

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

07/03/2019

ABADA

Lee Breinig - Present
Sid Atwood – Present
Cathy Bishop – Present
Bob Coghill – Present
Sig Topkok – Present

AMHB

Brenda Moore – Present
Charlene Tautfest – Present
Stephen Sundby – Present
Christopher Gunderson – Present
Elizabeth Schultz – Present
Jaye Palmer – Present

Ex-Officio

Tracy Dompeling – Present

Staff

Bev Schoonover
Jennifer Weisshaupt
Kyle Galano
Val Cooday

Roll Call/ Introductions

Meeting called at 10:00AM

- **Introduce New Staff**
 - Val Cooday – Statistical Technician I

- **Action Item – Officer Nominations Committee**
 - The officer nominations committee is composed of a few board members from each Board, that will work together to come up with a list of nominations for officers.
 - Board Members can send an email-of-interest to their respective board chairs and it will be up to the board chairs to convene the nomination committee meeting.
 - The elections will take place at our next board meeting and the officers start on December 1, 2019.

- **Action Item – Executive Director Hiring Committee**
 - Board Members can send an email-of-interest to their respective board chairs and the board chairs will convene a hiring committee meeting.

- Part of the duties of the hiring committee is to review score cards and interview questions and update them as needed
 - Each hiring committee member has to commit on each applicant's interview schedule or it would be invalid. Failure to attend an applicant's interview will result to restarting the interview process all over again.
 - Scope of Recruitment: National
- **FY20 Budget Update**
 - Medicaid Services: Vetoed -\$50 million for "cost containment measure," in addition to the Legislature's reduction of -\$86.6 million. An addition -\$27 million was vetoed for the Medicaid Adult Preventive Dental benefit. Medicaid provides healthcare for eligible Alaskans in need, including people with disabilities.
 - Senior Benefits Program: Vetoed -\$20.7 million, to eliminate all state program funding. Funds offer monthly financial assistance to older Alaskans to help meet basic needs, such as food, shelter, fuel, medications, and transportation.
 - Behavioral Health Treatment & Recovery Grants: Vetoed -\$6.1 million, in addition to Legislative reduction of -\$6.14 million. Total reduction: -\$12.24 million (18.7%). Grants provide reimbursement to providers for mental health and addiction treatment services.
 - Homeless Assistance Program: Vetoed -\$7.2 million state general funds, 88% of the program's funding. Supports access to homeless prevention, rental and utility emergency assistance, emergency shelters, and rapid rehousing.
 - Special Needs Housing Grant: Vetoed Legislative increase of \$2 million state general funds. Grants support long-term rental assistance and permanent supportive housing for programs that target Alaska's homeless population.
 - Human Services Matching Grant: Vetoed -\$1.387 million, 100% of state general funds. Grants provides resources to municipalities for food, shelter, and domestic violence services in Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Mat-Su.
 - Community Initiative Grants: Vetoed -\$861,700, 100% of state general funds. Grants provide resources to homeless shelters and food banks in communities outside Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Mat-Su.
 - Early Learning Programs: Vetoed -\$8.8 million, 100% of state general funds for Head Start Grants, Early Childhood Grants, Best Beginnings, and Parents as Teachers. Early childhood programs provide opportunities for early identification and intervention for children with disabilities and behavior challenges.
 - Coordinated transportation and Vehicles: Vetoed -\$1 million, 100% of state general funds. Support transportation needs of seniors and people with disabilities.
 - Accessibility Improvements: Vetoed -\$250,000, 100% of state general funds. Supports non-profit organizations that provide accessibility improvements, repairs, and upgrades.
 - Home Modifications to retain housing: Vetoed -\$750,000, 100% of state general funds. Supports home accessibility improvements for Alaskans with disabilities.
 - Adult Public Assistance: Reduced funding by -\$7.5 million state general funds. Provides financial support to elderly, blind, and disabled Alaskans for basic living expenses, such as food, rent, clothing, utilities.
 - Nome Youth Facility: Vetoed -\$2 million state general funds. This reduction will close the facility, which provides detention, treatment, and probation services for justice-involved youth in Northwest Alaska.
 - Therapeutic Courts: Vetoed Legislative increase of \$124,000 state general funds for additional staff to assist statewide operations. Therapeutic Courts provide alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness, addiction, cognitive disorders, and other disabilities.
 - Public Defender Agency (PDA): Vetoed Legislative increase of \$400,000 state general funds to address increased caseload. The PDA serves Alaskans without resources for defense in criminal matters, including Alaskans with mental illness, addiction, cognitive, and other disorders are more likely to utilize public defender services.

- Alaska Civil Legal Services Fund: Vetoed all state funding for the program, which provides resources to low-income and indigent Alaskans for civil legal matters.
 - Governor’s Council on Disabilities & Special Education (GCDSE): Vetoed exemption from proposed 50% travel reduction. Travel is often a meeting accommodation for individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities whom the GCDSE serves.
 - Office of Public Advocacy (OPA): Vetoed exemption from proposed 50% travel reduction. OPA provides guardianship/conservatorship services for vulnerable Alaskans who are found by the court to be in need of a protective order.
- **Emergency Regulations – Medicaid Cost Containment Measures**
 - Postponed until next Executive Committee Meeting
 - **Kenai BOD Meeting Update**
 - Postponed until next Executive Committee Meeting
 - **Other Businesses**
 - None

Meeting adjourned at 11:10AM