

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

**07/11/2018**

**ABADA**

Enlow Walker- Present  
Gunnar Ebbesson – excused  
Lee Breinig – Present  
Robert Coghill – excused

**AMHB**

Brenda Moore – Present  
Charlene Tautfest – Present  
Christopher Gunderson – Present left at 10:30  
Sharon Clark – Present  
Stephen Sundby – Present

**Ex Officio**

None

**Staff**

Alison Kulas  
Teri Tibbett  
Meeting called to order at 10:04 Am by Alison

**Roll Call/ Introductions**

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**1. ASO Public meeting July 12**

- Alison-This will be in anchorage at the frontier building the new number is 1-800-315-6338 code 59481. I will be there in person to take notes, and see how the conversation is going. I will report back.
- Brenda, Chris, and Lee plan on listing in or being in person to the meeting. Charlene would like to get a follow up as she is unable to attend via phone or in person

**2. 72 hour rule**

- Alison- I put in another email as a follow up to Terry Roth, and that Doug Jones is another contact. There will be another public meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. I have emailed to get information on that, and I will share the information when I do.
- Charlene- I know there are people losing \$2000 or more a week and that they might do to dictation. Please follow up with me so I can share with providers down here.
- Alison- I will forward any information when I hear back and send the letter distributed to providers.

**3. Candidate forum update**

- Alison- Talked to Mat-Su Health Foundation, Recover Alaska, ABHA, and Teri and with the joint advocacy group, including the Trust and the Governor’s Council. Positive response but no one else is hosting. Followed up with Boards and Commissions to ensure it falls within our allowed scope. Directed to Law and I’m waiting to hear to figure out if we can do this. It will be a lot of work to get the candidates to show up. Teri can work on compiling questions.
- Charlene- I want educate all candidates on API, Medicaid, ASO, and definitely ACEs

- Brenda- I have the same goal of education. Use data to explain the problems. Asking what resources they know about and what they would do. Ask them what policy changes might need to be made.
  - Charlene- give them a definition of peer support
  - Sharon- have you checked in with the League of Women Voters? They use to have a campaign in Fairbanks. Maybe we could get some questions in with them.
  - Alison- I will check into that. The one piece of caution we did get, is that we want it to be educational because if it's not we could push people away. I told them the plan is educational forum and that we will not attack candidates.
  - Charlene- if we are to do this I know the BP center is free
  - Alison- Who is interested in participating? I will definitely share this with the other board members and partner boards.
  - Charlene, Brenda, Lee, and Sharon are interested.
  - Charlene- Staff from the Governor's Council would be a good one for this.
- 4. Office of substance misuse and addiction prevention (OSMAP) Strategic planning update**
- Alison- the OSMAP office is sitting in the Division of Public Health with a joint effort between Public Health and Behavioral Health but its sits under Dr. Jay Butler. They are compiling information gleaned over the last few months in community forums. They will compile into a plan August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - Gunnar sent an email update and can keep us informed of the strategic planning process
- 5. Workgroup updates**
- Psychiatric Emergency Care
    - i. Alison- Charlene, Brenda and Stephen, we should get together to meet about this.
    - ii. Brenda- I wanted to ask sending a formal request for the report from API OSHA, CMS, all the reports that would help us understand what's going on in API. Did we send that?
    - iii. Alison- Bev and I did ask for the reports. Ron did say he would forward what he could. I will follow up with him on that, and we can submit a formal request.
    - iv. Charlene- Nurses are union and the union is changing and they said it could impact us.
    - v. Alison- Bev is looking into other states and how they organized. We might have some legislator that are working on legislation for patients. I talked with Rep Tarr, she is working on a draft bill. Told her we would be happy help and share feedback.
  - College Mental Health
    - i. Alison- Elizabeth has done some research we will push the update to next month and get updates from her
  - Housing
- 6. Mental Health Trust updates**
- Alison- we did send a letter. Partner Boards agreed with the questions, but they couldn't turn it around to sign on to the letter. I sent it to Mike and Mary Jane. Mary Jane said that she has not gotten a letter like this before and they took it very seriously. I told them I am doing what the boards wanted me to do. We did get an email response which

was forwarded before this meeting. One of things mentioned is that they are renewing contracts. Where would you like me to go from here?

- Brenda- maybe just track what's going on?
- Sharon- when contracts go out can't you request to be put on noticed?
- Alison- I can ask, I can check in with their procurement person.
- Enlow- I think at some point we just need them to do their business
- Lee and Stephen agree that's a good point from Enlow
- Brenda- We have ten years of them diverting funds and being out of compliance with the Mental Health Trust Settlement Act, which is why I think we need to be more vigilant.
- Sharon and Charlene agree with Brenda
- Alison- I agree we need to let them do their business, am just curious as to what their goal is of their campaigns
- Sharon- what was the Northwest Strategies contract amount?
- Alison- \$780,000 per year for three years
- Charlene- did it increase from \$500,000/ year?
- Alison- I will look into that. I will see what it started at.

**7. Behavioral Health Rate Adjustment Public Comments due Aug 2**

- Alison- we are working with Tom. If you have thoughts or comments on this please let me know and I will be compiling that letter next week. We will send a draft next week.

**8. Additional items for consideration**

- Brenda I would like an update on OCS. What changes they are making, and how they are thinking they can do this?
- Alison- if you want to send an email I will be happy to follow up on this
- Brenda- these workgroup meetings are we going to send out doodles for folks to attend and talk about them?
- Alison- yes we will send out a doodle for that.
- Charlene- add reentry to the forum

Meeting called at 11:04