

**Teleconference for Executive meeting for Advisory board on alcoholism and drug abuse (ABADA) and
Alaska Mental Health Board (AMHB)**

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Licht-Thank you everyone for joining us today

Roll call

ABADA

Philip Licht- here
Michael Kerosky-
Alavini Lata-
Renee Schofield-here
Lee Breinig- here

AMHB

Charlene Tautfest- here
Brenda Moore-Beyers- here
Bree Swanson- here
Stephen Sundby- here
Chris Gunderson- here

Licht- Hello everybody, lets take roll call. Go ahead and say your name and the board you are on. So im going to turn this back over to Pat. We have just a couple things on the agenda, if you could take a quick look and then we will have a motion to approve. We have the really just some updates and question about the hiring and the interviewing that will take place with that. Along with the meeting in Ketchikan and issues we see raising with behavioral health. Is everybody ok with the agenda as is. This agenda has been put on public noted, and I ask really if they is anyone apposed, if not then we will do an assumed approval. And I wonder Pat. This is just a question of order. We have the approval of the agenda on there, we can't necessarily make any changes to it we can't make any changes unless we have a full board right. Is that something we have to have on there or can we take that off.

Sidmore- ill double check on that because I was just following the format that Kate had

Licht- its not a big deal just seemed like a mute point to have it on there. Awesome well I'm going to go ahead and turn it on to you to give us an update

Sidmore- an update on the executive hiring the position closing Monday at 5om July 31st. I got a mid job opening status update we had six applicants for the position already. My suspension is that we will get more over the weekend. That's traditional how it goes. We pulled the interview committee and we are looking at August 21st as the interview dates. We are hoping that those dates will work for that. We set it up so that anyone on the interview team could response we have a scoring sheet for how they response. And anyone that can't be there for the first screening could op out. After a little more then a week the scoring sheet will be sent back to the office and we will capture that into a condense format so that we can see how we rated each candidate and we will included comments. And then we will send that out to the whole group and then on August 10th we will have a phone meeting to select the candidate to set up interview in person. And so between, after that decision is made we will send out a request to the those people that we want to interview, and that will included a scenario that's typical of the ED needs to do regularly, the scenario includes a written product the the interviewee will then bring to the interview. They will have ten days to work on that and the presentation. That will be a part of the interview on the 21st. After the 21st we will talk about narrowing down the field, maybe down to one. We then have a process to check references. So we will check references over the next couple days and

get back together once those are done. Hopefully make a final decision as what we want to do as a committee. Who we wish to hire and then that person would be contact, and submit to the Governor's office for approval. Any questions about that. Are people hearing me?

Licht- yup we are hearing you. I don't know if the monitor is on the line but I had Lee just emailed and say his having issues with the line cutting out. I know it might be on his end. Anyone else having issues.

Vini- no

Licht- think we might have lost lee. Are you still there?

Breinig- yeah, but I missed the majority of what you said.

Licht- ok but its better now. Well maybe not.

Sidmore- I was going to say the other issue coming up was the representative of the Mental Health Trust. I spoke with Steve Williams and Kate from the Trust. Of course people we work closely with. There may be an issue with Steve being able to unattended. And see if we could get Katie to fill his spot if need be. If the executive committee would be ok with that

Sundby- I would be

Renee- am I as well

Moore- I am

Licht- Pat that's who Steve would like to fill in or we want her

Sidmore- no that's who would fill in

Licht- of yeah am total comfortable with that too

Taufest- am comfortable on that too

Sidmore- ok thank you. That's all I have for the update on hiring

Licht- ok great thanks for that. We will currently keep updated as far as the process goes. We appreciate the work you done. Its exciting it's a new phase for us. Exciting to see who we get and meet. Let's move on to the Ketchikan meeting. Is a big push I'm sure. Any kind of update and planning. I've brought this up this up before. Let us know in any way we can support in the process.

Sidmore- Thankyou Philip. Its been nice have Renee on the ground. I know she has been working with Bev. I got to say I appreciate the support that I have from Bev and Clarena here in the office. And I appreciate the offer. The meeting is starting to get together. We got a couple of interesting things that are a little different. And one of them is we will be traveling in on the 25th in order to get there. And we are thinking we will have a new executive director. In the pipe line or already approved at that point that we could have an ice cream social. So we can have a casual meeting to know them before the meetings start. So that's something we are thinking about at this point. The main highlights in the meeting are still coming together. The highlights were going to meet at the senior Saxman center. And we will do some initial gather there, And we will have our community welcomes from the mayors the two mayors and the Saxman president and Ketchikan Indian president that more. And then we are going to spend the rest of that day doing site visits. For the second half of the morning and afternoon. And then coming back together Tuesday for a potluck and world café. On Wednesday we will be in the conference center at cape fox. And that wasn't available on the first day. And that's where we will be staying and we have many topic on the agenda. Jones from the opioid and misuse prevention and Andy from public health. We've heard from Andy before but public health had development I new office so we want to hear about that. Bev is working on a panel of substance abuse prevention. There is a lot of great work going on in Ketchikan. We want to hear from Randal on Medicaid reform. Renee suggested,

