

**Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
Seattle Housing Site visit participant list
March 24-26, 2010**

Fairbanks participants:

Margarita Bell, CPA, CMA

Margarita Bell began her position as the grants administrator for the City of Fairbanks in 2008. Prior to that time she worked as the chief financial officer for United Way of the Tanana Valley with responsibilities that included managing and administering federal grants. Margarita works in the finance department and is responsible for timely financial grant reporting and enforcing grant conditions. She reports directly to the Chief Financial Officer, and as needed, the Mayor and City Chief of Staff.

Vivian Stiver

Vivian is a member of the Fairbanks City council. She is also an entrepreneur with business holdings downtown.

Kelly Brown

Kelly Brown serves on the Fairbanks North Star Borough Assembly. Elected in 2007, she has served on the Economic Development Committee, Road Service Area Committee, and Finance Committee as Chair and Audit Committee as Chair. Recently retired from serving as a Business Agent of ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 following two terms as Statewide President, she has held several statewide positions including Vice-President of the Alaska AFL-CIO and on Governor Murkowski's Conference of Alaskans and Governor Knowles Tolerance Commission.

Shirley Lee

Shirley is a board member of the Ecumenical Mission for Shelter, an organization comprised of Episcopal, Catholic and Presbyterian members working to create a shelter for the chronic inebriate in Fairbanks. Shirley currently works for the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska and is a Candidate for Holy Orders. An Inupiaq, she has served on the Tanana Chiefs Conference Executive Board as Vice President and as the Executive Director for the Fairbanks Native Association. She has over twenty-five years of management experience in the operation of Native non-profit and for-profit organizations.

David van den Berg

David is the Executive Director of the Downtown Association of Fairbanks, which administers the Community Service Patrol program in downtown Fairbanks. David co-chairs the Golden Heart Project and its effort to coordinate care for chronic inebriates "off the street and into treatment" and initiated contact with Paul Carlson of the Interagency Council on Homelessness and invited him to Fairbanks in October, piqued Fairbanks' interest in "housing first."

Cheryl Keepers

Cheryl is a Fairbanks North Star Borough grant administrator and staff to the Health and Social Services Commission. The Borough has limited health & social services powers, which include passing funds through to qualified service providers and providing required matching funds for essential human services.

Tim Cerny

Tim is president of Fountainhead Development, one of Fairbanks' larger home-grown conglomerates with a track record of community-minded philanthropy

Kathryn Dodge

Kathryn is the director of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Economic Development Division and a representative of Mayor Luke Hopkins on the event.

Murray Richmond

Murray is an aide to Senator Joe Thompson who represents Fairbanks.

Karen Lidster

Karen is the newly-hired, AHFC-funded Coordinator for the Fairbanks Homeless Coalition. She consults regularly with executives from a variety of other non-profit and social service agencies to facilitate solutions to homelessness. Prior to her current position, she was a legislative aide to Representative John Coghill, Alaska State House of Representatives.

Rodney Gaskins

Rodney is the executive Director of the Fairbanks Rescue Mission and a long time member, leader and supporter of the Fairbanks Homeless Coalition.

Anchorage area participants:

Sharon Chamard

Sharon is the current President of the Fairview Community Council in Anchorage. Fairview is the community where the hotel that is under consideration for a replication of the housing first model is located. Sharon is faculty at the University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center.

Carolina Stacey

Carolina has worked for an Anchorage restaurant, the Lucky Wishbone for 20 years and is a manager of the restaurant. The Lucky Wishbone is located at 1033 East 5th avenue, directly across from the hotel that is under consideration for a replication of the housing first model.

Heidi Heinrich

Heidi has also worked for the Anchorage restaurant, the Lucky Wishbone for more than 20 years and is a manager of the restaurant. The Lucky Wishbone is located at 1033 East 5th avenue, directly across from the hotel that is under consideration for a replication of the housing first model.

Dan Coffey

Dan is a longtime Anchorage resident who has served in many capacities as an attorney and businessman. He is currently serving on the Anchorage Assembly representing the midtown district of Anchorage.

Sharon Scott (representing Mat-Su)

Sharon is a Program Officer with the Mat-Su Health Foundation. The Mat-Su Health Foundation (MSHF) provides financial support for well-managed 501(c)(3) organizations offering services and practical solutions to significant health related problems impacting the citizens of the Mat-Su Borough.

Kristin English

Kristin is the Chief Operations Officer of Cook Inlet Tribal Council, a non-profit social service arm of the CIRI Corporation. Kristin and CITC have served on the Anchorage Mayor's Homeless Leadership Team and many other efforts to assist the homeless in Anchorage.

Karen Parks

Karen is an employee of RurAL CAP's Affordable Housing Division and is a residential support services staff member for this agency's existing housing programs.

Statewide Representatives

Brenda Knapp

Brenda is the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Treatment and Recovery Section manager in the Division of Behavioral Health. Brenda resides in Juneau Alaska and has previously been the director of a local non-profit behavioral health center with supported housing units.

Kate Burkhart

Kate is the executive Director of the State of Alaska's Mental Health Board (AMHB) and the Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ABADA) and is a planning partner organization and advisor in the Trust's Housing Focus area and other advocacy and policy efforts.

Jeff Wheaton

Jeff is a governor appointed member of the Alaska Council on the Homeless, a statewide body making recommendations to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's Board of Directors and the Governor on programs that address and assist to reduce homelessness in AK. Jeff hopes that partnerships between the education community, local and state governments, concerned groups and the faith-based community can make an impact on the homeless challenges in Alaska. He has volunteered in various capacities through two Anchorage churches, Faith Christian Community and Change Point, particularly in children's ministries and missions.

Staff

Nancy Burke

Nancy is a clinically trained masters level social worker with background in adult and family mental health and disability social services and began her career in Alaska in 1989. Nancy has managed and worked in all levels of residential and disability support programs for the ARC of Anchorage, Access Alaska and supported work programs in Anchorage. While serving as Executive Director at Access Alaska, Nancy worked to establish a mental health clinic for people with traumatic brain injuries and also oversaw a statewide effort to provide resources for

agencies establishing home based care for elders and people with physical disabilities. In 2002, Nancy moved to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to focus on housing support programs for people with severe disabilities and mental illness. Nancy is also the Trust's representative Program Officer on the pooled pre-development program, a collaborative program between the Trust, Rasmuson Foundation, Denali Commission, Mat-Su Health Foundation and the Foraker Group to assist non-profits in understanding the importance of proper planning in the predevelopment phase of development.

John Sperbeck

John has over 20 year experience in a variety of clinical and administrative roles with the housing programs at Anchorage Community Mental Health Services since becoming employed there in 1987. John's positions and responsibilities range from beginning as a provider of intensive community outreach and case management services through managing special needs and intensive supported housing. John also has experience in the coordination and supervision of high needs behavioral health participant placements to include assessment for the Anchorage area Assisted Living Homes. Since 2007, John has been detailed to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to assist in the development of a statewide plan for the sustainability of existing housing stock for Trust beneficiaries as well as policy coordination and future housing program development. With the Trust, John provides technical assistance to the State of Alaska DHSS Divisions of Behavioral Health and Senior and Disability Services as well as to non-profit organizations on how to operate and efficiently manage supported housing units and programs.