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State Of Alaska  
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Kenai LIO  
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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3/19/07 \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank You,

\_\_\_\_\_ Kenai LIO \_\_\_\_\_

Testimony of Larry Semmens, Finance Director City of Kenai, 3/17/07 to the House Finance Committee

I am a member of the ARMB, but I am not speaking for the ARMB.

My comments are regarding PERS and it is my understanding that the CS for HB 95 or 96 includes language pertaining to PERS, but I have not actually been able to find this in these bills. So I apologize if these bills do not actually address PERS.

1. A cost sharing plan will address many issues facing the plan, but by itself does nothing to address the unfunded liability. We need to put more money in the system to address the unfunded liability.
2. Apparently the proposal being considered would reduce the Governor's budget by \$114 million. Please recognize that more money needs to go into the systems, not less. This \$114 million, along with much much more needs to be put in the systems to pay down the unfunded liability. Consider a policy that would put 1/3 of any budget surplus toward paying down the liability.
3. I understand that the PERS proposal is that member employers would pay 22% of total payroll and the State would pick up the balance to get to a 32.51% rate for FY2008. 22% is the right place for municipalities. The question is what happens when the rate goes up, which it will because we have not paid in the actuarially required amounts and the experience study changed assumptions which will increase the rate. I expect the rate to be around 42% for FY2009. If employer rates increase at a 2/3 share of the rate increase, the resulting rate will be close to 30% and will be very difficult for many municipalities to pay. If you cap the employer rate at 22% in this bill, most municipalities will be able to handle their PERS obligation.
4. A cost sharing plan is the right thing to do, but it does make it much easier for an employer to manipulate their PERS contribution such that other members would pay a larger share of this entities unfunded liability. Consider what will happen when an employer contracts out or sells a part of their operation. Salary would drop and the PERS contribution along with it. Establishing a baseline payroll amount for each employer and requiring the PERS contribution to be made on the larger of the baseline or the actual salary would mitigate manipulation of the contribution.
5. Thank you for working on the pension challenges. Please put more money in the systems so that our grandchildren will not be burdened with paying for pension benefits that we promised their grandparents decades ago.





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Thank you.

Tok LIO

*Jan Jackson*  
TOK LIO

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*2 written testimonials*

My name is Suzette Tixier and  
I have lived in rural Alaska for 17 yrs.

It seems the most consistent  
falsety of politicians is to make promises that  
not only will they conveniently avoid  
keeping but that they instead flagrantly  
abuse!

Gov. Palin's platform consistently  
evoked "Jobs for Alaskans"

She has only been in office for 3  
months and we in TOK Alaska are  
losing a job. Ironically, this job is our  
employment center. In one fell swoop  
we lose this Alaskan's job and  
hundreds of others that this employee  
would have placed in jobs.

Our job center is a means for  
local rural Alaskans to come in and  
get expert help in finding locals and  
state jobs.

Tok's rural environment has no  
public internet service, so therefore no  
avail ability for those without internet  
service to log on to jobs in Alaska.

Rural communities are often  
populated with people who could use  
professional help in filing resumes and  
searching for jobs on line.

Removing our job center will  
cripple our community.

Many jobs will be lost to Alaskans  
by Mrs. Kozlowski's removal.

Suzette Tixier  
3/17/07

**From:** Governor Sarah Palin  
**To:** judybooty003@yahoo.com  
**Date:** Monday, March 12, 2007 2:00:17 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Budget

Thank you for writing to Alaska Governor Sarah Palin. The concerns, opinions, and/or information you have sent are important and valuable to the Governor. Although she is unable to respond to each and every email herself, your message has been received and is being reviewed by the appropriate staff person in this office who can best address your need, suggestion, or comment.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** WebMail@gov.state.ak.us [mailto:WebMail@gov.state.ak.us]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 11, 2007 7:36 PM  
**To:** governor@gov.state.ak.us  
**Subject:** Budget

Web mail from: Ms. Judy Komorowski  
address: PO Box 58 Tok AK 99780

MESSAGE:

Dear Governor Palin,

My name is Judy Komorowski and I have been a Tok resident since 1997. I'm from the east coast (western Mass) originally. My father was a State Trooper until retirement. I grew up surrounded by politics and corruption. I remember my father arguing with Governor Dukakis (at that time) about regional issues. I have seen and dealt with many different parts of the political spectrum. I am one of those people that chose to live in Tok. I believe it is a good community, and is as far as I can get from political/government intrusion, without living in the bush.

You came to Tok during your political campaigning. Upon your arrival and subsequent speech, you told us you would not forget/leave out the rural communities if you were elected. I believe this in part helped you get the support of this area. Please Ma'am honor your word. I mean you no disrespect. I believe you may be the one, to lead by example, and show that Alaskans value honor and respect. And in so doing, help others (Governors, Legislatures, etc) to understand what is important to Alaskans and the nation as a whole. You never know. These values might help ensure your seat in the next Governor's election.

I am writing this letter to beg of you and the legislature to reassess the closure of the Tok Employment center. It is a vital resource to this area. Not just to the Tok community, but also as far reaching as Eagle to the Canadian border, to Dot Lake and half way to Glenallen. The majority of the

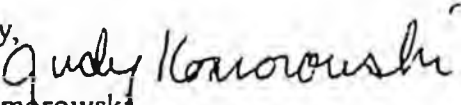
people in these areas are financially distressed. Many children living in these areas only chance of a decent meal is at school, or because of the summer tourist trade. In these areas most people use the Tok

Employment center because it is their only resource for employment to survive, enables them to feed themselves and their families, to become productive citizens, to be self sustaining and helps give them hope for a better future. Many have a hard time just getting to Tok to use this vital resource, never mind them having to travel to Delta Junction, or worse yet to Fairbanks.

I have used the Tok Employment center numerous times during winter and summer. I own ten acres of land, five miles out of Tok. I do not have a computer. I use a generator for power. Without the resource center in Tok with the computers and woman/employee to help, I would not have been able to gain employment to survive and be self sustaining. This spring I will be using the Tok Employment center in a different capacity. I am starting my own business and will use this valuable resource as a way to hire help, when needed, for my business venture.

Please help. If you need to make cuts to the state budget, why not start with the fat/excess that Juneau is known for. Instead of taking from the poor, who need the help the most.  
Thank You.

