

Minutes

Friday, January 12, 2018 at 8:00 am

Alaska Pioneer Homes Advisory Board Meeting

Teleconference Call in Conference No: 1-800-315-6338, Access code 54784#, Chairperson (Bob) 1399

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Public Comment: Public comment will be accepted during the first 15 minutes of the meeting. Please state your name and location before commenting. Thank you.

1. Attendance

Att	Type	First	Last	Location/Title	Representing
x	Member	David	Blacketer	Juneau	Alaska Commission on Aging Designee
x	Member	Rosemary	Hagevig	Douglas	Public
x	Member	Gordon	Severson	Anchorage	Public
x	Member	Teri	Holderman	Ketchikan	Public
	Member				Alaska Veterans Advisory Council Designee
	Member	Jana	Shockman	Anchorage	Public
x	Member	Ronald	Siebels	Anchorage	Public/Restricted/Veterans representative
x	Member, Ch	Bob	Sivertsen	Ketchikan	Public
x	Division	Clinton	Lasley	Adm Ops Mgr	Central Office
	Division	Emily	Palmer	Soc Svcs Pr Coord	Central Office
x	Division	Amanda	Lofgren	Director	Director's Office

2. Call to Order

A. Meeting start time: 8:02 am

3. Discussion and approval of minutes from previous meeting.

A. Gordon moved. Rosemary second. No discussion. Last meeting minutes approved.

4. Declaration and verification of any conflicts of interest.

A. None

5. Public Comment:

A. None

6. Unfinished/Old Business

A. Annual Advisory Board Report. (Bob and Jana)

Amanda: We've been working with the Public Information Office. Sent the last final version on Tue. It was sent to the publisher for final draft to be published on 1/18/2018. Includes one page flier for legislation.

B. Bob: looking forward to first draft.

7. New Business

A. Talking points for legislative session:

B. Bob and Amanda Discussion:

- i. Amanda: Committee presentations and times are still being worked out. The 1st week in Feb. There will be collaborative meetings with ACoA, AgeNet, and AARP will be happening with Bob and Rosemary there in person representing the Advisory Board. AgeNet has made AKPH one of their 3 legislative priorities this year.

Amanda presented to AgeNet yesterday and will have a joint meeting on 2/6/18. Schedule to be relayed by email, per Bob. Amanda will give Denise a call today. Those in town will have brief meetings the week before (Amanda, Clint, Bob and Rosemary). AgeNet Kevin is in New Zealand.

Governor's Budget proposal related to AKPH:
FY 19 Governor's proposed budget. Maintained. Slight increases for annual adjustments for health insurance as well as an increase for federal receipt authority for increased VA reimbursements.

\$63,340,200.00 in Operating budget in two components Mgmt and Homes

AK Economic Recover proposal includes \$2 million for the Ktn structural project and Anchorage East Wing ADRD Remodel.

Capital: General differed maintenance and capital costs.

- ii. Bob asked about Ketchikan; back of the building window for Ketchikan. Amanda: Able to allocate resources from the FY18 budget.
- iii. In talking with Josh, all 3 legislators that attended meeting in Palmer; Wilson, Tilton, Johnson affirmed their support for the Pioneer Homes.
- iv. Community Action Group (Church groups). Possibly fly in towards the end of the legislation session. Amanda will get them Bob's information for coordination.
- v. Rosemary: Has anyone seen their priority list?
Amanda: AgeNet's is still in draft and once it is available we will get it out.
Rosemary: Thinks this is the first time the AKPH is designated as one of the three priorities for Agenet.
Amanda: Presented to them yesterday.
- vi. 2/6/2018 there will be a joint meeting with Agenet.
Schedule to be relayed by email, per Bob. Amanda will give Denise a call today.
- vii. Brief meeting the week before, Amanda, Clint, Bob and Rosemary
- viii. Rosemary will be in Juneau and can be available on 21st – 24th
- ix. Bob: Advocacy work that week also (David).
- x. Rosemary: Can help with that.
- xi. Will get more info Commissioner on Aging, Agenet, AARP (fly in-end of month)
- xii. Rosemary: Has Kevin Jardell still involved? Bob: Yes.
- xiii. Amanda: Agenet call yesterday. Kevin is in New Zealand. Denise will be getting back with Amanda next week after he gets back.

C. Governor's Budget proposal related to AKPH

- i. AmandaFY19 Proposed 19 governor's proposed. Maintained. Increase to insurance and monetary increase
- ii. 63340200.00 Operations budget Mgmt and Homes
- iii. Capital: 2 million Ktn structural project. Renovate 1st floor east wing to accommodate specific.
- iv. Capital: General differed maintenance and capital costs.
- v. Bob: Status quo. Did we do okay?
- vi. Bob: Last year, we talked about improvements at the back of the building window for Ketchikan. Able to allocate resource from the FY18 budget.
- vii. Bob: contract personnel that increased. I think 600 thousand was thrown around? Did that change?
- viii. Clint: FY19 Governors - 189 plus thousand
- ix. Bob: Sometimes takes money for personnel depending on ratio of care
- x. Amanda: Over the years, the relative flatness. How it's made up and components change. For us to maintain the general fund appropriation. Receipt authority (Medicaid, federal and pharmacy), etc
- xi. Bob: Meeting in Wasilla or Palmer. Legislatures present. Talked about the Pioneer Board, recalling the political football.
- xii. In talking with Josh, all Wilson, Tilton, Johnson affirmed their support for the Pioneer Homes
- xiii. Community Action Group (Church groups). Possible a legislation flying. Amanda will get them together with Bob for coordination.
- xiv. Bob: Possibly later in the session. Last week in Feb.
- xv. Rosemary: Has anyone seen their priority list?
- xvi. Amanda: They'll make their scorecard available once that is set up.

D. Updates from ACoA and AGENET, AARP meetings

E. Agenda requests for next meeting?

8. Reports

A. Division Director's Report – Amanda:

- i. Eden Care philosophy. Working hard on continuing to provide Eden training to all staff, however, through the Apprenticeship program and the partnership with the Dep of Labor, we were able to have staff from each home attend a train the trainer certification for the Teepa Snow model which is best practices in dementia care. Amanda met with students, and they said the class is phenomenal.

Bob asked who is there from Ketchikan. Amanda: Rachel. Those in training are social workers or nurses who will coordinate the training program for each home.
- ii. Relocation of our Pharmacy project: Will be meeting next week on Tue to prepare for the plan to relocate pharmacy from the basement to the 3rd floor next to the PT space. Put together a proposal. Structural Engineer is needed as first step to ensure structurally we can relocate from the basement as our dispensing machines are 5000 lbs x 2 machines.

- iii. Staffing and Staffing to level of care ratio study: We are moving forward. Met with the Trust to talk about the project regarding staffing analysis and staffing ratio to level of care. Agreed to move forward to see contractor interest, and help define our scope. Proposal to seek permission of the trustees to agree to hire a contractor will be in the spring after the RFI process.

Rosemary asked if the end game is a grant from the Trust.

Amanda: Yes, but AKPH would not receive the funds, it would be managed by the Trust. We want to do our upfront work now through spring, in time for presentation at their spring meeting in May. Part of what the Trust needs from us: Ensure there is support from the administration to implement the results of the study.

- iv. These are my 3 updates. There is more activity, but these are my top three.

