Governor’s Council on Disabilities and Special Education

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

November 2026 Trustees Meeting

Chelsea Burke
Executive Director



MHTAAR Joint staffing: Building Capacity

Data & research

FY26 PPR surveys underway

HCBS and waitlist data

Advocacy

2027 legislative priorities

September advocacy training

Planning

Five-Year State Plan underway

Shared Vision + ACOA

Planner III vacancy- 24 applicants & anticipated January start

FY27 RFR: Project SEARCH Adult site pilot

Partner conversations

DVR + national technical assistance

RFI completed, responses received

Next step- develop RFP

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FY27 Capital RFR- Universal Changing Spaces Fund

Managed in-house

More funding for installations

RFI → public RFP by FY27 year-end

Statewide information hub in final design phase



Advocacy: We Can Make a Difference Virtual Training Event, September 1-2

100

registered

47

attended

20

survey responses

Council highlights

Employment First Conference

140 attendees • 18 booths

21 survey responses

Statewide Summit on Aging

200+ participants

Aging with I/DD discussion

National leadership: ED Summit + DEC Conference

Council membership: 24 of 26 seats filled

What comes next

Legislative priorities + February fly-in (9th-11th)

Adult Project SEARCH partnerships

Changing Spaces RFP + information hub

Thank you for your partnership.