Sincerely,

  
Judy Komorowski  
PO Box 58  
Tok, Ak 99780

written this day of March, 11 2007

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the \_\_ House Finance Committee\_\_

on \_\_\_\_\_ HB96 \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_ 3/17/07 \_\_\_\_\_.

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to thank you for your support for the new budget increment for Peer Operated Services. This is a vital category in an overall recovery based, preventative behavioral health system.

I am also writing about Soteria House, a new project, which the AK Mental Health Trust is supporting, to open a non-medication based alternative to mental health hospitalization in Anchorage. It will use a dignified, home like environment and peer support to stabilize residents and move them on to happy healthy lives in the community. Soteria House has the dedicated board and staff, grassroots support from Alaska and nationwide, and now it needs funding of \$220,000. on the state budget to open it's doors. It's hard to describe what a difference this could make for many people who are newly diagnosed with symptoms of serious mental illness, to keep them from being over medicated and consequently cycling in and out of the hospital for most of their lives. There are a handful of Soteria House models all over the world, and they have excellent outcomes when compared to conventional psychiatric hospitalization.

Please consider this innovative project. It will create a major paradigm shift in the thinking and care available, for individuals recovering from mental illness.

Thank you so much for your time,  
Eliza Eller  
Chair, Alaska Consumers Consortium  
And founding resident of Ionia, Inc.

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Thank you.

*Cara Brannon*  
Dillingham LIO

Testimony to the Legislature in support of funding for the University of Alaska

PO Box 1235

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March 17, 2007

My name is Gina Pope, and I am representing the students at large in the Bristol Bay Region. I also sit as a chair on the Bristol Bay Campus Council and have a seat on the College of Rural and Community Development.

I started out as a student while living in Nondalton, finished my 2<sup>nd</sup> year and 4<sup>th</sup> year degrees in Kokhanok, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Bachelor degree while living in Nondalton. I currently hold a Master's degree and have a current Type C teaching certificate with the State of Alaska.

I work and live 137 miles from where I grew up. This is significant because I am one of many people across rural Alaska who are able to gain skills and employment through the University of Alaska's degree programs, while still contributing to the area. This is essential in building the economic base of the region.

The far-reaching effect of the University across Alaska plays an integral part of giving local people leadership skills and in obtaining training certificates and degrees to assure that people qualify for employment and can continue to live in our culturally rich region. Our local campus averages an enrollment of 530 students per semester.

For these reasons, I am asking that the Finance Committee support the University of Alaska colleges in general as well as the rural campuses, and thank you.

James Garhart  
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Wasilla, Alaska  
99687  
Ph. 907-746-2828

Written testimony to Budget Committee 3/17/2007

It is my appreciation of the theatre of the absurd that draws me here today. The fact that you allow us, your employers, to give you our input leaves me almost speechless. That is just as well because we are only granted two minutes to give our input on your 75 page budget proposal.

I will use my 120 seconds to talk overall budget thoughts. Three point four billion dollar general fund budget, fine, O.K., sounds good, whatever.

By the way, any amount over last year, inflation adjusted, is an increase and not, repeat, NOT a cut.

If by the end of the 2008 session you legislators do not have a longrange fiscal plan in place, a serious proposal to achieve a forward funded general fund budget, and have not addressed what I consider as the fraud of the Permanent Fund NET dividend, then all legislators, but especially those in leadership or on budget committees, should be replaced.

To be clear on the Permanent Fund I will use FY2006 as an example. While the amount paid out in dividend checks into the right pocket was \$688.6 million, the amount taken in from the sale of dividend recipient owned resources and withheld from the left pocket was \$601.1 million. This resulted in a NET return of \$87.5 million, exactly 1/4 of 1% of \$35 Billion. An approximate NET return of 1/4 of 1% on a fund earning over 11% is disgraceful.

In honor of the Ididarod I chose to be a dog in todays dog and pony show so now I will replace my muzzle and temporarily quit barking.



# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HOUSE BUDGET FINANCE  
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Committee on CS FOR HB 95, dated 3/17/07  
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SEE ATTACHED

Signed:

*James Garhart*

JAMES GARHART

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The following is written public testimony submitted at Saturdays budget hearing.

Fairbanks LIO

Last page is a signature pg. ending w/ name Jane Simmons

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# Fairbanks North Star Borough

Health & Social Services Commission

520 Fifth Ave. PO Box 71267 Fairbanks, Alaska 99707-1267 (907) 459-1474 FAX (907) 459-1280

## MEMORANDUM

To: House Finance Committee  
From: Cheryl Keepers, Administrator for the  
Health & Social Services Commission  
Date: March 17, 2007  
Subject: Human Services Community Matching Grant in HB 95

Thank you for restoring funding to the Human Services Community Matching Grant.

These state dollars are matched with Borough funds and allocated to non-profit agencies in our community to provide essential human services. As a second class borough, this is the only mechanism our Borough has to address health and social service needs. This grant plays a critical role in the over-all well being of our community.

In the fiscal year most recently ended, the FNSB received \$242,650 from the State. When combined with the Borough match, project income, other funds and in-kind contributions, the total value to the community exceeded \$4.6 million – a multiplier of 18 times the original amount.

Concerns have been voiced regarding the accountability for these funds at the local level. We take the issue of accountability quite seriously. The FNSB Health & Social Services Commission allocates the funds through a competitive process. Applicants must document needs, targeted outcomes, methodology, budget, and how they will measure results. Applicants must also document their organizational capacity to manage and account for the funds.

Local grant recipients report on services provided and outcomes reached on a quarterly basis. They are monitored on-site by members of the Health & Social Services Commission. The Borough, in turn, provides quarterly reports to the State Department of Health and Social Services. We also respond to any questions or requests for information the Department might have.

To keep these comments within the allotted time, I will provide the committee with a more complete written description of the Boroughs' accountability measures as well as a community impact summary that highlights the services provided in the prior fiscal year.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to speak today, and thank you for your support.



# Fairbanks North Star Borough

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March 16, 2007

Representatives Mike Chenault, Co-Chair  
Representative Kevin Meyer, Co-Chair  
House Finance Committee  
State Capitol  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representatives Chenault and Meyer,

First, thank you for restoring funding to the Human Services Community Matching Grant. This program allows our community's non-profits to provide necessary services in a very efficient and cost effective manner.

