

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

04/10/2019

ABADA

Philip Licht - Present

Sid Atwood—Present

Enlow Walker – Present

Monique Andrews—Present

AMHB

Brenda Moore – Present

Charlene Tautfest – Present

Cathy Bishop – Present

Christopher Gunderson – Present

Jaye Palmer – Present

Sharon Clark—Present

Elizabeth Schultz—Present

Staff

Bev Schoonover

Jennifer Weisshaupt

Kyle Galano

Roll Call/ Introductions

Meeting called at 10:05AM

• **API and API Governance Board Update**

- The API governing body has expanded and there are now 20 people on that governing body. Thanks to Charlene and Brenda the AMHB has a vote on that body.
- Representative Spohnholz is drafting a legislation that's going to establish an API Management Board in statute. They have tapped AMHB to be the nominating body for those members. Instead of people applying through boards and commissions, AMHB will have the first vetting of the candidates and they would have nominations to the governing board which then would go to the governor. The governor still attains right to appoint whoever they want to appoint but Bev things that having an additional duty assigned to us in statute is a great thing.
- Status Update on Psychiatric Care Sub-Group: Bev attended a joint committee hearing and the chairs of those committees sent a letter to the chief procurement officer of DOA asking that he puts the long-term API contract out for procurement. They have good evidence that they didn't have enough information to make their decision and that they want to halt phase 2 of the API contract to do a competitive bidding process.

- **Continuum of Care/1115 Waiver Taskforce**
 - The Division of Behavioral Health has asked the boards to help engage providers in the implementation of the 1115 Medicaid Waiver. We decided to do a taskforce and is being managed by Bev and the Boards. Meetings are webinar based, each meeting will have a topic for providers to have more information about the waiver.
 - Bev is also helping DBH on substance use disorder Roundtables for providers. DBH are going to choose the topics that they're going to need information from, they're going to reach out to a few providers and Bev will help coordinate the calls. Bev also suggested that DBH hold a statewide webinar just on the Substance Use Disorder portion of the waiver. Notices for this will be going statewide and our role on this is strictly facilitation.
- **Statewide Suicide Prevention Council—Letter of Support**
 - Letter of Support for HB 22 to extend the SSPC to 2027 will be sent to the house finance committee on Friday (April 12, 2019). The person sponsoring the bill is representative Tarr. Senator Kawasaki is the senate bill companion.
- **FY19 Legislative Priorities**
 - The Joint Advocacy Committee have narrowed it down into these budget priorities:
 - Medicaid
 - Adult Public Assistance
 - Medicaid Adult Preventative Dental
 - Homeless Assistance Program (HAP)
 - Special Needs Housing Grant (SNHG)
 - Human Services Community Matching Grant
 - Community Initiative Matching Grants
 - Alaska Civil Legal Services Fund
 - Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) Hold Harmless

Please see attached Legislative Budget & Bill Priorities for more information.
- **Other Business?**
 - None

Meeting adjourned at 11:05AM