

**SHARP Council**  
**Business Meeting – February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**Summary**

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Event: Quarterly Business Meeting  
Schedule: February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 1:00-4:30p  
Physical locations:  
Anchorage: AMHTA, 3745 Comm. Park Loop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conf. Rm.  
Juneau: DHSS, AOB, 350 Main Street, Conf. Rm. 115  
Teleconference option: (800) 944-8766, then pass-code: 18105

Notification: Public Notice, Council Distribution  
Presiding: Chair Randi Sweet (#360-1459)  
Document: Meeting Summary (draft)

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call, & Agenda Approval**

Meeting called to order at: 1:05 pm  
Present: (see bottom table)

**II. Issue of Multi-Year Operations Fund (MYOF)**

- SFY'14 – predicted UOB for year
- SFY'15 – predicted UOB for year
- Discussed (a) Governor's Budget, (b) Amended Budget, & (c) Supplemental

**III. Program Visibility**

Begin posting success stories form the practitioners & their sites (Nancy M.)

**IV. Program Budget & Deliberations**

- Legislative support: What is current status?
- Questions re: House Budget; schedule of info

**V. Candidate Selection Factors**

- Tribal vs. Non-Tribal
- Urban vs. Rural
- Specialist vs. Generalist
- Some urban agencies serve priority clientele (e.g. ACMHS, API)

**VI. Data Presentations**

- General discussion of ways to present data
- For instance, present according to locality
- Important to log “clinician productivity” data

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**VII. Statute & Regulation – General Discussion**

- What is language for role/charter for Council?
- How broadly is this set? (Diane)
- OK for Council to recommend to Commissioner
- OK for individual agency-members

**VIII. Issues re: Program Build-out, Maintenance, & Deliberations**

- For input to process, note that “number of voices” is key (David & Diane)
- Individual agencies are helped when there’s written Council position (Tom)
- Randi can call on Commissioner re: findings &/or letter;
  - Randi says that can she draft language as to Council’s position; requests member input
  - Communication is that Council supports program; enumerates list of assets & features

**IX. Motion-1: Council supports full-funding of Alaska’s SHARP Program**

Motion-1: (John Riley; 2<sup>nd</sup> David Nielson) (voted; unanimous consent)  
Council members support DHSS budget request for the SHARP Program, and authorizes Chair to write a letter of support, with reasons enumerated. This is to be promulgated, if an only if, cuts are proposed. In that case, salutation should be to the Commissioner & Others to Whom It May Concern).

If House Finance opens “funding of the program,” then what would also be opened up is the “mechanism of funding.” (Tom)  
Important to have discipline-specific language for given agencies’ use. (Tom)

**X. Motion-2: Admit at least Candidates that are not SLRP-Eligible**

Motion-2: Decision on “Active Consideration” Candidates (Doug Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Senner). Council will consider slate of candidates that are not SLRP-eligible (e.g. not in HPSAs, not primary care settings, etc.). (Passed on voice vote; with Nancy Davis abstaining; Pat Carr notes stating Ex-Officio).

ANA Rep: MYOF is “too complicated” for legislative agenda (Pat Senner)

Member asks that list of “Active Consideration Candidates” be sent in Excel.

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**XI. Motion-3: Admit at least Candidates in VHTF positions still below quota.**

Motion-3: (Doug Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Merriman (?)). Passed unanimously.  
At a minimum, admit to program only those candidates who are in positions that have been designated as “very hard-to-fill,” and that are in occupations for which the Program remains “below statutory quota.”

Three of those that were discussed were:

- Nurse Practitioner (Sunshine)
- Dental Hygienist (DOC)
- Nurse Practitioner (Cordova)

Member asked: What about other “regular-fill” candidates, that have been previously passed over, & that could be re-classified as “very hard-to-fill”?  
Decision was that agencies should be further prompted, and that for LCSWs, Tom will do it; and for PA’s, then John will do so

Member wondered what to do if the VHTF-Priority slots were never fulfilled?  
(Pat Carr)

Should Pat ask DOL for a finding on this?

(Ultimately, this item was deferred until April meeting)

**XII. Motion-4: Admit all “Candidates under Active Consideration”**

Motion-4: (Pat Senner & Tom Chard; 2<sup>nd</sup> John Riley). Passed on unanimous vote.  
Council recommends that all 39 pending Clinician-Candidates that remain under “Active Consideration” (from SHARP-II, Solicitation-2) be now admitted to program.

**XIII. Motion-5: Program should apply for HRSA-SLRP-3**

Motion-5: (John Riley; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Robinson). Passed unanimously  
Council affirms it prior recommendation that SHARP submit a grant proposal in response to the now-announced federal HRSA-SLRP (State Loan Repayment Program) RFP. It is estimated that this opportunity will allow for approximately 25 to 40 clinician to participate.

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**XIV. Other Business**

Council change date of next Quarterly Business Meeting to: Wed. Apr. 9th

ANTHC Representative is changing. This seat has been held by Doug Miller, and his replacement will be Shauna Hegna.

DHSS should set up a “Council Web Site” to help conduct Council’s business (e.g. documents transfer, etc.) that will be accessible by Council Members only, but not by general public). Some reasons include is that some clinician-applicant-specific info is considered confidential, until and unless there is conclusion to deliberation. In addition, there are numerous documents that Members need for reference materials.

Continue to make progress on further aligning SHARP-I and SHARP-II program options. For instance, alignment dimensions might include: (a) use of employer match, and (b) duration of clinician contracts (MOAs).

Upcoming Issues:

HRSA SLRP-3 – overview, and discuss selection criteria

Recruitment Committee – Co-chairs appointed: Nancy Merriman, & John Riley

**Adjourned:** 4:26 pm

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Meeting Attendance (02/26/14):

<b>Member Agencies (voting)</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Present / Absent</b>
United Way of Anchorage	Randi Sweet (Chair)	Present
AK Academy of Physician Assist	John Riley (Vice Ch)	Present
AK Behavioral Health Association	Thomas Chard	Present
AK Comm on Post-Secondary Ed	Diane Barrans	Present
AK Dental Society	David Nielson	Present
AK Department of Labor	Dan Robinson	Present
AK Mental Health Trust Authority	Nancy Burke	Present
AK Native Tribal Health Consort.	Doug Miller	Present
AK Nurses Association	Pat Senner	Present
AK Pharmacists Association	Nancy Davis	Present
AK Primary Care Association	Nancy Merriman	Present
AK State Hosp't & Nursing Hm As	Jeannie Monk	Present
AK State Medical Association	Mike Haugen	No
Nat'l Assoc. of Social Workers AK	Mattie Moore	No
University of AK, College of Health	William Hogan	No
<b>EX-Officio</b>	<b>Member</b>	
AK Division of Public Health	Pat Carr	Present
AK Native Health Board	Brandon Biddle	No
<b>Others</b>	<b>Person</b>	
SHARP Program - DHSS	Robert Sewell (Staff)	Present
HPSD – DPH – DHSS	Mary McEwen	No
HPSD – DPH – DHSS	Susan Mason-Bouterse	Present
HPSD – DPH – DHSS	Eric Peter	Present
University of AK, College of Health	Jackie Pflaum	No