Second, during the subcommittee discussions, the issue of accountability for those funds was raised. The Fairbanks North Star Borough shares this concern, given that FNSB public funds are also being used.

Here are the steps we follow to ensure that accountability:

Agencies wishing to receive HSCMG funds must submit proposals in response to an RFP issued by the Borough. The proposals must document all of the following:

- o Agency eligibility (501(c)3 status)
- o That the proposed use meets the statutory definition of essential human services
- o Need for services
- o Expected outcomes
- o Methodology they will follow to produce those outcomes
- o Expenses and income: budgets and budget narratives that show both the HSCMG funds and any other funds / in-kind that will be used to produce the outcomes
- o Evaluation plan, tools and prior year results
- o How the evaluation results are used
- o Management and organizational capacity
- o Job descriptions and resumes of project personnel and key management and fiscal personnel.
- o Board composition, training, and involvement in the agency.

The Health & Social Services Commission, a 9 member public body, reads and scores each proposal. Commissioners complete a detailed scoring rubric for

every proposal and scores are averaged. The scoring process provides an opportunity for Commissioners to ask clarifying questions of the agencies, and scoring is done at a public meeting.

Funds are allocated on the basis of the scores, starting with the highest score and working through the list until funds are exhausted. There is a minimum score to receive funds. Each applicant is limited to \$50,000. The number of proposals funded depends on total funds (70% from the state, 30% from the Borough).

The Borough Finance Department separately reviews each proposal to assess the audit risk to the Borough when passing through state grant funds. They review information in the proposals (program and budget narratives, job descriptions and resumes of key financial personnel, descriptions of Board involvement with financial oversight), third party information (two most recent audits or CPA reviews, including management letters and agency responses) and any prior experience the Borough has with grants to those agencies.

If this analysis raises concerns, additional conditions are put on the agency grant (such as supplying copies of source documentation) or the agency may be disqualified from consideration altogether.

When the Borough issues HSCMG grants to agencies, all the conditions of the DHSS grant to the Borough, including quarterly program and financial reporting, are passed through.

Funds are advanced to agencies on a quarterly basis, subject to the receipt of acceptable program and financial reports. Reports provided to the Borough are reviewed by Borough staff and members of the Health & Social Services Commission. Commission members also monitor each agency on-site during the grant year: any concerns are forwarded to staff for further investigation.

DHSS requires the FNSB to submit copies of agency quarterly program reports. Program reports include both activities and outcomes. DHSS requires the FNSB to combine all agency financial reports into one state financial report. Both program and financial reports are submitted quarterly to DHSS.

DHSS requires the FNSB to have a separate program level audit of this program, in addition to the standard state single audit requirement.

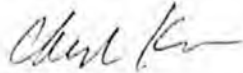
Should DHSS have any questions on the grant reports submitted, all they need to do is ask the FNSB for more information. To our knowledge, all requests from DHSS have been responded to timely and to their satisfaction.

In short, the processes used by the Borough for allocating and managing the Human Services Community Matching Grant are accountable. If you would like

copies of any of the documents involved (the Request for Proposals, agency submittals, scores, grant agreements, or quarterly reports) please let me know.

Again, thank you for restoring funds to the Human Services Community Matching Grant. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,



Cheryl Keepers  
Administrator for the  
Health & Social Services Commission

CC: Representative Bill Stoltze, Vice Chair  
Representative Richard Foster  
Representative Mike Hawker  
Representative Mike Kelly  
Representative Bill Thomas  
Representative Harry Crawford  
Representative Les Gara  
Representative Reggie Joule  
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Commissioner Karleen Jackson, Department of Health & Social Services  
Assistant Commissioner Janet Clarke, Dept. of Health & Social Services  
Mayor Jim Whitaker, Fairbanks North Star Borough  
Michael Lamb, Chief Financial Officer

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# Human Services Community Matching Grant

## Highlights of the Community Impact

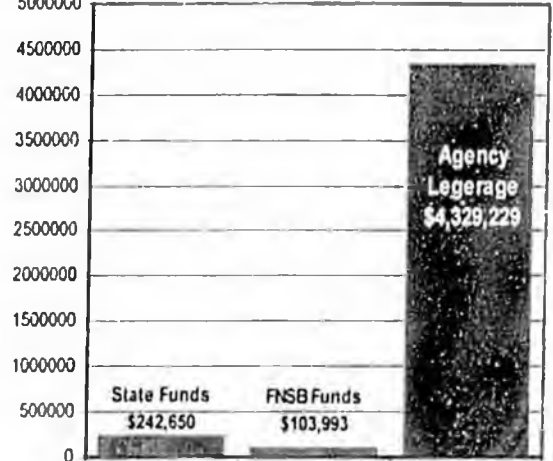
**FY 2006**

### Grant Funds Were Distributed to Six Non-Profit Agencies

- Alaska Legal Services Corporation
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Fairbanks Community Food Bank
- Interior Community Health Center
- North Star Youth Court
- Resource Center for Parents & Children

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The agencies used state  
funds to leverage 18  
times that amount in the  
value of services to the  
community!



State funds	\$ 242,650
Borough funds	\$ 103,993
Income generated by projects	\$ 236,902
Other funds received by projects	\$ 1,440,076
In-kind generated by projects	\$ 2,652,251

**Total value to the community \$ 4,675,972**

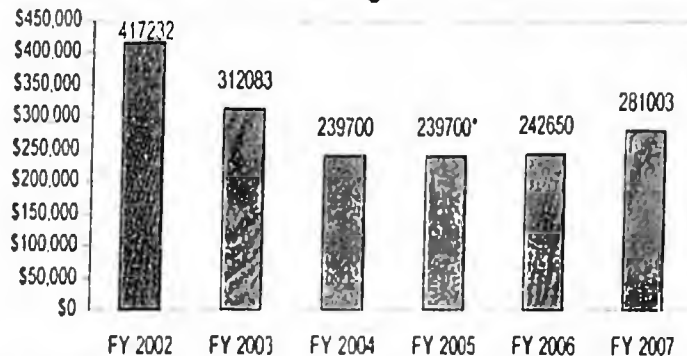
### Highlights of Services

- Distributed 630,125 pounds of food, filling 35,090 requests for food from the needy, using 17,431 volunteer hours.
- 73 children, who were known or suspected of having prenatal alcohol exposure, received developmental screening and support.
- 220 low income families received legal advice and referrals for housing, family law, health, and income maintenance issues.
- 655 children spent time with their Big Brother or Big Sister, enriching their lives with adult attention and support; over 69% showed improvement in school performance; 71% showed improvement in his/her attitude about school; 67% reported improvement with relationships with family; 85% reported an improvement in self confidence.
- 71 youth were referred to youth court, diverting work from the formal juvenile justice system; youth defendants contributed 668 hours of community service to various non-profits as a part of their sentence.
- 993 people who are poor, near poor, uninsured or underinsured, were provided with affordable preventive and primary healthcare.

