

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Fall Board Meeting

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Department Updates and Initiatives

Alaska Psychiatric Institute

- CEO Recruitment

Alaska Pioneer Homes

- Continued success with ALA/CNA Apprenticeship

Division of Juvenile Justice

- Occupational Therapy

Office of Children's Services

- Federal initiatives
- Exploration of TANF funding with DOH to help support child welfare activities



Transition Planning

Supporting the New Administration

- Budget Development
- Legislation Needs
- Division Initiatives
- Department Initiatives
- Summarize statewide system challenges, historical work, and future needs
- For external and potential internal leadership changes



AMHTA Partnerships

Addressing the Gaps

- Youth Crisis
- Complex Care
- Improving Lives Conference
 - Pre-conference workshop with DOH and DFCS
- Proposed Treatment Foster Care Summit
 - Engage stakeholders (Tribes, Foster Parents, and families) in development planning of newly established license
 - Potential Funding Request for contract of logistics, facilitation, and develop action plans

Why Treatment Foster Home License?



- Differentiation between community-based healthcare setting and traditional foster home
- Establish minimum standards for care; services, caregiver qualifications, training, etc.
- Research supported improved outcomes for children in care
- Fills gaps in care and promotes consistency and quality across treatment foster care system



FY28 Budget Items

Complex Care Program - \$400,000.00

- Supports Coordinators who improve coordination among state agencies and healthcare partners for more timely case reviews, standardized referral pathways, and communication across systems to improve transition to less restrictive settings.

DES-DET Coordinator - \$87,000.00

- Support statewide coordinator for Alaska's Title 47 civil commitment process for individuals experiencing acute behavioral health crises.

DJJ Occupational Therapist - \$100,000.00

- Funds contracted Occupational Therapy (OT) services for youth in the neurobehavioral units at Fairbanks and Bethel Youth Facilities.

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