

**Teleconference for Executive Committee of the Advisory board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
(ABADA) and Alaska Mental Health Board (AMHB)
04/04/2018**

ABADA

Enlow Walker- Present
Gunnar Ebbesson – Present
Lee Breinig – Excused
Robert Coghill – present

AMHB

Brenda Moore – Present
Charlene Tautfest – Present
Christopher Gunderson – Present
Sharon Clark – Present
Stephen Sundby – Present
Elizabeth Schultz- Present

Staff

Alison Kulas
Clarena Bellinger
Meeting called to order at 10:05 Am by Alison

Roll Call/ Introductions

Meeting called at 10:00 AM

• **Mental Health Trust**

- Alison- the Trust is doing their budget planning on May 24, I will be attending. We will be talking about our budget with them. The audit is wrapping up and will go public after the next meeting. There may be a lot of press once the audit is out. Can set up a meeting with Mike to discuss the audit when public.
- Brenda- suggested talking points for response
- Bob- we need to be careful in what we say as advisory boards
- Charlene- Kate was the spokesperson in the past
- Alison- ok with being the spokesperson. Once we talk with Mike we will send talking points around for Board members.

• **Legislative Priorities / End of Session Update**

- Alison- session is still going, we are looking at going until mid May. They still need to go over the budget. DHSS sent out a letter about API staff needs which we will forward.
- Concerns were discussed about situations in Fairbanks and Anchorage of long wait times for API and treatment beds.
- Continuing to share stories helps with advocacy and showcases the need
- Brenda- review the Certificate of Need public comment
- Gunnar- FY 18 supplemental, we need the Medicaid fully funded
- Alison- The DSH funding we feel confident in as well, the Medicaid supplemental looks solid at this point
- Alison- HB312 there has not been any movement there. We will keep watching that. SB76 the Title 4 rewrite has exciting news, it pass the senate 20 to 0 on Monday. So we do have a new vision 'C' the pass senate and went into the house. Rep Wool may have other amendments but were hoping it will move quickly. If you want to send letters that would be

wonderful. Right now were sitting where we have everyone in agreement, we want to see this pass.

- Teri- will send out an alert with all this new information.
- Alison- HB151 foster care and OCS changes that is seeing some movement. HB 387 the AG control bill, now includes some pre-trial information in it, were watching that piece as well. Questions?
- Brenda- asked about SB169, still in House Rules. We will look into it.
- Enlow- I was wondering if any of these bills would address Gunnar's situation?
- Alison- we are hoping with DSH funding piece and API staffing could help with that situation
- Enlow- it will be a long term process
- Alison- yes. Getting API fully staffed will be a longer process.

Strategic Priority Ideas FY 19

1. API

- Brenda- can meet with Randal and Ron and ask what we can do with Advocacy. If they identify so things we can talk with the legislature will be good
- Charlene- forensic beds, separate property
- Brenda- were the funds for that? Yes, funds have been approved for the study.
- Alison- developing a workgroup. Charlene and Stephen agreed to be a part.

2. College Mental Health

- Charlene- campus mental health that 40% will experience BH issues that would hurt grades and loans. Sexual assault, I would like to see them get a couple of days. The stress happened in college. Need to explore what is happening.
- Gunnar- suggested to engage me in Dan White, he would be a good guy to talk with.
- Elizabeth- offered to take the lead on this. She will do some research and bring it back to the group. If anyone else is interested, let Elizabeth know.

3. Public consumption of marijuana

- Bob- I brought this up, will be on this workgroup. We need balance with folks to ensure we're not just anti-marijuana.
- If anyone would like to help, let Bob know.

4. Advocacy work group

- Alison- this work group could meet more during session and then once a month or so outside of session. This would be in addition to the Friday meetings and can focus on education of legislators about the BH system and other public groups like Rotary.
- Charlene, Brenda, Bob are interested

5. Housing workgroup

- Alison- could be research, background information, similar to API workgroup
- Brenda- the State wide collation is doing good work. I pass their information along. Maybe we just need that liaison piece and when they have issues the boards could jump in. Brenda will monitor information and send out updates.
- Elizabeth- agreed with Brenda and can help.

6. Developing a family support

- Charlene- Statewide family support network. As a support there isn't anything out there. Phone number or something in place for families to call.
- Bob- NAMI in Juneau, suggested he look into it and see how that is developed. There are other chapters in the state.

7. Detox Centers

- Charlene- Seems like every area we go there is no detox centers
- Gunnar- agreed to support.

Meeting called 11:03