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The Honorable Anna MacKinnon
Co-chair, Senate Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 516
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Senator MacKinnon:

The following information is provided in response to questions from the Senate Finance Committee on April 11, 2018 regarding House Bill 215:

- ***Is there additional language that we should consider adding to the bill to bolster the intent that the fees are in support of the public health services that generated them?***

The Division of Public Health believes there is sufficient language to make the intent clear. HB 215 grants the Department of Health and Social Services the authority to collect fees to support the administration of public health programs by adding the fees to AS 44.29.022. The bill also makes clear that the program receipts collected would be used to support public health operations by adding the fees to the list of designated general fund program receipts in AS 37.05.146. Current law in AS 37.05.144, allows that the legislature may appropriate program receipts "to administer the programs generating the program receipts, to implement the laws related to the functions generating the program receipts, or to cover costs associated with the collection of the program receipts." Further, AS 37.05.142 currently requires that the program receipts are maintained in a separate account by program source.

- ***The division testified that the state doesn't have jurisdiction over screening devices at airports. What is the verification process to ensure the safety of airport screening devices?***

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is responsible for the safety of its airport screening devices. The TSA's airport scanners are exempt from state inspections because they belong to a federal agency.

TSA now uses millimeter wave advanced imaging technology and walk-through metal detectors to screen passengers rather than the somewhat controversial X-ray based backscatter

full-body scanners. Millimeter wave advanced imaging technology eliminates the use of ionizing radiation and uses electromagnetic waves (in the spectral region between radio waves and infrared) to detect potential threats. Millimeter wave advanced imaging technology meets national and international health and safety standards. The energy emitted by millimeter wave technology is 1000 times less than the international health and safety limits.
(<https://www.tsa.gov/travel/frequently-asked-questions>).

➤ ***Please provide an update on how the SHARP health care loan repayment program is functioning.***

The purpose of SHARP (Supporting Healthcare Access through Loan Repayment Program) is to address the worsening shortage of certain health professionals in the state by increasing the number of and improving the distribution of healthcare professionals who provide direct patient care. SHARP provides repayment of qualifying education loans and/or payment of direct incentive in exchange for a commitment to provide care in rural and underserved areas for two to three years.

Since 2010, Alaska's SHARP Program has provided loan repayment and direct incentive payments for 254 healthcare practitioners. During state Fiscal Year 2017 there were 145 clinicians under contract during at least part of the year. At the end of the fourth quarter there were 61 active contracts. Enclosed is information on the contracts from inception-to-date as well as quantity of services provided for state Fiscal Year 2017.

SHARP has two components. SHARP I contracts are funded with a combination of federal funds, employer match, and Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. SHARP II, a state-funded option started in 2012, stopped issuing new contracts that require state undesignated general funds as a result of budget reductions. The statute that authorizes SHARP II (AS 18.29) sunsets June 30, 2019. A new option, SHARP III, which will not involve state UGF, is currently under development.

If you have additional questions about any of these topics, please contact me at 465-8617.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Lewis".

Jill Lewis
Deputy Director

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encl: SHARP status update April 2018

cc: Valerie Davidson, Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services
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Darwin Peterson, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor
The Honorable Representative Paul Seaton

TABLE: SHARP - ALL AGENCIES & SITE-TYPES TO-DATE ... (n=254 contracts)

