

API GOVERNING BODY MINUTES



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Alaska Psychiatric Institute, 3700 Piper Street, Room 27C,
Anchorage, AK 99508
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DATE: January 28, 2025

START TIME: 1:30 PM

1:30PM: CALL TO ORDER

Mission & Vision Vice-Chair Elizabeth King

Introduction and roll call

Present:

Council Members

Elizabeth King, Vice Chair

Clinton Lasley, Chair, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Family and Community Services

Ann Ringstad, Secretary

Summer LeFebvre, Treasurer

Dr. Lisa Linquist

Esther Pitts

Tracy Dompeling, Director, Behavioral Health Division, Department of Health

(James Savage – Resigned)

Ex-Officio Voting members

Commissioner Kim Kovol, Department of Family and Community Services

Scott York, CEO, API

Dr. Robert Lawrence, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health

API Staff

Dr. Kristy Becker

Dr. Robert Long

Erica Steeves

Christy Winn

Karina Liranzo (added) 3/27/24/dl

Dolly Lamont

Marion Sweet, Division Director, Department of Family and Community Services

Review and approval of agenda

Motion to approve, moved by Summer Lefevre, seconded by Ann Ringstad, with the following changes: Update Erica Steeves' presentation to be presented in executive session. **

MISSION: *Providing compassionate health care to support Alaskans in living their best possible lives.*

VISION: *An Alaska where everyone receives the care they need, when they need it, without judgment.*

Motion to approve agenda made by Esther Pitts; seconded by Summer LeFevre. Approved unanimously.

Review and approval of minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from last meeting on 11.19.24 was moved by Dr. Linquist, seconded by Summer Lefevre. Minutes were approved by full vote.

1:35PM: Public Comment

None

Old Business

Budget/Financial Overview

Marion Sweet, Division Director, Department of Family and Community Services

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Overview for the Alaska Psychiatric Institute

Marian provided an analysis of the fiscal year 2025 budget for API, noting a decrease in the 2025 budget as compared to our amount of authority and our spend in fiscal year 2024. Key factors contributing to this reduction is our collections in Medicaid, slightly due to the Medicaid redetermination, in addition to that we are seeing a reduction in or Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funds. Reductions are also being seen in our collection of Designated Statutory Program Receipt Authority (STPR), which is the funding source within the State system that we use to collect our private insurance as well as pharmacy costs.

Discussed the impact of Medicaid redetermination on revenue collections. We anticipate collecting \$5.7 million in STPR funds by the end of this fiscal year. Additionally, we've observed a slight increase in our UGF funding authority due to salary increases for state employees, which are reflected in the funding sources.

Overall, from a budgetary perspective we are down \$3.4 million dollars in our various authority types. If we look at actual expenditures, expenditures decreased, in costs, with exception of services, the decrease that we see from July through January is a reduction in spend of \$3 million dollars. By end of the state fiscal year, we are looking at having a shortfall of just under \$3 million dollars, this is a variable that may change.

Discussed personal service spending, emphasizing the need to evaluate the necessity of unfilled positions. We currently have on average month to month around 72 unfilled positions and we are re-evaluating positions and wither we need to have them filled, and we are evaluating overtime usage regarding filled positions.

New hire Infection Control Nurse Jen Novobilski, RN

Scott York

Motion to approve the hire of Jen Novobilski, RN, for the API Infection Control Nurse position. Moved by Ann Ringstad, seconded by Esther Pitts - Approved by full vote.

New Business:

Recruitment Updates

DC Lasley

The recruitment process to fill Dr. Feick's position is underway and has been submitted to the Governor for review for the new Deputy Commissioner of Complex Care for the Department of Family and Community Services.

HB 73 and SB 76 - An Act relating to complex care residential homes

DC Lasley/Dr. Lawrence

The Department of Health (DOH) recently introduced HB 73 and SB 76 regarding complex care residential homes and facilities licensing as the first step to resolving adequate and appropriate housing for patients who are discharged from API and other mental health facilities. These bills establish a new care setting that will impact discharge processes, potentially changing outcomes when discharging individuals to various settings.

Chief Financial Officer Introduction

Scott York

Karina Liranzo will begin as the new Division Operations Manager/CFO on Monday, January 27th. The Governing Body expressed their gratitude to Kristan Hillstrom, the acting DOM, for her contributions.

2:30 pm – Executive Session

A motion was called to enter Executive Session by Summer Lefebvre, seconded by Esther Pitts for the purpose of discussing social drivers of health and quality improvement process issues.

2:41 pm - Executive Session ended

Bylaw Reviews

Elizabeth King

A review of the Bylaws is due, as the last update was two years ago. The board was asked to support the creation of a subcommittee for this review, with the goal of completing it by June 30 the end of the fiscal year. If the board approves, Elizabeth will propose a meeting schedule and provide an update at the next GB meeting. Elizabeth King, Ann Ringstad, and Clinton Lasley have agreed to participate.

Alaska Psychiatric Institute and Department of Corrections Collaboration

Scott York

Scott met with Travis Welch from DOC to discuss potential collaboration in evaluating facilities for space and modifications that could become available for API's use. Ongoing discussions and collaboration with DOC are continuing.

Regulatory Follow Up

Christine Winn

The follow-up discussion with GB is to confirm if they are okay with the data in the Monthly Operating Report (MOR) regarding calls to regulatory. If GB confirms that the data is fine, then Christie Winn will be okay with it. Scott York suggested that Elizabeth King with the board or one of our other board members would like to be available when the Joint Commission visits API.

Outpatient Commitments

Dr. Kristy Becker

Dr. Becker is working towards policy development and procedure development but also before she can come up with a policy or come up with a procedure, she needs to determine who would best be suited to be on this board.

3:06 PM: Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 25, 2025, 1:30 pm (Hybrid and In Person)

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