## Funding Level Since FY 2003

While the state funding level increased slightly this year, *we're still missing out*. From FY02 through FY07, the community lost the potential to generate \$9,017,758 of other funds, project income and in-kind contributions due to insufficient state funding. That's more than one million dollars per year that could have been used to serve people who are hungry, elderly, ill, dying, under the influence or kids in need of guidance.

State Funding FY 2002-2007



### FY 2007 Human Services Community Matching Grant

Agency	Projects Funded Brief Project Description	Grant Amount	Other Funds, Project Income & In- Kind
Alaska Legal Services Corp.	Provide legal assistance to low-income families (those with incomes below poverty level) in civil cases such as housing, income, public assistance benefits, health care and family law (including domestic violence)	\$50,000	\$43,600
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Match children in need of additional adult attention with adult volunteers	\$50,000	\$1,967,507
Fairbanks Community Food Bank	Collect local surplus food and give it to people who need it, through agencies who are trained to identify and respond to those needs	\$50,000	\$2,465,160
Hospice of the Tanana Valley	Provide Patient Care Services and support to terminally ill people and their loved ones. Provide Bereavement Services, education, information and training on issues relating to death and dying, grief and loss	\$50,000	\$578,020
Interior Community Health Center	Provide preventative & primary health care services on a sliding fee schedule to low & moderate income people (such as the uninsured)	\$50,000	\$174,225
North Star Council on Aging	Meals On Wheels - provide nutritious meals for 160 homebound seniors in the FNSB	\$50,000	\$296,343
North Star Youth Court	Facilitate active participation by victims, youth offenders, and their community and to reduce the recidivism rate of offenders. Youth Court North Star Youth Court trains youth between the ages 12-18 to serve as judges, prosecuting & defense attorneys, jurors & court clerks in actual criminal cases involving their peers	\$50,000	\$223,405
Interior AIDS Association	Project Special Delivery - a program developed by and for opiate users (such as methadone) who want to eliminate their dependency on narcotic drugs by accessing medical services including treatment, counseling and other training services	\$50,000	\$216,871
Resource Center For Parents And Children	Provide services to intervene in the lives of children who have either been diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders or children who have been prenatally exposed to alcohol	\$7,805	\$4,500
Audit Expense	DHSS has placed controversial audit requirements, which exceed the State Single Audit standards, on those grants which directly reduces available dollars for program delivery	\$780	
<b>Total Projects Funded</b>		<b>\$408,585</b>	<b>\$5,969,631</b>

#### Projects NOT Funded

Resource Center For Parents And Children	Provide services to intervene in the lives of children who have either been diagnosed with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders or children who have been prenatally exposed to alcohol	\$92,195	\$48,875
Fairbanks Counseling & Adoption	Serve family members of Ft. Wainwright who are experiencing hardships, such as single parenting stress, due to deployed spouses	\$26,495	\$18,490
American Red Cross/Fairbanks Community Food Bank Collaborative	Collaboration providing on-going training for community preparedness for emergencies through American Red Cross as well as providing extended operations times and more volunteers to do the additional work	\$86,000	\$2,429,160
<b>Total Projects Not Funded</b>		<b>\$204,690</b>	<b>\$2,496,525</b>

**Total Project Request for FY 2007**

**\$613,275    \$8,466,156**

\*Funding includes the FNSB MFG and supplemental funds from the DHSS

I'm writing this letter to let you know how fortunate I feel that I have the FRA adult care center with its excellent staff and facilities to look after my mom.

Four years ago my mom was no longer able to live on her own and moved in us. My husband and I worked different shifts so we could share looking after her so she wouldn't be alone during the day. Then I found out about the FRA adult care center through the Fairbanks Hospital and now she spends the day at the center Monday through Friday 7:45am to 3:00pm which has allowed me to continue to work my job and without worrying about her.

I am always impressed how well the center is managed. Anytime I have come by to visit during my lunch hour she is having a wonderful sit down lunch with her friends or when I pick my mom up after work she is participating in a group activities such as word games, dominos, bowling, indoor golf, or her favorite gardening outside on the patio.

I feel that the FRA adult care center has given my mom a better quality life and an excellent opportunity to interactive with others her own age.

The FRA adult care center has been a blessing for me and is a true benefit to our community. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and thank you for the excellent care and staff at the FRA Adult Center.

Betty Hogan

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*Thank you for restoring Human Services  
 community matching Grant.*

SIGNED: Denise Bakewell  
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To Whom It May Concern:

① Please reinstate revenue sharing- every community is unique and therefore their citizens should be allowed to let their elected officials know where to put this money like lower property taxes

② PERS/TERS- Please help fund as much as possible so more of our local property taxes can go into vital services.

③ Please reinstate the longevity bonus. I don't believe we need to start a new program that in the future we may not be able to fund. This was a promise made to our elders and one that should be kept.

④ Lastly as Board V.P. of Love In the Name of Christ I ask that you keep the Community Block Grant Monies. It is a proven fact that when these monies are given to local non-profits the benefits to the community are given 10 fold. It helps take off pressure community pressure of helping those in need + is also the only way FNSB can give monies to these organizations

SIGNED: Jammie Wilson  
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 other work, Testifier  
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**LIO Fairbanks**

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**Sent:** Wed 3/14/2007 6:52 PM

**To:** LIO Fairbanks

**Cc:** rpeck@alaskatla.org

**Subject:** HB 95

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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIGNED:

Tim Beck Fairbanks North Star Borough Assemblyman

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# Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee

on HB96, dated 3/17/07.