Site - Original			HPSA Locations							
	Agency	Category	HPSC Code	Town	Region	Tribal	Type	Abbreviation	Component	
72										
1	Alaska Family Services	Behavioral	702170	Wasilla	Mat-Su	Non-Tribal	Non-profit	AK Fam Srv	SHARP-1	
1	Alaska Island Community Services	Medical	1029990261	Wrangell	Southeast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	AICS	SHARP-1	
1	Alaska Island Community Services	Dental	6029990237	Wrangell	Southeast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	AICS	SHARP-2	
1	Alaska Island Community Services	Behavioral	7029990257	Wrangell	Southeast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	AICS	SHARP-1	
1	Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	Medical	1029990275	Anchorage	Statewide	Tribal	Non-profit	ANTHC	SHARP-1	
1	Anchorage Community Mental Health Srv	Behavioral	7029990249	Anchorage	Anchorage	Non-tribal	Non-profit	ACMHS	SHARP-1	
1	Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center	Medical	1029990230	Anchorage	Anchorage	Non-tribal	Non-profit	ANHC	SHARP-1	
1	Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center	Dental	6029990206	Anchorage	Anchorage	Non-tribal	Non-profit	ANHC	SHARP-1	
1	Annette Island Service Unit	Medical	1029990291	Metlakatta	Southeast	Tribal	Public-Gov't	AISU	SHARP-1	
1	Annette Island Service Unit	Dental	602999024G	Metlakatta	Southeast	Tribal	Public-Gov't	AISU	SHARP-1	
1	Arctic Slope Native Association	Medical	10299902AJ	Barrow	Northern	Tribal	Non-profit	ASNA	SHARP-1	
1	Bethel Family Clinic	Medical	1029990245	Bethel	Southwest	Non-tribal	Non-profit	BFC	SHARP-1	
1	Bethel Family Clinic	Behavioral	7029990227	Bethel	Southwest	Non-tribal	Non-profit	BFC	SHARP-1	
1	Bristol Bay Area Health Corp	Medical	1029990282	Dillingham	Southwest	Tribal	Non-profit	BBAHC	SHARP-1	
1	Bristol Bay Area Health Corp	Dental	6029990233	Dillingham	Southwest	Tribal	Non-profit	BBAHC	SHARP-1	
1	Bristol Bay Area Health Corp	Behavioral	7029990238	Dillingham	Southwest	Tribal	Non-profit	BBAHC	SHARP-1	
1	Central Peninsula Hospital - BH Dept	Behavioral	7025623286	Soldotna	Gulf Coast	Non-Tribal	Non-profit	CPH-BH	SHARP-1	
1	Co-Occuring Disorders Institute	Behavioral	702170	Palmer	Mat-Su	Non-Tribal	Non-profit	CODI, Inc	SHARP-1	
1	Copper River Native Association	Behavioral	702261	Copper Ctr	Gulf Coast	Tribal	Non-profit	Copper River	SHARP-1	
1	Copper River Native Association	Medical	1029990281	Copper Ctr	Gulf Coast	Tribal	Non-profit	Copper River	SHARP-1	
1	Cordova Community Medical Center	Behavioral	702261	Cordova	Gulf Coast	Non-tribal	Public-Gov't	CDV-CMC	SHARP-2	
1	Cordova Community Medical Center	Medical	1029990299	Cordova	Gulf Coast	Non-tribal	Public-Gov't	CDV-CMC	SHARP-1	

1	Cross Road Medical Center	Medical	1029990263	Glennallen	Interior	Non-tribal	Non-profit	Cross Road	SHARP-1
1	Denali Family Services	Behavioral	702170	Wasilla	Mat-Su	Non-Tribal	Non-profit	DFS-Valley	SHARP-1
1	Department of Corrections	Medical	1023118553	Anchorage	Statewide	Non-tribal	Public-Gov't	DOC-Anch-CC	SHARP-1
1	Department of Corrections	Behavioral	7025327537	Seward	Gulf Coast	Non-Tribal	Public-Gov't	DOC-Spring Crk	SHARP-1
1	Div of Juvenile Justice - Bethel	Behavioral	7029990265	Bethel	Southwest	Non-tribal	Public-Gov't	DJJ-Bethel	SHARP-1
1	Eastern Aleutian Tribes	Dental	6029990216	Sand Point	Southwest	Tribal	Non-profit	EAT	SHARP-1
1	Frontier Community Services	Behavioral	7025623286	Soldotna	Gulf Coast	Non-Tribal	Non-profit	Frontier Com Sv	SHARP-1
1	Iliuliuk Family & Health Services	Medical	1029990235	Unalaska	Southwest	Non-tribal	Non-profit	Iliuliuk	SHARP-1
1	Iliuliuk Family & Health Services	Behavioral	7029990232	Unalaska	Southwest	Non-tribal	Non-profit	Iliuliuk	SHARP-1
1	Interior Community Health Center	Dental	6029990215	Fairbanks	Interior	Non-tribal	Non-profit	ICHC	SHARP-1
1	Interior Community Health Center	Behavioral	7029990234	Fairbanks	Interior	Non-tribal	Non-profit	ICHC	SHARP-1
1	Ketchikan Indian Community - Clinic	Medical	1029990290	Ketchikan	Southeast	Tribal	Non-profit	KIC	SHARP-1
1	Ketchikan Indian Community	Behavioral	7029990269	Saxman	Southeast	Tribal	Non-profit	KIC-BH	SHARP-1
1	Kodiak Community Health Center	Medical	1029990265	Kodiak	Gulf Coast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	KCHC	SHARP-2
1	Lynn Canal Counseling Services [SEARHC]	Behavioral	702100	Haines	Southeast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	LCCS	SHARP-1
1	Maniilaq Association	Medical	1029990254	Kotzebue	Northern	Tribal	Non-profit	Maniilaq	SHARP-1
1	Maniilaq Association	Behavioral	7029990250	Kotzebue	Northern	Tribal	Non-profit	Maniilaq	SHARP-1
1	Mat-Su Health Services	Medical	1029990267	Wasilla	Mat-Su	Non-tribal	Non-profit	Mat-Su	SHARP-1
1	Mat-Su Health Services	Behavioral	7029990261	Wasilla	Mat-Su	Non-tribal	Non-profit	Mat-Su	SHARP-2
1	North Slope Borough, Health Dept	Behavioral	702185	Barrow	Northern	Non-tribal	Public-Gov't	NSB-Health	SHARP-1
1	Norton Sound Health Corporation	Medical	1029990232	Nome	Northern	Tribal	Non-profit	NSHC	SHARP-1
1	PeaceHealth	Behavioral	702999026A	Ketchikan	Southeast	Non-Tribal	Non-profit	PeaceHealth	SHARP-1
1	PeaceHealth - Ketchikan	Medical	102198	Craig	Southeast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	PeaceHealth	SHARP-1
1	Peninsula Community Health Services	Medical	1029990260	Soldotna	Gulf Coast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	PCHSA	SHARP-1
1	Peninsula Community Health Services	Dental	6029990236	Kenai	Gulf Coast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	PCHSA	SHARP-1
1	Peninsula Community Health Services	Behavioral	7029990256	Soldotna	Gulf Coast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	PCHSA	SHARP-1

