

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

**11/05/2019**

**ABADA**

Lee Breinig - Present  
Philip Licht – Present  
Cathy Bishop – Present  
Michael Alexander – Present  
Katholyn Runnels – Present

**AMHB**

Charlene Tautfest – Present  
Brenda Moore – Present  
Renee Hoffard – Present  
Stephen Sundby – Present  
Sharon Clark – Present

**Staff**

Bev Schoonover  
Jennifer Weisshaupt  
Kyle Galano

**Roll Call/ Introductions**

Meeting called at 10:00AM

- **Opioid Enforcement Statewide Response - Update**

- In October the DEA charged an Anchorage nurse and a Soldotna doctor with illegally distributing opioids to an estimated 2000 patients. A lot of these patients were chronic pain patients, although we could assume that some of the patients were misusing these prescriptions.

There was a huge concern that the folks treated by these doctors were both going to be at risk for opioid withdrawal which might lead them to purchasing illegal drugs. There's also concern about chronic pain patients not being able to get their medicine.

The Department of Health & Social Services created an opioid action response team that was meeting daily when those arrests happened. Now, they're meeting 3 times a week. The State of Alaska website at DBH shows all the communications that were sent to providers and to the people who were being served by these doctors. Our staff here have received training on how to receive calls from these people.

- **Kenai Board Meeting Report Out - Update**

- Jenny created a final draft of the board meeting report and has sent it to Bev for review before forwarding it to the Executive Committee for review and approval.

The report will be sent out to the Chairs of the Health & Social Services Committee, The Mental Health Trust, and The Governor's Office.

- **Next BOD Meeting Dates and Location**

- A motion to change the Board Meeting dates from January 14, 15, & 16 to a later time in the spring (no specific date yet) has been moved and seconded.
- A motion to have a full or have day meeting in January (no specific date yet) via Zoom to do board training and get to know the new board members has been moved and seconded.

- **Other Businesses**

- Philip Licht will appoint a Chair-Elect and an At-Large member for ABADA at the Executive Committee Meeting this coming December and will do an official voting for the positions during our next Board Member Meeting this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM