

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

**05/13/2020**

**ABADA**

Philip Licht – Present  
Renee Schofield - Present  
Cathy Bishop – Present  
Monique Andrews - Present  
Enlow Walker – Present  
Chase Griffith - Present

**AMHB**

Charlene Tautfest – Present  
Brenda Moore – Present  
Renee Hoffard – Present  
Diane Fielden – Present

**Ex-Officio**

Tracy Dompeling – Present  
Sharon Fishel – Present

**Visitors**

Gennifer Moreau-Johnson – DBH, Director  
Farina Brown, DBH, Deputy Director

**Staff**

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

**Roll Call/ Introductions**

Meeting called at 10:00AM

- **Division of Behavioral Health Updates**
  - Teri Roth (Medicaid Section Manager) is retiring. Shauna Credit will be taking on that role. Shauna is a recovering state employee who has spent the last four years working as the finance manager for a local behavioral health nonprofit, before taking the helm as the finance manager of Optum. She will be officially joining the team on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Brita Bishop (Treatment & Recovery Services Section Administrator) is retiring. She will be with the division through June. DBH is able to hire for her position in a dual-fill so that we can have Brita's expertise and years of experience assist in the transition. The person who will be taking on Brita's role will be Katie Chapman. She has served as the State's Opioid Treatment Authority. She also served as the Executive Director of the Juneau Affiliate on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence.
  - For folks that want to engage with Optum, you can register at <https://alaska.optum.com/> for the ongoing Optum Technical Assistance calls every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month.
  - An establishment for an Advocacy Committee with Optum is ongoing, the development and finalization of the committee structure is on the works.
  - DBH established a call line for first responders, these are for health care providers including Behavioral Health providers that are impacted by the covid crisis. It is a resource and referral line. The contact number is 1-844-985-8275.
  
- **Legislative Session update**
  - Teri gave a thorough legislative report to the boards. A written copy of the report will be sent out for reference.
  - The Legislative Budget and Audit approved \$10 million to be spent on the homeless assistance program and that will help on rent and mortgage relief for people. A report will be sent out to indicate where that money has gone in the arena of mental health, substance abuse disorders, people with disabilities, and trust beneficiaries.
  - Our boards sent out a master tracking list which outlines bills and budget lines that we are tracking throughout the legislative season. Please contact Teri Tibbett for any questions.
  - A joint advocacy report will also be sent out for reference when all the bills are signed.
  
- **Fall Board Meeting Discussion**
  - The boards have decided to go with Sitka but because of what's going on with the state especially related to covid, they decided to wait until the June executive committee meeting to decide if an in-person meeting is possible.
  
- **Board Training / Board Governance Discussion**
  - Robert's Rules of Order Training – To be discussed further, but it was requested that staff contact Bob Coghill to see if he would be willing to do the training.
  - Bylaws update – To be discussed further.
  - Meetings about how the behavioral system is funded, how the grants work, and how Medicaid works – To be scheduled and discussed further.
  - Opportunity of assigning a mentor to a new board member – To be discussed further.
  
- **Other Businesses?**
  - The Mental Health Trust is having their full board meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The agenda is on their website. Bev was asked to present an update on the boards on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 10:52AM