1	Petersburg Mental Health Services	Behavioral	702999026A	Petersburg	Southeast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	PMHS	SHARP-1
1	Providence - Valdez	Behavioral	702261	Valdez	Gulf Coast	Non-Tribal	Non-profit	Prov-Valdez	SHARP-1
1	Providence Health Systems	Behavioral	702170	Palmer	Mat-Su	Non-Tribal	Non-profit	Prov-Mat-Su	SHARP-1
1	Railbelt Mental Health & Addictions	Behavioral	702068	Healy	Interior	Non-tribal	Non-profit	Railbelt	SHARP-1
1	Residential Youth Care	Behavioral	702999026A	Ketchikan	Southeast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	RYC	SHARP-1
1	Seldovia Village Tribe Health Center	Medical	1029990241	Seldovia (+)	Gulf Coast	Tribal	Non-profit	SVT	SHARP-1
1	Seward Community Health Center	Medical	102999020B	Seward	Gulf Coast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	Seward	SHARP-1
1	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortium	Medical	1029990227	Juneau	Southeast	Tribal	Non-profit	SEARHC	SHARP-1
1	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortium	Dental	6029990247	Sitka	Southeast	Tribal	Non-profit	SEARHC	SHARP-1
1	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortium	Behavioral	7029990262	Juneau	Southeast	Tribal	Non-profit	SEARHC	SHARP-1
1	Southcentral Foundation	Medical	1029990256	Anchorage	Anchorage	Tribal	Non-profit	SCF	SHARP-1
1	Southcentral Foundation	Dental	6029990232	Anchorage	Anchorage	Tribal	Non-profit	SCF	SHARP-1
1	Southcentral Foundation	Medical	10299902AG	Wasilla	Mat-Su	Tribal	Non-profit	SCF	SHARP-1
1	Southcentral Foundation	Behavioral	702999026G	Wasilla	Mat-Su	Tribal	Non-profit	SCF	SHARP-1
1	Sunshine Community Health Center	Medical	1029990236	Talkeetna (+)	Mat-Su	Non-tribal	Non-profit	Sunshine	SHARP-1
1	Sunshine Community Health Center	Dental	6029990214	Talkeetna (+)	Mat-Su	Non-tribal	Non-profit	Sunshine	SHARP-1
1	Sunshine Community Health Center	Behavioral	7029990233	Talkeetna	Mat-Su	Non-Tribal	Non-profit	Sunshine	SHARP-1
1	Tanana Chiefs Conference	Medical	1029990284	Fairbanks	Interior	Tribal	Non-profit	TCC	SHARP-1
1	Tanana Chiefs Conference	Behavioral	702999020H	Tok	Interior	Tribal	Non-profit	TCC	SHARP-1
1	Tok Area Counseling Center [now TCC]	Behavioral	702240	Tok	Interior	Non-tribal	Non-profit	TACC	SHARP-1
1	Whale Tail Pharmacy	Medical	102198	Craig	Southeast	Non-tribal	For-profit	Whale Tail	SHARP-2
1	Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation	Medical	1029990243	Bethel	Southwest	Tribal	Non-profit	YKHC	SHARP-1
1	Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation	Dental	6029990210	Bethel	Southwest	Tribal	Non-profit	YKHC	SHARP-1
1	Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation	Behavioral	7029990229	Bethel	Southwest	Tribal	Non-profit	YKHC	SHARP-1

Site - Original		NOT in HPSA							
11	Agency - Initial	Category	HPSA Code	Town	Region	Tribal	Agency Type	Abbrev.	Component
1	Alaska Center for Pediatrics	Medical	Not HPSA	Anchorage	Anchorage	Non-tribal	For-profit	AK Ctr Peds	SHARP-2
1	Alaska Psychiatric Institute	Behavioral	Not HPSA	Anchorage	Statewide	Non-tribal	Public-Gov't	API	SHARP-2
1	Bartlett Regional Hospital	Medical	Not HPSA	Juneau	Southeast	Non-tribal	Public-Gov't	BRH	SHARP-2
1	Catholic Community Services	Behavioral	Not HPSA	Juneau	Southeast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	CCS	SHARP-2
1	Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc.	Behavioral	Not HPSA	Juneau	Southeast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	JAMHI	SHARP-2
1	PeaceHealth - Ketchikan	Medical	Not HPSA	Ketchikan	Southeast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	PeaceHealth	SHARP-2
1	Petersburg Medical Center	Medical	Not HPSA	Petersburg	Southeast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	PMC	SHARP-2
1	Providence Health and Services - Kodiak	Medical	Not HPSA	Kodiak	Gulf Coast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	Prov-Kodiak	SHARP-2
1	Providence Health and Services - Valdez	Medical	Not HPSA	Valdez	Gulf Coast	Non-tribal	Public-Gov't	Prov-Valdez	SHARP-2
1	Providence Physicians Service Organizaiton	Behavioral	Not HPSA	Anchorage	Statewide	Non-tribal	Non-profit	Prov-Anch	SHARP-2
1	South Peninsula Hospital - Clinics	Medical	Not HPSA	Homer	Gulf Coast	Non-tribal	Non-profit	SPH	SHARP-2

