

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

09/04/2019

ABADA

Lee Breinig - Present
Philip Licht – Present
Cathy Bishop – Present
Bob Coghill – Present
Enlow Walker – Present

AMHB

Brenda Moore – Present
Charlene Tautfest – Present
Stephen Sundby – Present
Christopher Gunderson – Present
Sharon Clark – Present
Jaye Palmer – Present

Ex-Officio

Tracy Dompeling – Present

Staff

Bev Schoonover
Jennifer Weisshaupt
Kyle Galano

Roll Call/ Introductions

Meeting called at 10:00AM

- **Kenai Board Meeting Update**
 - The Board Meeting at Kenai is still set for September 24-26, 2019 but if something goes wrong, rescheduling could always be an option.
 - As long as we have people call-in when we call the meeting to order, as long as we have a quorum present on the phone then we can do business regardless of who's in the room.

- **Staff Updates**
 - Teri Tibbett:
 - Primary focus is Legislative Advocacy, working on the final report that shows what budget items passed the legislature and which ones didn't pass and its impacts.
 - Recently had a Joint Advocacy Efforts Meeting in ANC to identify as to what direction we want to move into for the joint priorities of the Mental Health Trust and the Partner Advisory Boards.
 - Working on Fall Advocacy Trainings @ Fairbanks, Anchorage, Mat-Su, Kenai, Juneau and 1 Rural Community.
 - Working with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder & Criminal Justice folks because they have the least representation in terms of advocacy.

- Working with all the Coalitions across the state to try to come up with efforts to address the issues and barriers that affect our folks with Mental Illness, Substance Abuse and the Justice population.
- Working in collaboration with the Governor's Council in Disabilities & Special Education and about 25 other agencies on a 5 year strategic plan (already on the 2nd year of implementation) and were changing the fabric on how the state sees the people with FASD and how people with FASD can be served better.
- Jenny Weisshaupt:
 - Planning for the Kenai Board Meeting
 - Data Projects:
 - Working with Pal-Pak, which is a line for primary providers, pediatricians, to call Seattle Children's Hospital (they have 11 psychiatrics down there) certified to be Alaska psychiatrics. Any primary provider can call this telephone line anytime they need psychiatric consultation for youth.
 - Working with Help Me Grow, which is a program that the developmental screening and trying to identify youth early before things progress and maybe they haven't received the treatment that they should've acquired. It's a potentially great program that will need some data to help it continue to grow.
 - Working with the SSPC on gathering and updating data for their annual report to the legislature.
 - Updating website for the AMHB & ABADA
 - Working with Jillian Gellings @ the Commissioner's Office on starting an action strategy committee to make sure that the Mental Health Comp plan and other plans that are linked to it get implemented. To coordinate with the right folks and make sure we're all aligned in getting these plans implemented.
 - Attended a Family First Act meeting and the goal is to allow prevention services to keep children completely out of the child welfare system. It's providing funds for prevention of substance abuse treatment, mental health, parenting skills and kinship to try to get relative placement rather than putting folks into foster care or group homes.
- Bev Schoonover:
 - The Mental Health portion of the 1115 Medicaid Waiver was approved yesterday, Sept. 3, 2019. They will have to do Emergency regulations again to implement the Mental Health services that they negotiated with CMS.
 - We've submitted our Block Grant letter thanks to your great comments and inputs on that.
 - Working on SSPC, with SB10 our Grant was reduced by \$61,000 and we have to report about how Suicide Prevention trainings can be statewide for school districts.
 - The Comprehensive Plan that the Mental Health Trust and the Department lead is out, and we're going to be meeting soon to talk about the next steps on that.
 - Working on the Employment Conference this October. It's a conference specifically for supported employments for folks with severe mental illness and substance use disorders.
 - We're part of the Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council, we're trying to keep tabs on what's happening with Early Intervention.
 - Working with the Northwest Technology Center to choose the right facilitator for a discussion with the Tribes on culturally based, culturally appropriate SUD and Mental Health Treatment Programs and activities.
- **BOD Member Discussion on FY20 Budget – Community Impacts & Next Steps**
 - Looking back, the seeds that were loudly advocated for were restored. Advocacy works especially when we get a lot of people making a lot of noise and being strategic on what we advocate for because those things that are trumpeted the loudest are likely the most to be preserved.
- **Other Businesses**
 - None

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM