

# Alaska Psychiatric Institute Governing Body, March 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes

## ***I. Call to Order***

Elizabeth called the meeting of the Alaska Psychiatric Institute Governing Body to order at 1:33 PM via Zoom on March 14, 2023.

## ***II. Introduction and Roll Call***

### **Voting Members Present:**

Chair - Clinton Lasley, *Deputy Commissioner of Family Community, and Integrated Services*

Vice Chair- Elizabeth King, *Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association*

Treasurer - Summer LeFebvre, *Alaska Behavioral Health Association*

Brenda Moore, *Mental Health Board*

Katy Baldwin Johnson *Mental Health Trust Board*

Dr. Rick Elsasser *National Alliance on Mental Illness*

### **Absent:**

Secretary - Jason Lessard

Farina Brown

Dr. Anne Zink, *Chief Medical Officer*

Kim Koval *Commissioner*

### **Other Members Not Present:**

Adam Rutherford

Dr. Helen Adams

Leslie

Beverly Schnoover

### **API Staff Reporting:**

Scott York *Alaska Psychiatric Institute Chief Executive Officer*

Christy Winn, *QAPI Director*

Randy Smith, Maintenance Supervisor

Kristy Becker, Chief Clinical Officer

Promise Hagedon, ADON

## ***III. Review and Approval of the Agenda:***

Scott York has asked to change the agenda and to introduce Denali Daniels Strategic Planning to new business in the agenda. Medical Staff credentialing to be reviewed. Summer motioned to approve agenda and Brenda Moore seconded. **Agenda approved.**

## ***IV. Review and approval of Minutes:***

January minutes reviewed and motion to approve by Katie Baldwin Johnson and Summer LeFebvre seconded. No discussion. **Minutes approved.**

## ***V. Items for Consent:***

None

## ***VI. New Business:***

### **Legislative Update:**

Dr. Becker reported on different House Bills, HB 80 and SB 53. One bill would allow commitment for 5 years. This commitment would change the landscape of API. The No patient left behind bill would allow family or friends to be with them 24/7. There are potential challenges for API with both bills. Another House Bill will also look at how Forensic evaluations are done in Alaska. The bill also has challenges in our bed availability on our forensic unit.

**Open for Discussion:** Clinton Lasley spoke on the commitment with legislature and in talks with sponsors on both bills with high level concerns. Elizabeth King asked about challenges with 5-year commitment. Dr. Becker clarified some language on the 180 commitment and Title 47 versus Title 12. These patients are housed in the general population. We currently have 8 patients in API who are not restorable and not safe for the community. More discussions with the group for an aligned approach to come. DC Lasley will reach out to Matt Davidson about the House Bills and find out what we can release on language in the Bills affect API. More to come in regard to strategic planning for API.

Potential advocacy brought up by Elizabeth King for these types of patients. Brenda asked about mental health advocacy and has brought up their own questions about these bills. Brenda has asked Dr. Becker for some talking points to bring up to legislature. Mental Health Advocacy wants to make sure we are aligned with API.

### **Department/Project Spotlight**

Environment of Care report given by Randy Smith.

Improvements of the building. Projects, Operations and Compliance

Compliance improvement slide presented which included EOC rounding forms, went from 1 page to 6 pages with a color-coded format. Increased to every 2 weeks; Created tool management form for contractors and visitors doing work while on site at API; Improving Fire drill response and safety training.

Sprinkler/Riser signage posted for clarity; Reviewed and updated EOC forms.

Slide presented for 7 areas EOC rounding tool.

Compliance improvement slide showed Infection control response for biohazard; working with procurement to standardize project management.

Implemented O2 cylinder management with nursing and education.

Hired project assistant for EOC.

Operations slide presented with numerous training and tools we use.

Lighting fixtures were replaced and discussed during the GB.

**After discussion Elizabeth opened for questions:** No questions.

### **Strategic Planner**

Scott York presented strategic planner Denali Daniels to the GB.

She discussed the 7 strategies that is used for planning. Dates discussed for times to meet.

### **Employee Engagement Update:**

Dr. Oswald presented slides about employee engagement committee (EEC). Monthly kudos, certificates, employee of the month and hospital week in May 2023. Limitations for using our funds. Friends of API were discussed and ran our first fund raiser with valentine grams for February. This money will help support the food truck. 3K is needed for the fund raiser. Summer Lefebvre donated for the food truck.

Elizabeth loves the thought of fund raiser for May event. The Friends of API is a staff program and not part of the core leadership and the charter is being drafted currently.

## ***VII. Old Business:***

### **Capacity at API**

Scott York says capacity is 80. Census running at high as 76. Morris's settlement needs to be considered. Community expertes will cap us around 76-78. Challenges in staffing with covering with travelers.

The department is looking for nurse recruiter and to help seek nurses across the country.

Looking at different ideas to get open positions filled.

Opened for Discussion no questions. Kudos from Elizabeth King about capacity.

### **Forensic Restoration**

Dr. Becker presented slides on each department.

Psychology: Class study and introduced Dr. Mohrmann as new training director for AKPIC and students

New MHCIII started on Monday and will be helping with coverage in the hospital.

APLS Conference for criminal psychologists and bring back recent research and hopefully recruit for API.

OPCR/Jail Based Competency Restoration and API is still struggling to find an outpatient competency building.

Working with AKBH to co-lease a downtown area. Jail based competency waiting on MOU. Teamwork with the courts and community collaborations for streamlined processes.

Social Work: Mark Kraft retiring from 26 years of State service.

Restructuring: looking at barriers to discharge and continued work in progress

Vacancies and PSSs continue, and positions are posted.

Rehab: New music therapist hired; Recreational therapist 2 promoted

PT discussion due to increased medical needs of patients.

Clay and pottery program started.

Teaming with OSH and treatment malls and treatment provisions.

Opened for discussion: Elizabeth King acknowledged Mark Kraft resignation and his long tenure at API.

### **API GB Evaluation**

Tabled

### **API Performance Evaluation**

Tabled

### ***VIII.Public Comment:***

Malan Paquette discussed the sex offender registry and accuracy. Around 211 unaccounted sex offenders and wants to know that API is working with the sex offender registry. Encouraged staff be proactive in looking at their neighborhoods. API should look at their address to make sure that the correct address is being used appropriately.

### ***IX.Ad-hoc Committee Reports:***

None

### ***X.Executive Session:***

None required

### ***XI.QAPI Monthly Reports:***

#### **Regulatory Compliance**

Christy presented dashboard. Christy presented information on the Patient safety survey. The dashboard and survey will be posted on the share point site. New process of policies and GB to expect to start seeing more policies for review.

**After Discussion Elizabeth opened for questions: None.**

### ***XII.Executive Reports***

#### **CEO Report**

Scott York presented talking with CFO in developing 2 RFP's. External reporting done by NRI and external reporting will be sent out through other companies such as patient outcomes. 2<sup>nd</sup> is EMR service and hoping to have contract signed by end of month with Netsmart and Pyxis. Pharmacy consolidation presented. NASH healthcare will be coming up 1<sup>st</sup> part of April for feasibility study for pharmacy.

Scott presented slide on Emergency Preparedness and a full scale exercise in include surge on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be a cyber event and included State of Alaska and JBER and JMEPG.

**After Discussion Elizabeth opened for questions: Elizabeth King asked about pyxis company in contract with Netsmart. No RFP needed.**

### **CFO Report**

Jarmyn 253 filled positions. Total PCN count 322. Vacancy rate 21%. Retention rate for Feb is 91%.

**After Discussion, Elizabeth opened for questions: None.**

### **Medical Staff Report**

Dr. Long presented slide on staff updates. Leah Fortson being credentialed from University of Utah.

**Credentialing approved by GB.**

API is hosting 7<sup>th</sup> medical student. Goals include working with SDS on discharges and multiple developmentally delayed patients.

Dr. Long presented information on the new treatment plan process.

Working with strengthening relationships in community.

**After Discussion, Elizabeth opened for questions: None**

### **Nursing Report**

Promise Hagedon presented slides on nursing open positions with hiring challenges; nursing leadership has created additional assistant manager roles to support teams. Travel nurses continue to cover our needs.

Evaluations for staff have changed and is in Aspire. Challenges are the PCN are to the wrong supervisor.

Front line staff involvement in the process through Aspire.

Alaska Autism training resource for the staff has started.

### ***XIII. Adjourned:***

**Elizabeth King called for adjournment. It was seconded. There was no further discussion. Motion to adjourn was passed with unanimous consent at 3:58.**