Alaska's SHARP Program - All Contracts To-Date					
Region	Degree of Rurality				Totals
	Frontier	Rural	Suburban	Urban	Statewide
Anchorage				34	34
Gulf Coast	9	23			32
Interior	5	3		11	19
Mat-Su		9	22		31
Northern	19				19
Southeast	44	11			55
Southwest	48				48
Statewide				5	11
Grand Totals	125	46	22	50	254
Percentages	49%	18%	9%	20%	4%
Sub-Totals		67%		28%	4%
7/25/2017					

Alaska's SHARP Program - All Contracts To-Date				
<u>Discipline</u>	Occupation Category			9/20/17
	Behavioral	Dental	Medical	Totals
Counselor	25			25
Dental Hygienist		9		9
Dentist		28		28
Marriage & Family	1			1
Nurse (RN)	1		17	18
Nurse Midwife			2	2
Nurse Practitioner	6		22	28
Pharmacist			19	19
Physical Therapist			4	4
Physician	13		52	65
Physician Assistant	3		18	21
Psychologist	9			9
Social Worker	25			25
Grand Total	83	37	134	254
Percentage	33%	15%	53%	

ALASKA'S SHARP PROGRAM

Table-2: CY 2017 - PRODUCTIVITY DATA - by OCCUPATION CATEGORY

(Data from Quarterly Work Reports - 4/11/18)

CLINICIANS - Count	<u>Qtr-1</u>	<u>Qtr-2</u>	<u>Qtr-3</u>	<u>Qtr-4</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Behavioral	26	28	28	27	n/a
Dental	7	7	6	5	n/a
Medical	29	35	29	25	n/a
Sub-Total	62	70	63	57	n/a
Pharmacy	6	8	4	4	n/a
Grand Total	68	78	67	61	n/a
CLINICIANS - FTE	<u>Qtr-1</u>	<u>Qtr-2</u>	<u>Qtr-3</u>	<u>Qtr-4</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Behavioral	24.5	26.5	26.5	25.0	n/a
Dental	6.0	6.5	5.5	4.5	n/a
Medical	25.0	31.5	25.5	22.5	n/a
Sub-Total	55.5	64.5	57.5	52.0	n/a
Pharmacy	6.0	8.0	4.0	4.0	n/a
Grand Total	61.5	72.5	61.5	56.0	n/a
PATIENTS SEEN	<u>Qtr-1</u>	<u>Qtr-2</u>	<u>Qtr-3</u>	<u>Qtr-4</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Behavioral	2,307	2,505	2,609	2,376	9,797
Dental	1,932	1,732	1,657	1,349	6,670
Medical	6,297	10,642	9,005	7,003	32,947
Sub-Total	10,536	14,879	13,271	10,728	49,414
Pharmacy	5,270	7,582	3,598	5,412	21,862
Grand Total	15,806	22,461	16,869	16,140	71,276
CARE-VISITS	<u>Qtr-1</u>	<u>Qtr-2</u>	<u>Qtr-3</u>	<u>Qtr-4</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Behavioral	6,351	8,484	8,478	8,373	31,686
Dental	3,200	2,909	3,209	2,530	11,848
Medical	8,929	16,387	15,182	12,102	52,600
Sub-Total	18,480	27,780	26,869	23,005	96,134
Pharmacy	4,611	9,330	7,722	8,550	30,213
Grand Total	23,091	37,110	34,591	31,555	126,347
PRECRPTIONS FILLED	<u>Qtr-1</u>	<u>Qtr-2</u>	<u>Qtr-3</u>	<u>Qtr-4</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Behavioral	-	-	-	-	-
Dental	-	-	-	-	-
Medical	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-Total	-	-	-	-	-
Pharmacy	12,014	24,324	9,624	19,111	65,073
Grand Total	12,014	24,324	9,624	19,111	65,073