIR MICHAEL moves on and begins with a CEO update. She recognizes Jeff Jessee.

MR. JESSEE states that the Medicaid bill is up on the House floor today and it is still unclear on whether it is going to end up going to a conference committee.

TRUSTEE NORENE asks for an explanation of who is objecting.

MR. JESSEE replies that the lead objector is Representative Neuman, and the concern is privacy. He states that if this database tells physicians and pharmacists what drugs have been prescribed, there is a possibility that it could be hacked into and then someone would know who has these valuable drugs and they could be found. He continues that none of these databases have proven to be inviolate. On the flip side, it is seen as a pretty key tool to not only trying to help manage the opioid epidemic, but also as a cost containment issue to try to get a handle on who is prescribing how much of what. He adds that both positions are pretty firmly held. He moves to the criminal justice bill which is actually being heard right now in House Judiciary, which is Representative LeDoux's committee. He states that it is the most far-reaching reform and saves the most money. He explains in greater detail. He adds that it looks like the Criminal Justice Commission is going to be designated as the watchdog of this effort. He continues that he and Judge Rhoades are going to co-chair a behavioral health committee for the Criminal Justice Commissioner and really look at getting the most impact for the beneficiaries out of this reform effort. He explains this more fully. He moves to Title IV, stating that in the end the choice was to either give up one of the seats on the board or take it out of the bill altogether. He explains that the choice is to either go with something or pull it out of the bill, get the minor consuming, have no changes to the board, and come back and fight them next year. He states that Senator MacKinnon introduced a Permanent Fund redesign bill, which is sort of a hybrid of the Governor's bill and Leslie McGuire's bill. He continues that the charts and graphs look pretty

doable. He adds that she got the Senate to introduce it and got the House to agree to introduce the same bill, which is a huge step forward. He asks for any questions.

CHAIR MICHAEL comments that the Rasmuson Foundation report recommended how to do the tax versus the Permanent Fund was interesting comment given the discussion.

A short discussion ensued.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks if there are any projections from income on the marijuana tax.

MR. JESSEE replies that the projection is about \$6 million in the first year, FY17, and up to \$9 million the next year.

TRUSTEE EASLEY asks if 50 percent of that goes into the Trust fund.

MR. JESSEE replies that half of it is designated as part of this fund, but it is all part of the pot. There cannot be a designated fund.

TRUSTEE WEBB states the key issue is when each of these provisions takes effect. He continues that the reinvestment money will take effect the first part of July. He asks if the changes in making class B misdemeanor citations are also effective the 1st of July.

MR. JESSEE replies that he did not know. He asks for any further questions.

CHAIR MICHAEL moves on to the FY18-19 budget framework process and recognizes Katie Baldwin-Johnson and Steve Williams.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON begins with a brief overview on what the budget process has historically been. It is a two-year cycle: the first year has fairly solid strategies and budget recommendations; the second year has a good idea of those projects that are likely to carry forward. Often times there are placeholders until those recommendations are looked at and talked about. She talks about the stakeholders and why they are engaged. She then moves to the key priorities that need to be accomplished and explains in greater detail. She states that the intent is to engage the stakeholders in a way that is intentional and valuable to establish a communication framework. She continues her presentation. She states that the mission for the Medicaid reform and redesign is for a sustainable system of integrated care for beneficiaries to achieve optimal health, wellness and independence in the community.

MR. WILLIAMS continues the presentation and talks in detail about criminal justice reform and reinvestment. He states that if there is a healthy community-based system on the top side there will be healthier beneficiaries out in the communities and that system and structure will be healthy. He continues that if there is a healthy community system and structure, the impact of beneficiaries on the criminal justice system should be less. He explains in greater detail.

CHAIR MICHAEL states that it is important to recognize that the things accomplished in the focus areas have been significant.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON states that the wheel represents how everything is integrated and that is the approach for this planning process. She continues that the broader webinar is planned for May 6th and will probably be an hour. It will introduce people to where we are and what staff is planning to do. She explains this more fully. She states that the intention of that is to prepare everyone for a work session that will happen in early June. She continues, that is an overview of the work that is being done and welcomes any feedback and thoughts.

MR. WILLIAMS adds that several stakeholders who are policy-level commissioner, deputy commissioner, leaders of their tribal organizations and so on, whose schedules are getting booked. He states that this is being put out there to make sure that everyone will have every opportunity to participate. He continues that there is a detailed in-depth discussion on June 9 and 10 with the hope of their input to consider when moving forward.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for any questions or comments.

