

**Minutes for the Executive Committee of the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (ABADA)  
and Alaska Mental Health Board (AMHB)**

**01/11/22**

**ABADA**

Lee Breinig – P  
Anthony Cravalho – NP  
Diane Fielden – NP  
Renee Schofield – P

**AMHB**

Monique Andrews – NP  
Sharon Clark – P  
Brenda Moore – NP  
Charlene Tautfest – NP

**Other Board members present**

James Savage  
Tonie Protzman

**Staff Present**

Bev Schoonover  
Kevin Holian  
Stephanie Hopkins

- **Roll Call and New Executive Committee Members Welcome**
  - Sharon Clark, Alaska Mental Health Board Chair  
Renee Schofield, Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Chair  
Read Mission Statement  
Roll Call – Kevin Holian
  
- **Staff and Committee Reports**
  - Executive Director Report – Beverly Schoonover
    - Anchorage, MAT-SU, mobile Crisis teams will benefit from information in ED Report
    - API Governing Update – Charlene Tautfest: API did not meet in December. Twenty-six staff have gotten covid in the last 2 weeks, including a few patients. They are now testing everyone extensively
    - AMHB/ABADA Legislative Committee Update – Meeting every other Monday during legislative session. Diane is the Chair of the committee.
  
- **Old Business**

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- Juneau Board Meeting Update
  - Canceling the February board meeting; Juneau has 60 new cases a day.
    - Sharon Clark: it is better to be safe than sorry, we want all staff members
    - Renee Schofield: meetings with so many restrictions is not really an adequate substitute. We are better off using Zoom for this type of meeting.
  
- **New Business**
  - Alaska Psychology Association Update
    - Marvo Reguindin, Executive Director, Alaska Psychological Association for Alaska and Washington State
      - 127 members
      - Model Licensing Act draft legislation: encouraging legislation that encourages retired mental health professionals to continue working part-time, and entices military mental health professionals to transfer to Alaska.
  - Robin Lutz, Executive Director of the Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association
    - Harm Reduction Model
    - Prevention of HIV
  
  - Venus Woods, Director of Prevention
    - Harm Reduction: a set of principles
    - FASAP: July 2017, allow to serve more people; providing services to people who use injection drugs; non-drug users who need syringes; needs referrals; education – clients, the public, outreach.
    - Safe, non-stigmatized program that builds relationships with clients
    - 2019; distributed over 1,000,000 syringes; condoms, testing
    - People are more five times more likely to seek treatment if they have
  
  - Claire Geldhof, BSN, RN, Southeast Itinerant Public Health Nurse III, Board of Directors for Four A's.
  - Bev: advocacy recommendations?
    - Robin: Getting people access to the science that supports the model is important; learning about how harm reduction works.
  
- **Other Business**
  - None.

### Upcoming Meeting Dates

Next EC meeting will be March 8, 2022

Board meeting will be February 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>

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