and we haven't heard about housing and homelessness. And that's a huge issues in Ketchikan. We've heard from Scott C who use to be a planner for the boards. To come down and talk about the housing first model. That could be really inform the people of Ketchikan but also to help us refocus and circle back on housing and homelessness. I think Ketchikan has so unique and yet universal issues that we need to stay focused on. We also got a public comment period and some other things in the works that just haven't been nailed down yet. We will do public comment on Wednesday and on Thursday we will have time for our business meeting. I just want to see if there is anything they want specifically to Ketchikan.

Moore- I was wondering if we could possible hear from our fed delicates, Lisa office and Don Sullvain are the national health care.

Lee- that sounds like a great idea-

Moore- its just going and not going, going and not going. I know no one has a crystal ball. I know if off topic right now. But we've done a lot of advocacy on that. I just think it time from them to talk to us about it.

Sidmore- we can put a request for that at this time.

Renee- I have a meeting. i could ask and put some feelers in the works

Moore- are we doing a dinner for this meeting.

Renee- Tuesday night

Sidmore- we are thinking a potluck dinner and a world cafe like we did in Dillingham

Moore- Renee do they have any a suicide coalition in that area

Renne- were part of the coalition with DBH is working on depression and there are some that has some suicide components to that. And you will be hearing from the wellness coalition at the meeting

Moore- ok great. The other thing is hopefully by that time Ron Hill will be on board with API. Could we possible invite him to give us vision. It may be a little early but its not like he is a stranger to that position.

Sidmore- Brenda we could make sure that when we explain with Randal what we like that we included an API update and see if Ron is available

Moore- and the governess board will have met before then. This next month we have a governess meeting and that will help me

Sidmore- it timely with API, as of today is full with a wait list and the hospitals around the state are pretty much maxed out as well. Its definitely an issue as you all know. We can add that to the list

Moore- will we be hearing, we got the final legislation report, any update on the capital budget. I hope Teri will help with that

Sidmore- we do have some time for an update on that

Moore- it just seems as we move forward we just need to stay connected to our departments, division and providers, we have such a lot of cut backs. Of course we know that funding has stayed the same effectively, because of inflation, and cost going up. I'm concerned how people are going to manage in the new fiscal year

Sidmore- I have added those talks into our discussion with Randal into the system with Behavioral health. Any other thoughts about the meeting in Ketchikan?

Moore- will we be hearing from someone in the senior center, or the wellness collation

Renne- there are several things in the works that Bev and I have worked on. Yeah senior is one thing and I had someone talk to me about talking about senior issues. Bev and I have talked to see where they fit. We also have worked with some of the things that the wellness coalition has done with the chamber, and what we are doing about wellness in the work place. Anything else that raises up for you
Pat

Sidmore- no I think so of the business we have pending connections. We want to look at the medical center, community connections with helps with children, the Ketchikan Indian community facilities, the alternative high school the Bigger you may also know as the ship builder, that's doing some stuff, they are a trauma info m ship builder. The CAR house and that is a resident treatment for children, the homeless shelters there are two too. Connections with corrections with as well at this point,.

Tautfest- is it possible to get an update about what's going on with the Mental Health Trust

Sidmore- yeah we can add that on. Is that ok Philip

Licht- yeah I think that's great. We have the business meeting and key issues. Just one thing to add. Anyway we can welcome if we do have the new executive director at the meeting if you could as the executive committee, think about how we can make it meaningful. I like the social, but maybe we can do more during and after the meeting.

Renne- agree

Sidmore- let me know if I need to put some structure to that or leg work. So for the business meeting I've heard we want an update on some of the governor's issue with the mental health trust. Just so you know there are meeting next week around that. There are meeting next week around governess and regular planning and committee work, early September. We will have information including budget information we can included at that point. This is also our fall meeting to we will need to do elections. Is there anything else we want to do around that point?

