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To: Members, House Finance Committee

From: Steve Williams, CEO

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Re: Follow up to February 6, 2023 Presentation

On behalf of the Trust, thank you for the opportunity to present before the House Finance Committee and to provide an update on the Trust's financial position and work on behalf of beneficiaries.

Below you will find responses to questions posed by the committee for which we pledged to provide follow up information.

1) How many of seats on the seven-member board of trustees will be up for appointment/reappointment in 2024? (Rep. Hannan)

Of the seven seats, two are up in 2024, and both incumbents are eligible for re-appointment. As shared during the presentation, the five-year terms for trustees are staggered to avoid significant turnover in any given year.

2) Please provide data illustrating the number of response calls for mobile crisis teams currently operating in the state. (Rep. Johnson)

Mobile crisis response teams are currently operating in both Fairbanks and Anchorage, though they will soon begin operating in the Mat-Su.

Below is a table with data from calendar year 2022 from the Fairbanks teams, operated by Alaska Behavioral Health, and Anchorage teams, operated by the Anchorage Fire Department.

	Total # of mobile	Resolved in the	Resulting in	Resulting in a police
City	crisis team	Community	transport to a	transport
	deployments, 2022		hospital	
Fairbanks	708	89%	9%	2%
Anchorage	1,918	87%	11%	2%

3) Please share data illustrating outcomes of the Crisis Now model implementation in Phoenix, AZ. (Rep. Galvin)

In Phoenix, Arizona, where the nationally recognized Crisis Now model was first applied, there have been significant changes in how first responders and the system of care respond to individuals in crisis. Data

from 2016, the first year the model was fully functioning in the Phoenix, pop. 4 million, resulted in the following outcomes:

- 37 FTE police officers engaged in public safety instead of mental health transports/security
- A reduction of 45 cumulative years of psychiatric boarding, aka waiting in the ER
- Reduced potential state acute care inpatient expense by \$260M

Source: RI International, crisisnow.com

The table below represents 2022 data from Maricopa County, AZ (Phoenix)

Total # of mobile crisis	Resolved in the	Resulting in transport to	Resulting in a police
team deployments	Community	a crisis stabilization	transport
		center	
27,446	74%	24%	1%

Please reach out to our offices if you have additional questions, or require additional information.