

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
JOINT MEETING  
HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
STANDING COMMITTEE  
HOUSE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

February 6, 2003

3:02 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

Representative Peggy Wilson, Chair  
Representative Carl Gatto, Vice Chair  
Representative Cheryll Heinze  
Representative Paul Seaton  
Representative Kelly Wolf  
Representative Sharon Cissna  
Representative Mary Kapsner

HOUSE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Representative Peggy Wilson  
Representative Sharon Cissna

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE

All members present

HOUSE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Representative Mike Hawker, Chair  
Representative Mike Chenault  
Representative John Coghill  
Representative Bruce Weyhrauch  
Representative Reggie Joule

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

OVERVIEW: DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL  
DISABILITIES

UPDATE: MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

**TAPES**

03-09, SIDE(S) A  
03-10, SIDE(S) B

**CHAIR PEGGY WILSON** convened the joint meeting of the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee and the House Finance Subcommittee on Health and Social Services at 3:02 p.m. Present at the call to order from the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee were Representatives Wilson, Gatto, Heinze, Seaton, and Cissna. Representatives Kapsner and Wolf arrived as the meeting was in progress. Present at the call to order from the House Finance Subcommittee on Health and Social Services were Representatives Wilson and Cissna.

### **SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

#### OVERVIEW: DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

SARAH BRINKLEY, Acting Director, Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Social Services, was introduced.

LEONARD ABEL, Ph.D., Mental Health Services Program Administrator, Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Social Services, explained the hierarchy of the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Abel also gave a program summary of the Alaska Community Mental Health Services. Dr. Abel answered questions from the committee members.

DAVID MALTMAN, Developmental Disabilities Program Administrator, Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Social Services, presented a fact sheet on the Developmental Disabilities program. Mr. Maltman also answered questions from the committee members.

RANDALL BURNS, Director, Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API), Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Social Services, presented the strategic plan for API for 2003-2004 including a history and overview of API. Mr. Burns also responded to questions from the committee members.

DAN WEIGMAN, Director, Quality Assurance, Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Social Services, presented an overview on the safety and quality

assurance section of the division. Mr. Weigman also answered questions from the committee members.

UPDATE: ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

JEFF JESSEE, Executive Director, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, gave a history of the Mental Health Trust lands and a brief overview of where they are today. Mr. Jessee answered questions from the committee members.

PHIL YOUNKER, Chair, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees, gave an overview of the land and resources of the trust and answered questions from the committee members.

NELSON PAGE, Esq., Trustee and Chair, Budget Committee, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, gave a report on the major accomplishments of the trust and a general overview. Mr. Page answered questions from the committee members.

BOB TAYLOR, Ph.D., Acting Executive Director, Alaska Commission on Aging, gave a brief overview to the committee and answered questions from the committee members.

RICHARD RAINERY, Executive Director, Alaska Mental Health Board, Office of the Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services, gave a brief overview to the committee and answered questions from the committee members.

PAM WATTS, Director, Governor's Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, Office of the Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services, gave a brief overview to the committee and answered questions from the committee members.

MILLIE RYAN, Executive Director, Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, Office of the Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services, gave a brief overview to the committee and answered questions from the committee members.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

The committee took no action.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committees, the joint meeting between the House Health, Education and Social Services Standing Committee and the House Finance Subcommittee on Health and Social Services was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

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