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to thank you for your support for the new budget increment for Peer Operated Services. This is a vital category in an overall recovery based, preventative behavioral health system.

I am also writing about Soteria House, a new project, which the AK Mental Health Trust is supporting, to open a non-medication based alternative to mental health hospitalization in Anchorage. It will use a dignified, home like environment and peer support to stabilize residents and move them on to happy healthy lives in the community. Soteria House has the dedicated board and staff, grassroots support from Alaska and nationwide, and now it needs funding of \$220,000. on the state budget to open its doors. It's hard to describe what a difference this could make for many people who are newly diagnosed with symptoms of serious mental illness, to keep them from being over medicated and consequently cycling in and out of the hospital for most of their lives. There are a handful of Soteria House models all over the world, and they have excellent outcomes when compared to conventional psychiatric hospitalization.

Please consider this innovative project. It will create a major paradigm shift in the thinking and care available, for individuals recovering from mental illness.

Thank you so much for your time,  
Eliza Eller  
Chair, Alaska Consumers Consortium  
And founding resident of Ionia, Inc.

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*from Sat March 17<sup>th</sup>  
testimony*

## Testimony

Good morning/afternoon. This is Tom Conley from the Sitka School Board. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 95.

The Sitka School Board adopted the 2007-08 budget this Thursday in order to meet our obligation to get it to the City and Borough Assembly by April 1st. As you can appreciate we had to do some educated guess work concerning projected revenues. As we went through the process we discovered that at last years funding level we would have a \$650,000 to \$750,000 shortfall. The deficit was solved by reducing four teaching positions and two paraprofessional positions out of a staff of 120 members plus some other lesser economies. Fortunately with retirements we can achieve the staff reduction by attrition but it will mean increases in class size and reduction in electives. Though certainly not happy we are quite aware that we are fortunate when we contemplate the deprivations being faced by other districts in Southeast such as Wrangell and Petersburg.

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1/3 of our  
reserves.*

In setting the budget and with our eyes open we made the assumption that HB95 would pass. Certainly without the \$207 million designated to cover the increase in the TRS/PERS liability we would be in deep ~~trouble~~ <sup>trouble</sup>. It would be a \$3.2 million item for us and if not available would force mass layoffs. Thus we are very thankful to the legislature and governor for assuring us that the increase will be covered. The idea of sweetening the pot to the tune another \$77 million to pay down the TRS/PERS contribution rate to 12.56% is also very appealing though we understand that as things now stand that money would have to come out of the \$5380 BSA. We can support that if another mechanism such as a \$430 increase in the BSA plus a further ~~10%~~ increase in the ISER numbers becomes available in separate legislation. We think that a combination of the two mechanisms is the fairest way to go and serves the needs both of urban districts via the increase in the BSA and the special needs of the rural and bush schools via the additional funding in an expanded ISER allocation.

We would also like to urge the legislature to look seriously at two other matters. The first is vocational education which we think will become increasingly more important in the years to come as we start to build a gas pipeline and hope to foster a robust local hire campaign. Without the trained workforce that vocational education can help provide we will be back to exporting paychecks to the lower 48 like we were during the last pipeline boom. Imaginative ways to support vocational education outside the 20% block grant mechanism that lumps voc-ed with special education, English as a second language, etc. is urgently needed. Secondly we need to address the problem of intensive needs students, a subclass of special education kids whose physical, emotional, and/or developmental problems more often than not require the active attention of a one-on-one paraprofessional plus significant auxiliary services. At present these students are funded at 5X the BSA but all too often require services that cost the district 8-10X the BSA. The problem is particularly severe in districts like Sitka which serve as "magnet" schools for a rural service area and find themselves facing an influx of such intensive needs students.

Again the Sitka School District would like to thank you for the opportunity to testify. Two of our board were over in Juneau lobbying in February and were very impressed with the spirit of amity that seems to pervade the legislature this year and the sense that the legislature intends to accomplish a great deal. It is very refreshing and very gratifying.

Testimony to the Legislature in support of funding for the University of Alaska

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March 17, 2007

My name is Gina Pope, and I am representing the students at large in the Bristol Bay Region. I also sit as a chair on the Bristol Bay Campus Council and have a seat on the College of Rural and Community Development.

I started out as a student while living in Nondalton, finished my 2<sup>nd</sup> year and 4<sup>th</sup> year degrees in Kokhanok, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Bachelor degree while living in Nondalton. I currently hold a Master's degree and have a current Type C teaching certificate with the State of Alaska.

I work and live 137 miles from where I grew up. This is significant because I am one of many people across rural Alaska who are able to gain skills and employment through the University of Alaska's degree programs, while still contributing to the area. This is essential in building the economic base of the region.

The far-reaching effect of the University across Alaska plays an integral part of giving local people leadership skills and in obtaining training certificates and degrees to assure that people qualify for employment and can continue to live in our culturally rich region.

Our local campus averages an enrollment of 530 students per semester.

For these reasons, I am asking that the Finance Committee support the University of Alaska colleges in general as well as the rural campuses, and thank you.

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Written testimony to Budget Committee 3/17/2007

It is my appreciation of the theatre of the absurd that draws me here today. The fact that you allow us, your employers, to give you our input leaves me almost speechless. That is just as well because we are only granted two minutes to give our input on your 75 page budget proposal.

I will use my 120 seconds to talk overall budget thoughts. Three point four billion dollar general fund budget, fine, O.K., sounds good, whatever.

By the way, any amount over last year, inflation adjusted, is an increase and not, repeat, NOT a cut.

If by the end of the 2008 session you legislators do not have a longrange fiscal plan in place, a serious proposal to achieve a forward funded general fund budget, and have not addressed what I consider as the fraud of the Permanent Fund NET dividend, then all legislators, but especially those in leadership or on budget committees, should be replaced.

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# Alaska State Legislature

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committee on HS 96, dated 3/17/67  
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This paper is in response to commonly asked questions about Soteria-Alaska.

**1. What is Soteria House and how is it different from conventional treatment?**

Soteria House is different from conventional hospitalization in its structure, philosophy and primary mode of treatment.

