

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

06/05/2019

ABADA

Lee Breinig - Present
Philip Licht – Present
Sid Atwood – Present
Cathy Bishop – Present
Enlow Walker – Present
Renee Schofield – Present
Jaye Palmer – Present

AMHB

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

Staff

Bev Schoonover
Teri Tibbett
Jennifer Weisshaupt
Kyle Galano

Roll Call/ Introductions

Meeting called at 10:00AM

• **Executive Director Hire**

- Governor did not approve appointment of Bev as ED
- Need to revise the job description and qualifications. Add SSPC responsibilities.
- Need to make a hiring committee for a national solicitation:
 - Ideas for committee include: Three members of each board (including SSPC) including one chair or designee from each board, the Trust and DBH. Inform advisory boards about the solicitation, see if any of them want to help.
- Run candidates by governor’s representative to ensure buy-in.
- Video-conference interviews preferred due to limited travel funds.
- Timeline – a few weeks for job description changes, posting for a month. Anticipating 3-4 month minimum before new hire. October target.
- Consider revising bylaws to document a formal hiring process.

- **FY20 Legislative and Budget Update**
 - -\$86.6 million (GF) reduction to Medicaid Services (Including 5% provider rate reduction except for skilled nursing which is exempt)
 - Maintained Adult Preventative Dental and Medicaid Optional Services
 - -\$6.14 million (GF) reduction to Behavioral Health Treatment & Recovery Grants anticipating additional funding through the 1115 waiver and \$2.1 million for marijuana education.
 - Maintained all programs for Housing and Homeless
 - Maintained funding to Nome youth facility
 - Therapeutic Courts held harmless statewide plus \$124,000 (GF) to add a new staff.
 - OPA held harmless, added funding for five additional attorney positions and exempt from 50% travel reduction.
 - Public defenders given +\$400,000 (GF) to address increased caseload
 - Public Assistance held harmless, coordinated Public and Community Transportation State Match (DOT),* and the Alaska Civil Legal Services Fund (DCCED).
 - DOC – No prisoners will be sent out-of-state
 - API received +\$10 million
 - Wildwood not losing a wing
 - Pretrial supervision and screening maintained.

- **Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Response**
 - Establish Sub-committee to prepare a formal response to AMHTA. Bev will email board to volunteers.

- **Kenai Board Meeting Plan**
 - Dates 9/24-9/26. Location will be Kenai.
 - Speakers suggested so far are Jared Parish and Andy Jones. Also considering the Kenai School District/FASD program and a suicide prevention panel of teens.

- **1115 BH Waiver/ASO Updates**
 - Implementation plan for SUD services—July 1/Oct 1 rollout
 - New communications to providers include:
 - Detail services and billing codes
 - Behavioral Health billing rates coming next
 - Timeline

- **Other Businesses**
 - Renee—National Drug and Alcohol Drug Screening Association (NDASA)
 - Renee provided a handout from the NDASA about why the ‘States’ Act’ requires a safety carve-out for USDOT safety sensitive employees.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10AM