

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

**04/12/22**

**ABADA**

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

**AMHB**

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

**Other Board members present**

Tonie Protzman  
Kara Nelson

**Staff Present**

Bev Schoonover  
Stephanie Hopkins  
Kevin Holian  
Val Cooday  
Teri Tibbett

- **Roll Call and 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
    - ASHNA creating work group to make policy recommendations for children’s behavioral health services
    - DBH applying for Garrett Lee Smith youth suicide prevention grant. The Statewide Suicide Prevention Council is included in that application for funding for a youth advocacy fly-in in 2024.
    - Division of Public Health partnership: Jenny is helping to write the draft recommendations from the Governor’s Council on Opioid Remediation.
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- 2 new Alaska Mental Health Board members have just been appointed: Tanya Hicks and Kurt Hoenack
  - API Governing Board Update – Beverly Schoonover
    - API is at capacity; all 69 beds are full as of the meeting.
    - There are workforce issues and they are trying to get more positions and more beds open.
    - Annual CMS survey: API showed considerable improvement from prior CMS surveys and should be recognized for their work
  - AMHB/ABADA Legislative Committee Update – Teri Tibbett
    - Provided a Operating & Mental Health Budget update
    - Senate Finance Committee: Reviewing budget bills, list of AMHB/ABADA bill priorities sent out via email.
    - SB9 is being heard with amendments, we may see this bill pass this year.
    - Telehealth bills are also a priority and staff are following them closely.
- **Old Business**
  - Sitka Board Meeting Draft Agenda Review
    - Plan Safe Alaska.org is helping us to develop a COVID mitigation plan for the meeting.
    - Inviting the mayor of Sitka and the Chief of the Sitka Tribe.
    - Public Safety panel including the chief of police, troopers, fire department.
    - Housing Finance Corporation will have representation present.
    - Bev will invite the Governor and his wife to attend.
- **New Business**
  - None
- **Other Business**
  - None

**Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Board Meeting will be held May 18 to May 20<sup>th</sup> in Sitka, Alaska.