**General Description:** Soteria-Alaska is a proposed small, homelike environment for people who are newly or relatively newly diagnosed with severe mental illness. Hospital units usually are larger and more institutional.

**Soteria Candidates:** Soteria-Alaska candidates are people who desire to be treated with minimal medications for short periods of time or no medication especially anti-psychotics. They will be in good physical health and will be screened out if there is medical or substance abuse requiring intense medical supervision. Likely some of the residents will have co-occurring substance abuse issues. Traditional hospital patients, especially at State Institutions, may be newly diagnosed or may be considered chronically mentally ill. Often they are mandated into treatment per the requirements of Title 47.30.

**Milieu Therapy:** Soteria relies on the milieu (homelike environment, interpersonal relationships, acceptance and normal activities of daily living). Their activities and course in the house is determined by the choice of the resident along with the milieu. There will be up to eight beds in Soteria House. Residents are encouraged to maintain a whole person self view and to maintain roles in society. Residents and staff enter into partnership with as minimal a power differential as can be accomplished. Length of stay is projected at 1 to 4 months. Discharge occurs when the person can resume usual roles outside of the house. Residents are welcome to return to visit and/or volunteer.

The traditional hospitals use a disease approach. The person is sick and will be sick all of his/her life. The individual's role is to be patient. The staff's role is to treat and contain. There is an observable power differential. Medication is the primary treatment. Institution and staff needs drive scheduled activities (arts and crafts, exercise, etc.). Routine activities (preparing meals, going to class or work, etc) are absent. Patients do not come and go and may be committed. The length of stay for hospitalization usually is shorter and projected in days or weeks. Discharge from the hospital occurs when one is "stabilized" usually in terms of medication. The long-term goal is to maintain the person on medication permanently.

**Staff:** The Line and interactive staff at Soteria will be people with personal qualities/competencies to maintain a helpful, hopeful environment. They will not necessarily be trained mental health workers. There will, however, be oversight by a qualified clinician and a psychiatrist. Two staff will be scheduled at all times. Trained and supervised volunteers will supplement paid staff for activities or emergency or high acuity periods. There will also be an active training program for staff and volunteers in the skills that are need to them to function in their roles

Hospital staff members are usually trained in psychiatry, nursing, social work and/or mental health. Personal qualifications and experience with mental health recovery are not often recognized as a critical part of the qualifying experience.

## 2. What is the science on alternatives to conventional hospitalization?

The following is a research summary presented to an Anchorage audience by Robert Whitaker, investigative reporter and author of *Mad in America*. On February 10, 2007:

### 1. Bockoven's Retrospective Study

#### Study Description

Compared five-year outcomes for psychotic patients treated from 1947 to 1952 without antipsychotic drugs with five-year outcomes for psychotic patients treated from 1967-1972 with antipsychotic drugs.

#### Results

*1947-1952 group:* 45% of patients treated without drugs did not relapse in follow-up period, and 76% were successfully living in the community at the end of the follow-up period.

*1967-1972 group:* 31% of patients treated with drugs did not relapse in follow-up period. The drug-treated group were also much more "socially dependent"—on welfare and needing other forms of support—than those in the 1947 cohort.  
(*Am J Psychiatry* 1975; 132:796-801)

### 2. Drug Treatment vs. Experimental Forms of Care in the 1970s

Study author	Follow-up Period	Relapse rate for medicated patients	Relapse rate for non-medicated patients
Carpenter (1977)	One year	45 %	35%
Rappaport (1978)	Three years	62%	27%

(*Am J Psychiatry* 1977; 134: 14-20; *Int Pharmacopsychiatry* 1978; 13: 100-11)

### 3. The Original Soteria Project

#### Study Description

Soteria-Alaska White Paper  
March, 2007

First-episode schizophrenia patients treated in a hospital setting with drugs versus treatment in the Soteria House, which was staffed by non-professionals and involved no immediate use of antipsychotic medications. Results are from 1971-1983 cohorts, with 97 patients treated conventionally and 82 patients treated in Soteria House.

#### Results

- At end of six weeks: psychopathology reduced comparably in both groups on standardized measures.
- At end of two years:
  - Soteria patients had better psychopathology scores
  - Soteria patients had fewer hospital readmissions
  - Soteria patients had higher occupational levels
  - Soteria patients were more often living independently or with peers

#### Antipsychotic Use in Soteria Patients

76% did not use antipsychotic drugs during first six weeks

42% did not use any antipsychotic during two-year study

Only 19 % regularly maintained on drugs during follow-up period

(*J Nerv Ment Dis* 1999; 187:142-149; *J Nerv Ment Dis* 2003; 191: 219-229)

#### 4. Results from other programs that have minimized use of neuroleptics (antipsychotic medications)

- **Soteria in Switzerland.** Ciompi reported (1992) that first-episode patients treated with no or very low doses of antipsychotics “demonstrated significantly better results than patients treated conventionally.”
- **Sweden.** Cullberg reported (2002) that 55% of first-episode patients treated in an experimental program were off neuroleptics (anti-psychotic medications) at end of three years, and the others were being maintained on extremely low doses of chlorpromazine. Patients treated in this manner spent fewer days in the hospital than conventionally treated patients in three-year follow-up period.
- **Finland.** Lehtinen and his colleagues developed a program that involves treating first-episode patients without neuroleptics for first three weeks, and then initiating drug treatment only when “absolutely necessary.” At the end of five years, 37% of the experimental group had never been exposed to neuroleptics, and 88% had never been rehospitalized during the two-to-five-year follow-up period. (Reported in 2001).
- **Finland.** Seikkula reported in 2006 that after five years, 82% of psychotic patients treated with his “open dialogue” approach did not have any residual psychotic symptoms, and that 86% had returned to their studies or full-time jobs. Only 14% were on disability allowance. Seventy-one percent of patients never took any antipsychotic medication.

*(Br J Psychiatry 1992; 161 Suppl 18):145-53; Med Arch 1999; 53:167-70.; Acta psychiatr Scand 2002;106:276-85.; Eur Psychiatry 2000;15:312-20.; Psychotherapy Research, 2006; 16(2):214-28.)*

### **3. Why were the original Soteria House and its replication Emanon House closed in the 1980's?**

The first factor is that the two houses were funded solely by research grants from the National Institute of Mental Health. Research funding ultimately ends. The two houses had never become a part of the mental health service delivery system.

