

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

11/17/21

ABADA

Anthony Cravalho – Present

Enlow Walker – Present

AMHB

Monique Andrews – Present

Sharon Clark – Present

Brenda Moore – Present

Charlene Tautfest – Present

Other Board members present

Karen Malcolm-Smith

Duane Mayes

Christine Robbins

Staff

Bev Schoonover

Jennifer Weisshaupt

Stephanie Hopkins

Val Cooday

Roll Call/ Introductions

Meeting called at 10:00am

• **Staff and Committee Reports**

- Executive Director Report – Beverly Schoonover
 - The Statewide Suicide Prevention Council updated their bylaws to align with AMHB/ABADA regarding executive director recruiting and evaluation.
 - Governor created an Advisory Council on Opioid Remediation who will make strategic decisions about spending opioid lawsuit funds. Staff are meeting with DHSS to learn if ABADA has a role in that work.
 - Trust CEO recruitment is ongoing and along with the other advisory boards, AMHB/ABADA were asked to vet the final two candidates.
 - Brent Tri removed from the Board by Boards and Commissions due to non-participation.
 - Beneficiary and Provider positions open on AMHB and ABADA.
 - Recognition to AMHB ABADA staff for their hard work

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- API Governing Board Update – Charlene Tautfest
 - Secretary term is up, Dr. Hoffman will step down.
 - SharePoint site has been developed for governing body.
 - API transgender policy is continuing to be developed.
 - 69% of staff are vaccinated.
 - New administration dashboard was created to share staff vacancy, contracts, claims.
 - Goals for hospital include improving relationships with other hospitals.
 - Supply chain issues affecting capacity.
 - Next meeting will be 11/18/21.

- **Project and Program Updates**

- **Old Business**
 - Staff Follow-up on Board Meeting Action Items
 - Rural Meetings
 - Stephanie has reached out to an ex-board member in Grayling, AK to set up the first call. Would like to have a general conversation about mental health/substance misuse concerns in that community in December.
 - Withdrawal/Detox Stakeholder Conversations
 - Jenny is connecting with different levels of care-providers for withdrawal management to meet with the Board on challenges and opportunities in developing new services.
 - Board members will be invited to this discussion when the dates are confirmed.

- **New Business**
 - Juneau Board Meeting Dates
 - Planning the winter board meeting to be in Juneau in February.
 - All present board members vote unanimously in favor of meeting February 1-3rd.
 - Hotels are scarce and staff are still searching for options.
 - We will have vans available to shuttle members to and from events.

 - Juneau Board Meeting – SSPC Participation and Draft Agenda Items – Bev Schoonover
 - Suicide Prevention Council co-meeting. The SSPC wants to meet in Juneau, Bev proposed to meet jointly with AMHB ABADA if possible. SSPC were enthusiastic about this idea and AMHB/ABADA Executive Committee members agreed to that plan.
 - Executive Committee members provided input on agenda items for the Juneau board meeting, which included:
 - Commissioner Crum would like to meet with the boards.
 - Medicaid updates.
 - Local behavioral healthcare participation.
 - Extend invitation to Alaska Native Sisterhood or other tribal organizations.
 - Invite local seniors/elders.

- Written invitation to the Governor's office requesting a representative at our meeting.

- **Other Business**

- **New Executive Committee Meeting Dates/Times**
 - Bev: Propose via email/poll different days for meetings, schedule conflicts
- **Other Topics**
 - Enlow: One seat will be opening with Mental Health Trustees. Is on the committee that will vet candidates and make recommendations to the Governor's office.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Full AMHB/ABADA Board Meeting February 1-3rd, 2022

Next EC meeting pending poll on availability