Licht- I have a kind of a thought or comment around that. I know the board operate different. I think there is a nominating committee. It's more like conversations happening gin the hallway of you we want to nominate. If there is any thought or something we can do. I know we have a chair elect, but any other aspects for the ABADA board and the AMHB might be different then this. But I would like to have a plan instead of winging it. If we know anybody we want to try and nominate. Maybe at our next executive meeting we could get on the agenda about getting on that process. Or maybe just elect a nominating committee. Are there any thoughts on that?

Renne- I appreciate that. I too feel like we get to the meeting and say who wants to do it. And then just throw them into it. We're going to have to be strategic over the next few years as our budget tightens down. It may take some more leg work of our executive team to work with the new ED to find out the budget we are working with. So it may take a little more time and we should me more strategic who can take the time and sit in on those meetings.

Licht- yeah because on the ABADA board. Vini you are coming in as the chair elect right?

Vini- that's correct.

Licht- Im excited about that because when I came on Vini was on the chair. So his been the chair he has some history, and I think that will be a benefit in the transition. Having folks on the executive committee having the history and being engage. Can we I think we do have another meeting. Can we make sure to have that on the discussion about that pat?

Sidmore- I have that written down. And I will do some research to make sure what each board can do.

Licht- thank you

Sidmore- are there other things for the business meeting.

Sundby?- yeah. I think if we could get on going updates about the 1115 wavier and ASO's I know this is a process that's moving fast. I would appreciate that

Sidmore- ok. Do we want to have a discussion on the upcoming legislation, giving that we are having a new ED coming. You know different changes in from the mental health trust in this upcoming session

Sundby- yes I would vote for that

Tautfest- yeah I would too. Cause weren't they trying to submit something the last time the Mental Health Trust

Moore- I think the Mental Health Trust needs to change their authority.

Sidmore- this is what I have, we need to have elections, we need to have a budget update, both the state budget and mental health trust budget update, we want some kind of governance update around the mental Health Trust, a space to discussion the changes to the 1115 I wavier, and legislation priority. That's what I have.

Tautfest- yes, are far as the legislation session are we going to be doing advocacy? Is that the plan?

Sidmore- yeah that will continue and I also think we have a little structure that we may have a little more information at that time, but we may not. But hopefully we will have a little more information on how the team on advocacy work together. Clearly Kate was involved in that and so was Jeff Jesse. And with both of them gone it will look different. WE may want to have some discussions around that.

Licht- Alright Pat anything else on the business side or do we feel like we have a good stuff

Sidmore- yeah we've got a good amount of time and so we've got a lot to cover

Licht- the last item on the agenda is key issues on the horizon. Of course a few things came up. Did you have anything you wanted to bring up?

Sidmore- this came as a request as a planning meeting that occur next week Wednesday at the Mental Health Trust. They asked that the Executive Directors come prepare with around this topic of what with think the key issues in our area that are coming up. I really felt like I wanted to get input from you all. It may not be that we come up with those things at this meeting, but I would like to send them a short list by Friday of what we are thinking our important issues that we will be monitoring in the next year.

Licht- I'm sure we can all come up with a pretty good list and we would have a lot of consistence there.

For the sake of time and the agenda and time coming to an end. What does the group think about us each emailing a list? Or do we want to have a discussion about that now?

Moore- I think emailing a list. I'm not thinking of anything off hand but I'm thinking when I hang up the phone that won't be the case.

Tautfest- so you want some ideas on the Trust of behavioral health to focus on. I just want to be clear.

Sidmore- I think that the question is really, what are the key issues, not just for the Trust but around behavioral health that we are interested in.

Tuautfest- I can bring up just a few ideas, reentry, homelessness, work force. Those are three I know right off the bat.

?- I know this was already touched earlier in the meeting, Psychiatric emergency services. Major on going need in area focus.

Licht- Medicare reform and the affordable care act, and health coverage. Special to the expand in Medicaid population. I know a lot of this things I know are already on their radar.

Moore- also are we still, I haven't been hearing much on this lately. There was a primary care health integration. We had some help from community care centers and we had some pilots. I don't know if that was sustainable because it was grant funding. I'm wondering where we are with all that.

Sidmore- I have all those, and I will certainly entertain if folks have ideas to send those on. I will send them on to the staff at the Trust on Friday so they have a list of things we are thinking at this point, and then we will see what happens next week.

Tautfest – prevention as far as education in the schools.

Moore- I have to leave. Talk with you all later

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Sidmore- it seems like a good list Philip to start with

Licht- yes. I encourage anyway to send pat an email. Is there anything else today Pat?

Sidmore- yes

Licht- thank you everybody. Unless there is something else to add we can end the meeting.

many goodbye