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FY2020 Operating Budget Overview:
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Alaska Psychiatric Institute
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Alaska Psychiatric Institute FY2020 Operating Budget: Change Summary

	FY2019 Management Plan	FY2020 Governor Amended	March 27 Amendments	Difference	% of Change
UGF	\$9,049.4	\$7,313.4	\$4,700.6	\$2,964.6	33%
DGF	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	0%
Other	\$27,706.1	\$26,342.1	\$5,318.0	\$3,954.0	14%
Federal	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	0%
Total Budget	\$36,755.5	\$33,655.5	\$10,018.6	\$6,918.6	19%

- To ensure the safety of staff and patients
- To bring the hospital into rapid compliance with regulatory authorities
- To prepare the facility to increase its bed capacity to 80 beds
- Reverse (\$3,100.0) multi-year operational costs for 20 Nurse PCN's for Acute Mental Health Services (SB142 FY18-FY19)
- Amendment adding \$10,018.6 (\$4,700.6 GF/MH, \$5,318.0 SDPR) in funding will provide support to the Alaska Psychiatric Hospital to ensure the health and safety of all patients and staff



Alaska Psychiatric Institute Capacity

- API is an 80 bed hospital with 5 distinct units
 - Two adult acute units:
 - Katmai (24 beds)
 - Susitna (26 beds)
 - One adolescent unit:
 - Chilkat (10 beds)
 - One longer term unit for more complex patients:
 - Denali (10 beds)
 - One “forensic” unit for patients in restorative care for competency to stand trial:
 - Taku (10 beds)
- The hospital currently has a capacity of 30 patients due primarily to:
 - Staffing
 - Ongoing renovation in order to meet Joint Commission standards.

Alaska Psychiatric Institute Staffing

- API has struggled with recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals from almost every necessary licensure group (i.e. nurses, doctors, Licensed Independent Practitioners, mental health clinicians, psychologists, etc.)
- In the last two weeks we have had significant improvement with psychiatrists:
 - We currently have seven psychiatrists employed or on contract. This is more than we have had at one time in the last twelve months.
 - In addition, there are three Licensed Independent Practitioners on staff.

Alaska Psychiatric Institute Regulatory Oversight

- API has had recent and significant progress on its safety and compliance issues:
 - The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has accepted all Plans of Correction and extended certification.
 - The Joint Commission, as of April 2nd has fully accredited API and recommended to CMS that we retain our certification.
- All findings have currently accepted Plans of Correction.
- The Department has responded to the recent Ombudsman Report and is working with them to address their concerns.
- API has responded to the OSHA findings and began to address their issues.

Alaska Psychiatric Institute Future

- API has a plan in place to rapidly reduce the forensics population in Department of Corrections waiting for evaluation.
- \$150,000 grant from the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to clear competency backlog.
- The hospital has a plan to increase capacity by at least ten beds by the end of April.
- We continue to recruit for State positions and have recently hired a CEO (start date April 22) and a Director of Nursing.

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