A second factor was the emphasis on pharmaceuticals and to fund programs that provide maintenance support for medicated, disabled people. The concept of recovery and prevention is relatively new. Funding (primarily Medicaid) has been established to be used for treatment of sick and disabled people. The Soteria projects had been established to prevent chronic illness. There just wasn't funding for this type of service.

### **4. Are there other Soteria Programs in the US?**

There are a number of programs in the US that utilize the principles and concepts learned at the original Soteria House in California. To the best of our knowledge, however, there are no services that are called Soteria and there is a great deal of variation between the existing services and the original Soteria House. Following are some broad categories of services that rely on some concepts developed at Soteria House:

**Transitional Group Homes:** Some of these residential services encourage milieu involvement as a primary mode of treatment. They are therapeutic homes. People who live there engage in routine activities of daily living and learn about tools for recovery through experience. Tools include interpersonal supports, eating nutritiously, exercise, employment skills, etc. People may come to these homes after a hospitalization and in some cases to avert hospitalization. Transitional housing regulations vary by state. They are time limited, but longer than hospitalization. Often staff members are not trained mental health workers, but may receive training on the job. These types of services differ from Soteria in that they are not usually for people in their first or second episode.

**Housing First Model programs:** This model has been found to be very effective with very severely disabled homeless people who do not respond to conventional treatment. This model incorporates the notion of respect, choice and self determination and does not mandate/require conventional treatment. It does not use milieu since residents live in single dwelling units. They are offered other individualized services if they so desire. Housing First Model programs usually serve people who have carried a diagnosis of mental illness for some time.

**Crisis Respite:** There are a growing number of crisis respite services. Some are part of a hospital setting and some are in home-like environments. Crisis respite services avert hospitalization for people experiencing symptoms. Providence Medical Center in Anchorage has as part of its continuum a crisis respite service that is currently housed in the building that was previously Alaska Psychiatric Institute. There is great variation

within this category of service, but I would like to describe one exemplary crisis respite service in Poughkeepsie, NY that incorporates many of the Soteria principles and concepts.

Rose House, a program of PEOPLE, Inc, is a home-like environment for people having a psychiatric crisis. At the respite home they have their own room and are staff available to support them and assure safety. Staff members are, or have been, consumers of mental health services. They are not necessarily trained mental health workers. They are well versed in recovery--having practiced their own recovery. Guests are allowed to eat and make meals whenever they want and they are allowed to come and go as they please. There is staff monitoring of this to maintain safety. Rose House has a much shorter length of stay than we have predicted for Soteria House. While some of the people who come to Rose House have experienced only one or two episodes, many have been diagnosed for some time. The executive director of PEOPLE, Inc., Steve Miccio, states that most people who go to Rose House return to their normal activities. In addition, they have reduced rates of hospitalization following their stay at Rose House. Rose House is in the process of conducting an outcome study. As soon as the results are tabulated they will be incorporated into this paper.

**Soteria House:** There is great controversy in the field of psychiatry about the relative effectiveness of neuroleptic (antipsychotic) medication and the dangerousness of side effects. This has resulted in a renewed interest in psychosocial treatments, prevention and use of recovery tools that do not rely on medication as the primary mode of treatment. Soteria House is one alternative in a comprehensive system of care. In addition to the development of a Soteria House in Alaska, Community Access, a well established mental health program in NYC is in the process of developing a Soteria model house.

##### **5. Will people in Soteria House be safe?**

There is so much stigma and misinformation that surround people who are experiencing mental illness that the safety concerns are not surprising. Many of them are steeped in popular myths. Following are some specific safety concerns:

##### **How will Soteria care for people with serious medical conditions?**

Since Soteria-Alaska is designed for people with their first or second psychotic episode, they likely will be young adults who are otherwise generally healthy and who have not had long term use of neuroleptics (antipsychotics). Therefore, the medical conditions associated with taking such medications will not be present. Finally, the business plan describes a process of referral where people with serious medical conditions requiring intensive medical monitoring can be screened out.

##### **How will Soteria handle people who are aggressive?**

Research undercuts the myth that people with mental illness are dangerous. There is no correlation between violent behavior and mental illness. In fact people with mental illness are more likely to be victims (MacArthur Network on Mental Health, 2002; Teplin, L. et. al., *Crime Victimization in Adults with Severe Mental Illness*, Arch. General Psychiatry, August, 2005; Sorensen, D., *The invisible Victim*, Tash Connections, August.

2003; Honig, J, *New Research Continues to Challenge the Need for Outpatient Commitment*, New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement, Winter, 2005).

The original Soteria House, Rose House and the Soteria-Alaska developers' combined experiences tell us that people are unlikely to be aggressive in this setting. To ensure safety, Soteria House will have a safety plan and staff will be trained on how to de-escalate and avoid aggressive confrontation.

**How will Soteria address issues of safety for suicidal people?**

As part of the policies and procedures, staff will be trained in informal suicide assessment and procedures for working with suicidal residents. The Soteria milieu has a wrap-around philosophy. Unlike being in the hospital or even at home, the staff and volunteers are dedicated to the safety of the residents. The original Soteria House described a way of "being with" someone who is in crisis. Staff can be assigned one-to-one. Policies and procedures will describe the process of adding on call staff if there is high acuity. Coordination with the Providence psychiatric ER will be maintained for use if at all necessary.

**How can Soteria maintain safety if residents can come and go?**

Experience from the original Soteria House and from other transitional residential programs leads us to the answer. Again, the milieu is the treatment. If someone wishes to leave the house, staff members are well aware of their current mental state. If there appears to be safety issues, one or more staff, volunteers and/or residents will accompany the person, if they feel they must go out.

**Summary**

Soteria-Alaska is an essential component for the Alaska mental health system. These types of services have been proven over and over to be effective and safe. In the long run preventative services such as Soteria save money by helping people avoid chronic illness and life long disability.

March 19, 2007

Good afternoon & thank you to the House Finance Committee for the opportunity to share my comments.

