

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

**03/25/2020**

**ABADA**

Philip Licht – Present  
Cathy Bishop – Present  
Renee Schofield - Present  
Enlow Walker - Present

**AMHB**

Charlene Tautfest – Present  
Brenda Moore - Present

**Visitors**

Gennifer Moreau-Johnson – DBH, Director  
Farina Brown – DBH, Deputy Director  
Teri Roth – DBH, Medicaid Program Specialist V  
Tom Chard – ABHA, Chief Executive Officer  
Katie Baldwin-Johnson – AMHTA, Senior Program Officer

**Staff**

Bev Schoonover  
Teri Tibbett  
Jennifer Weisshaupt  
Stephanie Hopkins  
Kyle Galano  
Val Cooday

**Roll Call/ Introductions**

Meeting called at 10:00AM

• **COVID-19 Response Efforts**

- DBH updates are redirected to E-memos and on-going technical assistance calls which are regularly scheduled every Monday morning. More information can be found at DBH website (<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dbh/Pages/default.aspx>)
- Federal updates can be found at (<https://www.coronavirus.gov/>)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) updates can be found at (<https://www.samhsa.gov/coronavirus>)
- The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA) is bringing a proposal for Trustee consideration to approve upwards of \$1million for non-profit organization assistance related to the covid-19 response.
- The Alaska Community Foundation (ACF) has agreed to step up and provide a fund and be a vehicle where other funding organizations can drop resources and also to be able to receive private donations from individuals that wish to contribute to the response.

- Mat-Su Health Foundation has released a \$50,000 emergency funding for organizations around the Mat-Su vicinity needing help. More information on their website (<https://www.healthymatsu.org/how-we-fund/grant-programs>)
- **Legislative Session Update**
  - Teri gave her legislative report to the boards.
  - Teri: There is sort of an anticipation that the legislature is trying to wrap up their work by Friday so they can go home. They've been practicing some really strict measures, they've closed the capitol to the public and social distancing is the best they can. There's a resolution on the table to allow the legislators to take a recess for more than 3 days (current rules only allow them to take a recess for 3 days) and come back later possibly in the fall, possibly in May but just depending on what happens.
- **Staff and Office Updates**
  - Bev: Staff are all still working full-time. The majority of the staff are in an established telecommuting agreement. We're having teleconference meetings regularly, doing daily check-ins, we also have a rotation of people in the office to have coverage 5-days a week.
- **Other Businesses**
  - Executive Committee meetings are moved to 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00AM