TRUSTEE NORENE states that is a lot of good work. He continues that the workload will increase as the economy shrinks, which may be the most difficult part of the task.

A short discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE WEBB states the need for a serious discussion on how to get the information packaged up so it can be of value in setting the context for these discussions.

TRUSTEE EASLEY comments on the economy and the presentation North Rim Bank made on doing this type of work.

TRUSTEE DERR states that she attended their presentation and they did an excellent job with the economic forecast and what they are predicting for Alaska. She continues that their economist is Mark Edwards, who does a really good job.

TRUSTEE SMITH states that this is terrific work.

The discussion continues.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks if the Finance Committee would work on putting together some information necessary for the basis of the planning process.

TRUSTEE SMITH replies that for this purpose it should be just addressing the revenue side.

MR. BUCKLAND states that something can be put together that will be able to convey what the revenue projections are for the Permanent fund, Treasury, and involve the TLO.

The discussion continues.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for any other questions or comments.

TRUSTEE WEBB echoes the great job done on this. He continues that it is going to be very helpful for the Trust and the stakeholders in the future. He does ask for some fine-tuning and gives examples.

A discussion ensues.

MR. WILLIAMS assures the trustees when working with these entities and when the opportunity presents itself, staff is trying to get them to figure out a way to partner together with different agencies that serve similar populations in a similar way.

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON comments on the importance of regional planning and states that it is part of the reform efforts that needs to be thought about and focused on.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks for anything further. There being none, she states that all seem to be headed in a terrific direction and looks forward to what is next. She moves on to the FY17 Medicaid reform funding recommendation and recognizes Jeff Jessee and Kevin Buckland.

MR. JESSEE states that in the Finance Committee package is a memo regarding the Medicaid funding options, and we wanted to put it on this agenda because it has programmatic impacts. He briefly recaps the plan to make a significant investment in Medicaid reform. The goal was to try to exceed the maximum amount of resource that was likely to be made available for Medicaid reform. He continues that \$3.8 million was fleshed out, and the total cobbled together, including the unobligated, is about \$5.2 million. He adds that the recommendation from staff is to climb this ladder from the bottom up starting with the '13 through '15 Authority funds, which has no impact on any current strategy. He explains this in greater detail.

CHAIR MICHAEL asks if this is based on withdrawing from that fund one time.

MR. JESSEE replies that it is a one-time sweep of those past years.

A short discussion ensues.

TRUSTEE WEBB states that almost \$4 million has been allocated for FY17. He asks if this will be transferred fully on July 1 or incrementally throughout the year.

MR. BUCKLAND explains that if it is MHTAAR, those appropriations are approved by the Legislature and enacted in the law and the budget by the Governor signing the budget bill and are available immediately. He continues that the FY17 portion would be for Authority funds. He explains that those would end up being set up through a reimbursable services agreement; periodic billings will be received and approved, and essentially reimbursing the fund for those expenditures.

MR. JESSEE adds that it is available to the Department, even the MHTAAR funding pieces, but is not immediately cashed out. They will bill against it over the course of the year.

The discussion continues.

MR. JESSEE states that he made it very clear the amount of money the trustees have committed to and that supplying whatever the cost is has not been agreed to.

TRUSTEE DERR states that some legislators seem to understand that the Trust is going to be funding it.

MR. JESSEE states that there has been nothing put on the record and has been very clear that this is as far as the Trust commitment goes. He moves on and adds that staff is looking for guidance on whether to wait or take this to Finance.

CHAIR MICHAEL suggests to do it in Finance, and asks if all are fine with that. She asks for any other comments.

TRUSTEE EASLEY states that she wanted to pay attention to the workforce area report and mentions that the Office of Health Programs at the University are really streamlining a lot of the health workforce activities. She continues that the new name is the Alaska Center for Rural Health and Health Workforce, and the area health education centers are going out and recruiting people into the health workforce field. She adds that there are going to be three behavioral health camps in the summer, and about five students have already signed up. She states that it has taken a long time and the staff has done a really good job of bringing that about.

CHAIR MICHAEL thanks her. She asks for any other comments. There being none, she asks for a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE WEBB makes a motion to adjourn the meeting.

TRUSTEE EASLEY seconds.

There being no objection, the meeting is adjourned.

(Planning Committee meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.)