

## MEMO

**To:** Members, House Finance Committee  
c/o House Finance Co-Chairs Rep. Johnston and Rep. Foster  
**From:** Mike Abbott, CEO  
**Date:** February 5, 2020  
**Re:** Follow up to questions from the January 29 House Finance Committee meeting

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Members of the House Finance Committee:

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority provided an update to the committee on Wednesday, January 29. During our presentation, there were questions from members for which we pledged to provide responses.

- Rep. Josephson asked what entities hold the mortgages for the Trust's commercial real estate assets. The response varies by property:

Property	Lender
1111 Israel Rd. Tumwater, WA	CMFG Life Insurance Company
1973 N. Rulon White Blvd. Ogden, UT	Northrim Bank
2450/2500 Ridgpoint Dr. Austin, TX	Macquarie Investments US Inc., d/b/a Principal Commercial Capital
9601 Amber Glen Blvd. Austin, TX	State Farm
17319 San Pedro Ave. San Antonio, TX	John Hancock
2618 Commercial Dr. Anchorage, AK	Northrim Bank

- Rep. Johnston asked about our designated MHTAAR and recommended GF funding for IT/Telehealth improvements, inquiring specifically if the funds were associated with licensing. Trust MHTAAR funds for this item appear in the Governor's proposed Mental Health Budget, but the Trust recommended GF/MH match (\$63.0) does not.

The purpose of the IT/Telehealth budget item is to allow the DHSS Division of Senior and Disability Services (SDS) to continue its efforts to increase the number of telehealth assessments throughout Alaska. Combined with the \$38.1 in FY2021

MHTAAR funds, the \$63.0 GF/MH will allow SDS to maintain Telehealth activities including a position in SDS to establish and manage provider agreements, as well as provide authority for more outreach to establish new/additional provider agreements and increase the use of Telehealth technology (i.e. Zoom licenses and videoconferencing) across the state. The more SDS can continue increasing the use of Telehealth to conduct assessments, the more savings will be realized by the state through travel reductions. If the GF/MH funds are not restored there would not be personnel support to maintain the established telehealth systems and an increase in travel costs would be expected.

If the committee has additional questions, please feel free to contact our office.