

Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

Roster

NAME	APPOINTED	REAPPOINTED	EXPIRES
Cooke, Christopher (Anchorage)			
Public	03/01/2017		03/01/2022
Derr, Laraine (Juneau)			
Public	10/19/2005	07/28/2015	03/01/2020
Easley, Paula (Anchorage)			
Public	03/28/2006	03/01/2013	03/01/2018
Michael, Mary Jane (Anchorage)			
Public	03/01/2009	03/01/2015	03/01/2020
Selby, Jerome (Kodiak)			
Public	01/23/2016		03/01/2019
Smith, Carlton (Anchorage)			
Public	01/19/2015		03/01/2019
Webb, Russell (Anchorage)			
Public	12/09/2010	03/01/2013	03/01/2018

Board Facts

Board: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

Board identification number: 166

Department: REVENUE

Authority: AS 47.30.011 & 016

Status: Active

Sunset date:

Requirements: Legislative Confirmation and Financial Disclosure

Prohibitions: A member appointed by the Governor may not be an officer or employee of the state; or within the 2 years preceding or during the member's term of office have an interest in, served on the governing board of, or been employed by an organization that has received, during that same period, money from the mental health trust income account under a grant or contract for services. A trustee may be appointed for no more than 2 consecutive 5-year terms, and is eligible for reappointment only after 1 year has intervened.

Term: 5 years

Chair: Board elects.

Description: The board consists of 7 members appointed by the Governor, based on ability in financial management, investment, land management, or in services for trust beneficiaries. The Governor makes appointments after considering a list of qualified candidates prepared by 6-person panel which is outlined in AS 47.30.016 (2). Board elects a presiding officer and other officers from its membership. Board employs a chief executive officer, selected by the board who is directly responsible to the board.

Function: The board works to administer the trust established under the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act of 1956. Preserve and protect the trust corpus under AS 37.14.009; coordinate with other state agencies involved with mental health service programs; submit an annual report to the Legislature, Governor, and the public. Submits a budget and proposed plan of implementation, no later than September 15 of each year, to the Governor and Legislative Budget and Audit Committee.

Special facts: Members of the board continue to serve until a successor is appointed and confirmed. A vacancy shall be filled within 60 days by appointment of the Governor for unexpired portion of term. The Governor may remove member only for cause, including incompetence, neglect of duty, misconduct in office, poor attendance, or lack of contribution to board's work. Four members is a quorum.

Compensation: Standard Travel and Per Diem Receive honorarium of \$200 per day.

Meetings: Meets quarterly.

Article 01. MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

Chapter 47.30 MENTAL HEALTH

Sec. 47.30.010. [Repealed, Sec. 7 ch 84 SLA 1981]. Repealed or Renumbered

Sec. 47.30.011. Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. (a) The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority is established as a public corporation of the state within the Department of Revenue.

(b) The purpose of the authority is to ensure an integrated comprehensive mental health program and to administer the office of the long term care ombudsman established in AS 47.62.010.

(c) The authority

(1) shall, as provided in AS 37.14.009, administer the trust established under the Alaska Mental Health Enabling Act of 1956;

(2) may sue and be sued;

(3) may retain the services of independent counsel when, in the judgment of the authority's board of trustees, independent counsel is needed;

(4) shall insure or indemnify and protect the board, a member of the board, or an agent or employee of the authority against financial loss and expense, including reasonable legal fees and costs, arising out of a claim, demand, suit, or judgment by reason of alleged negligence, alleged violation of civil rights, or alleged wrongful act resulting in death or bodily injury to a person or accidental damage to or destruction of property if the board member, agent, or employee, at the time of the occurrence, was acting under the direction of the authority within the course or scope of the duties of the board member, agent, or employee;

(5) shall exercise the powers granted to it under AS 37.14.041, subject to the limitations imposed by AS 37.14.045; and

(6) shall administer the office of the long term care ombudsman established in AS 47.62.010.

(d) The provisions of AS 44.62.330 - 44.62.630 do not apply to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.

Sec. 47.30.016. Board establishment, membership, quorum, fees, and expenses. (a) The authority shall be governed by its board of trustees.

(b) The board consists of seven members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature. The members appointed under this subsection shall be appointed

(1) based upon their ability in financial management and investment, in land management, or in services for the beneficiaries of the trust;

(2) after the governor has considered a list of persons prepared by a panel of six persons who are beneficiaries, or who are the guardians, family members, or representatives of beneficiaries; the panel shall consist of

(A) one person selected by the Alaska Mental Health Board established by AS 47.30.661;

(B) one person selected by the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education;

(C) one person selected by the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse established by AS 44.29.100;

(D) one person selected by the Alaska Commission on Aging established by AS 47.45.200;

(E) one person selected by the Alaska Native Health Board; and

(F) one person selected by the authority.

(c) A member of the board appointed by the governor under (b) of this section may not

(1) be an officer or employee of the state; or

(2) within the preceding two years or during the member's term of office have an interest in, served on the governing board of, or been employed by an organization that has received, during that same period, money from the mental health trust settlement income account under a grant or contract for services.

(d) A quorum of the board is four members.

(e) A member of the board is entitled to

(1) an honorarium of \$200 for each day or any part of a day spent at a meeting of the board, at a meeting of a subcommittee of the board, or as a representative of the board; and

(2) per diem and travel expenses authorized for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.