My name is Amy LaHaie, and I'm the Sales Manager for Alaska Wildland Adventures in Girdwood, AK. Our company specializes in guided small group, natural history tours throughout Alaska. We own and operate two lodges and an RV park on the Kenai, as well as operating a variety of Kenai river-based day trips. Collectively, we spend more than \$2 million dollars a year in Alaska's local economy on goods, services and staff.

We believe substantial increases in Alaska's core tourism marketing will greatly benefit small businesses in Alaska & will also enhance the development of tourism to remote areas – regions that are begging for economic opportunity. Status quo funding of tourism marketing, conversely, will result in even greater challenges for small businesses and remote area tourism.

Outside of the Alaska cruise ship sector, with combined marketing spending of more than \$80 million a year, many small Alaska tourism companies operate on bare-bone marketing budgets. Significantly increasing tourism destination marketing expenditures is the best way, we believe, to boost growth in non-cruise segments of Alaska tourism & to effectively contribute to AK's overall economy.

An \$18 million dollar destination marketing budget and \$8.5 million dollar independent traveler marketing campaign budget will allow Alaska to improve & enhance its destination marketing. These budget increases will also provide a measure to jump start independent travel in Alaska, a segment which is stagnant or declining. Independent travel pumps money into small scale, local specialty businesses, which add immense value, interest and unique offerings to Alaska tourism.

I urge you to support the increase in the overall tourism marketing budget. Growth in tourism equates to growth in Alaska's overall economy and direct state revenues.

Thank you



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*Attn: House Finance Committee*

Mr. Chair, committee members,

March 19, 2007

My name is Faith Myers. I am a mental health consumer and a mental health advocate for psychiatric patient's rights.

I am encouraging the House Finance Committee to add a funding stream to the State budget for Soteria-Alaska, a proposed voluntary residential alternative for people who are experiencing symptoms of serious mental illness for the first or second time.

I will let the doctors and the Soteria house project manager speak to the technical points.

I am speaking as a patient advocate and a former patient.

Psychiatric patients need to be given every opportunity to recover, not just stabilize on medication, but an actual opportunity to rejoin society. The Soteria house model which I am familiar with should be given the funding to open its doors in 2008. As a former patient, I don't believe Alaska will be disappointed with the results. Soteria houses have a history of excellent outcomes, less recidivism and lower expense.

In closing, I encourage the House Finance committee to add a funding stream for Soteria- Alaska in the state budget so consumers of mental health, like myself, can have an alternative.

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Public Testimony

House Finance Committee

March 16, 2007

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

This past year I had the opportunity to work on the development of a project called Soteria-Alaska. This is a project whose development is being funded by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. Soteria House is a proposed alternative for people who have serious symptoms of and are newly diagnosed with mental illness who might otherwise go into the hospital—if this was not available to them. It will be located in the Anchorage area, but it will be available to all people in Alaska that have symptoms of serious mental illness and are relatively newly diagnosed.

It will use a dignified, home-like environment and peer support to help residents move on to happy healthy lives in the community rather than becoming chronically disabled.

Soteria-Alaska is modeled after other Soteria services that have been long studied and evaluated as to their effectiveness. Soteria is a science-based effective practice. I will briefly describe some outcomes of Soteria programs elsewhere

At the end of 6 weeks when compared to people in the psychiatric hospital, people in Soteria programs using no medication had comparably reduced symptoms. After two

years compared to people who went in the hospital and had conventional treatment  
people at the Soteria House had

better psychopathology scores

fewer hospital readmissions

higher occupational levels

and were more often living independently or with peers

Following is the medication use for Soteria residents

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Soteria projects have over time demonstrated 43 % cost avoidance for people who  
otherwise would become long term users of mental health services.

Soteria-Alaska has a board that consists primarily of people who are or have been  
consumers of behavioral health services and it has broad-based stakeholder support from  
Alaska and around the country.

Soteria-Alaska with Mental Health Trust support has developed a viable business plan that includes a variety of funding streams so that the Soteria House can be supported with blended funding. We concluded, however, that in order for Soteria-Alaska to be available to all Alaskans it needed to be included in the Mental Health appropriation for a percentage of the funding. The Alaska Mental Health Trust agreed and voted to include it in its recommendations for the GF/MH budget. Unfortunately, this was recommendation did not to date make it into the budget. I am here today to make you aware of this situation and to request that the \$220,000 be included in the budget as the Trust originally recommended.

I know that in the face of proposed cuts it is difficult to think about including projects like this, but this is a project that because of its appeal to people with mental illness and its researched effectiveness is just a smarter way to use our money.

Susan Musante  
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March 20, 2007

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Representative Mike Chenault,  
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Regarding HB 95 Approp: Operating Budget; Funding for Head Start

Please revisit and fully fund Head Start. Alaska will be rewarded for doing so for the rest of the students' lives. You will cut future costs! I can speak from experience as I am a former teacher. I worked with young children for several years in Anchorage and spent some time in Sitka with pre-kindergarten through third graders. Some time was spent in a preschool prescriptive learning program and I worked with all types of learners. Much of my life has been with my own children and in other work, but I cannot forget my experiences with young children. When exposed to learning it has an empowering effect on them even at that very early age.

Whether you are working with children who are slow learners in an infant learning program, or with regular children who just need exposure to learning and socialization, there will be a large increase in their "education ability" when they go to kindergarten and first grade. Just because a child does not fall into an infant learning program status, does not mean there is not the need for early learning. Head Start really gives children a head start.

It is unbelievable what happens when you begin education very early. The brain can grow and be more "learnable" when education starts at the very young ages. Brains require exercise, too. There is great value in the first learning opportunities where children learn to socialize and share, to recognize and name letters and numbers, and to participate by speaking and singing. It is strength training for the brain. Even new neural networks form through this process, although it is less possible as they grow older.

Kids that go to Head Start are the ones who will not get good early learning exposure any other way. Children who don't make the list for Head Start will be the ones who fall behind a little each year. Then they scrape by feeling like they are dumb, or they stay back a year. It is from this group that you will reap your crop of dropouts. Many only needed to learn when they were starting out that *You can do it!* You will waste money trying to make up for those skills that are lacking when they reach intermediate school because you will have missed your best opportunity for a good start down the path to learning when they were age three or four.

Sincerely,

Doris Robbins

cc: Finance Committee Members

The Honorable Governor Sarah Palin and distinguished members of the 25<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature.  
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