

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

**01/03/2018**

## Roll call

### ABADA

Alavini Lata here  
Cathy Bishop  
Charles Gorman  
Enlow Walker  
Eric Holland  
Bunnar Ebbesson  
James Duncan  
Joshua Mathlaw  
Lee Breinig here  
Megyn Greider  
Michael Kerosky  
Philip Licht  
Renee Schofield  
Robert Coghill

### AMHB

Bree Swanson  
Rebecca Petersen  
Brenda Moore  
Charlene Tautfest here  
Christopher Gunderson here  
Elizabeth Schultz here  
Joanna Cahoon  
Marieke Heatwole  
Michael Horton  
Rachelle Stockman  
Renee Hoffard  
Sharon Clark Here  
Stephen Sunby here

Roll call

Trust staff

Steve William  
Mike Adams  
Andy  
Katie

Brenda- We want to recommend to the Trust that they wait on legislation. We feel like with all the transition, the leadership, new trustee, new program staff, we are feeling like we would like to have the leg. Wait until everyone is settled into their positions.

Mike- get the audit in March. That will take to long and then we can get into leg for 2018. We would have to start 2019. More than likely it would be 2020 until leg would take action on this. Incorporation the audit with the legislation.

Brenda- when was the 2018 target set

Mike- that started all in 2016. It started in the fall of 2016. To be done Dec. 2018. That was the leg timeline not the Trust.

Brenda- interesting we were unaware of that

Mike- we can show you the stuff from the legislation and budget committee. There is no contract or legal thing to keep this timeline. We just want clarity as to what the Trust can do with its resources. I'm hoping that today we can understand if there are concerns with the bill. We want to know what you think should be in such a bill.

Brenda- our concern is this does this have to do with what the bill has in it. Our concern we just been thought a maze of people for two years it seems we've been side tracked. From decision and practices. If been like you have not been here. Our Meeting with our trust was very tense. We really appreciate the work that's been done, we just would like to see how all the checks and balances work before moving to legislation. We are not sure we are trusting the Trust, because of previous board members. And the Trust land office has been a concern to us.

Charlene- if there is something in the audit, how will the public react?

Mike- when the audit comes and raise concerns we are not going to be able to address them for a full year.

Charlene- but if you put the leg before the audit. And it counter reacts with the audit that could be the public perception could be troublesome

Like if there was something found in the audit that was wrong, and then you put something in legislations that might counteract that.

Mike- I hear what you are saying

Lee- If the Trust is trying to figure out how to make new revenue. Isn't the audit going to determine what in the accounts and what moneys can be use and where and how to what effects. Is there a way possible for, assume to use the advisory board as a mechanism as an interest in the legislation in post audit?

Mike- it's a possible. The challenge is the timing. After the audit comes out there won't be time to work on the legislation. There won't be talk about this subject until Jan so we will lose 8 or nine months. At this point they want to see the legislation to clarify the mechanism we are allowed to use for revenue. We agree even without the audit that the author that's in the statue right now needs to be clarified. The real state started after 2010

Gunnar- the legislation you're hoping for is that the Trust gets more control of your funds. To increase the ability to increase your money. This is coming from some choices that were made from the Trust that was not handled very well from the brining. I think our concern is like if you build bad programing and then using that for a positive plat form. I think you need to take your time to see if this is what the Trust to do in the future. If you have one that has worked well for a long time. Taking a risk into a new platform without the committee, the way choices were made were not healthy or maybe not even legally. That's my concern.

Mike- the authority that the Trust is asking for is the authority that has been used for the last five plus years.

Brenda- I think once we see the legislation. It was explained to us. I think we are concerned about the real state pieces. Everything else we understand. That is just one of the areas we are concerned. We feel like this is just rushed. We want to see refocusing. We do want to work well with the Trust. We will be watching to see what the legislation has, and the process.

Mike- we can show you a work draft within the next week. As soon as we have a draft we plan on sending that to all the advisory boards and seek your comments.

Brenda- how do we work together to make sure our concerns are addressed. It's more about the relationship with the Trust

Pat- I just want to thank Mike and Andy, moving the legislation out to the public when it's in draft form is appreciated.

Mike- I hear the concerns about how things ran over the last few years. We want to bring the GLO into the same staff like the Trust, the GLO does not have an independent relation with trustee. That was in the response to what you all said. So if you are still mad about the GLO you can just be mad at me. There is now only one Trust team now going forward. You should not see two different talking heads out there it should just be me. I have heard from other boards the concern about the real state. If you do you should say it.

Brenda- the other thing we want to watch are the policy and process that will be put in place for that.

Mike- we will seek advice once that is done.

Sharon- when do the new Trustee board members come on? How effective and timely with the trust itself and legislation

Mike- Mike Powers and Brenna B, were appointed a couple weeks ago. They are not voted seating member until approved by the legislator so that should be April. They will be coming to board meetings.

Gunnar- I'm a big relationship person, we need healthy relationships and be a part of the passion we all share, that's why we are all in it. We have made gains in terms of working together. We want a close working relationship. I'm not mad about anything. I'm sad and have concerns about the way things happen. I think it's hopeful that you are being much more transparent. And willing to come and talk with us today.

Mike- I couldn't agree with you more. I'm open to better process for relationship building going forward. Looking forward to working with Alison as she begins in the next few weeks.

Gunnar- I look forward to face to face

Brenda- we appreciate your time and attention

Steve- Brenda said Trust Gunnar said Fear, both of those description are acute from history and its recent history. Mike offered up for input from you all. Gunnar brought up how to improve relationship. This is important for work moving forward. I just want to say the invention if there are thing we as staff can do to build back up the trust that had been there. Could be a board meeting or something else. Let us know so we can help facility that. We are rebuilding trust in many different ways.

Mike- routine meetings with the executive committees, we will always be available for that or we can host them. We are open.

Pat- many of the concerns are not with staff, it's with the Trustees themselves. Moving forward in a positive step needs to be done but there also has to be recantation as to what was wrong.

Andy- one of the pieces that important is that I do have a respect for what people are saying. And what you are saying is important that it's being brought forward and that it is heard moving forward. I have staff helping me find out what is sensitive out there. Thank you for what you have shared today

Brenda- any other comments before we wrap this up. This has been a good meeting. We are thankful you are listening and we can trust you to take our concerns to the Trustees, and let them know we do want to build our relationship.

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