- B. Bob: That's positive. I remember when Eden care RFI to move the pharmacy has been talked about for years. Etc...
- C. It's always hard to work under construction projects, but we are looking forward to the improvements .will it be under DOT? A: I'll have to get back to you on that. Bob: They said that it will be DOT and that Facilities will be involved,
- D. B. Administrative Operation Manager's Budget Report, Budget updates – Clinton
 - i. We don't have a lot of change for the FY19 from FY18.
 - ii. Challenge for us, there has been changes where we have to earn it. 5 million gap between the authority and what we earn.
 - iii. Last year we were over.
 - iv. Amanda and I are working with the homes. We don't buy new equipment until we absolutely have to. It may catch up with us.
 - v. We are expected to stay within the budget. It is a challenge
 - vi. Rosemary asked clarifying question.
 - vii. Clint: Won't put out any supplemental for FY18. 7.3 in authority. We estimate we will collect about 4.4 of that. We still have about 3 mil in authority. They keep changing. Amanda has been doing a great job working with our Administrators.
 - viii. Rosemary: Is this a priority assessment and approvals for the Medicaid waivers?
 - ix. Amanda: We are working with Senior Services and Public Assistance. It is challenging. We have level III or other levels on payment assistance. Clinton and his time are working hard on working on getting residents to pay collections.

And we are currently having conversations with the VA regarding having a Medical Director?
 - x. Clint: MW individuals: We reached out to Dept of Law. Over-resourced residents on Payment Assistance. They said we don't have the authority to make them set up a miller trust. It cost money and requires an attorney.
 - xi. Gordon: Explanation of a Miller Trust
 - xii. Clint: If you qualify for Medicaid, but you have too much resources, (approximately over 2 thousand dollars a month). You can have \$1396 (MW allows for personal needs),

you put the money in a qualifying trust. Anything left over at time of debt would move back to the State up to the amount that is owed.

E. Alaska Veterans Advisory Council Report- Ron (in behalf of the Council)

- i. Jim Hastings will not be reappointed to this board.
- ii. Replacement to be announced on Feb 12th, next meeting. Gordon will get the word out.
- iii. Attended New Year's celebration. Really enjoyed that.
- iv. There is not a lot of need for VA assistance. This is because they get such good quality of care they get at the Homes. This is a good thing. It is testimony to how good they are doing at the Homes.
- v. Bob: Discussed how good.

F. Alaska Commission on Aging (ACoA) Report – David

Nothing new. Looking forward to all of the meetings in Feb.

- i. Feb 5 though the 9th.
- ii. On Feb 6th will meet for advocacy programs.
 - a. Discuss priorities
 - b. David asked if Bob would be there.
 - c. Bob: Bob and Amanda and Clinton and Rosemary and David
 - d. Very fruitful. Beneficial to all our programs and our seniors.
 - e. Biggest advice: Get something done on long term financial budget.
 - f. Looking forward.

G. Board Chairman's Report – Bob

- i. Meeting with others and sharing of information. Looking forward to a productive legislation session.
- ii. Working with the homes Eden care, recognizing the level of services we provide. We are very fortunate.
- iii. Anytime we can get the legislative members or stall
- iv. Looking forward to the joint advocacy and collaborative meetings.
- v. Let me know if you have any input for this. I'll work with Amanda.

H. Request for Agenda Items:

- a. Busy time for staff and other meeting conflicts.
- b. Bob to Amanda: Do we know the Leg session schedule?
- c. Amanda: We don't know yet. What we know so far is that there is a Commissioner overview to House Finance scheduled for 1/26/2018.
 - 1) Commissioner overview to House finance 1/26/2018.
 - 2) Rosemary: It helps to have some cheerleaders in the audience.
Amanda: I'm hoping.
 - 3) Bob: Schedule meeting for March

9. Chair's request for comments:

- i. Dave: Nothing. Sounds like you're all doing a good job.
- ii. Rosemary: I have nothing additional, Bob.
- iii. Gordon: Nothing. Other than I concur with Dave's comments. The good work your doing at the chair and staff.
- iv. Teri: No comment
- v. Jana:
- vi. Ron: Nothing. I'll let you know who the new person will be.
- vii. Amanda: Thank you to all of you and your support. And how hard our staff are working to provide the best care possible. Appreciate your acknowledgement and your stopping, and for your support this session, which will be my first.
- viii. Ron: Amanda, when you talk to the administrators. Tell them I appreciate all that they do and that they are so positive and helpful.

10. Chair's Closing statement – Bob

- A. Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

11. Adjourn

- A. Motion to adjourn, and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am

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