

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

**01/14/2020**

**ABADA**

Blake Burley – Present  
Cathy Bishop – Present  
Chase Griffith – Present  
Christine Robbins – Present  
Diane Fielden – Present  
Enlow Walker – Present  
Michael Alexander – Present  
Monique Andrews – Present  
Philip Licht – Present  
Renee Schofield – Present

**AMHB**

Cathy Bishop - Present  
Diane Fielden – Present  
Michael Alexander – Present  
Monique Andrews – Present  
Charlene Tautfest – Present  
Joanna Cahoon – Present  
Renee Hoffard – Present  
Sharon Clark – Present  
Stephen Sundby – Present

**Ex – Officio**

Sharon Fishel – Present

**Staff**

Bev Schoonover – Present  
Teri Tibbett – Present  
Jennifer Weisshaupt – Present  
Kyle Galano – Present  
Val Cooday – Present

**Roll Call**

Meeting called at 1:00PM

**\* A QUORUM HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED \***

- **Ethic Disclosures**

- Blake Burley: Nothing to declare
- Christine Robbins: Nothing to declare
- Diane Fielden: I sit on the board of directors for Peninsula Community Health Services in Soldotna
- Enlow Walker: I work at a clinic and see patients and bill Medicaid/Medicare and other government services for direct patient care.
- Michael Alexander: Retired state employee and used to work with API.
- Monique Andrews: Nothing to declare
- Renee Schofield: Nothing to declare
- Philip Licht: I am a director of an organization that bills Medicaid (Set Free Alaska) and I am on the board for 2 organizations that receive state funds through grants and partnership
- Charlene Tautfest: I sit on a Community Health Services board that bills Medicaid. I'm also the Mental Health representative to the API governing board and they also bill Medicaid, I'm also on the Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness
- Joanna Cahoon: I work at the Disability Law Center and we receive federal grants and state funds to develop development disability work
- Renee Hoffard: Nothing to declare
- Sharon Clark: Nothing to declare
- Stephen Sundby: Nothing to declare
- Sharon Fishel: Currently the Department of Education receives school based suicide prevention funding from the Suicide Prevention Council and we also receive prevention funding from the Division of Behavioral Health for our at-risk alternative high school
- Cathy Bishop: I have a daughter that receive Medicaid

There were no notifications of potential violations or requests for ethics determinations under the Ethics Act (AS 39.52).

- **Introductions of Board of Directors and Staff**

- The Board and staff introduced themselves and shared why they were serving on the Boards.

- **Who We are (ABADA/AMHB Statutes & Bylaws)**

- The Alaska Mental Health Board (AMHB) and the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ABADA) are the state agencies statutorily charged with planning and coordinating behavioral health services funded by the State of Alaska. The join mission of AMHB/ABADA is to advocate for programs and services that promote, healthy, independent, productive Alaskans.
- Our citizen advisory Boards include providers, educators, members of the military, faith-based leaders, and business leaders. We have established seats on the Boards for Alaskans with a mental health diagnosis, substance misuse disorders, and/or their family members.

- **What We Do**

- Assist in planning and coordination of prevention, treatment, and recovery services;
- Assist in evaluation of Alaska's publicly funded behavioral health system;
- Educate the public and policymakers about mental health and substance use issues;
- Advise and help coordinate state and local governments, partner advisory boards, community organizations, and private entities about behavioral health matters; and
- Advocate with Alaskans experiencing mental health and substance use disorders and their families, the providers who serve them, and their communities.

- **Where We Are Going**
  - The Board and staff reviewed the document, “ABADA/AMHB Board of Directors Activities 2020”.
  
- **Anchorage BOD Meeting Preview**
  - The Board and staff reviewed the February 2020 Anchorage Board Meeting Agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00PM