

MH: Crisis Treatment Facility - Phase 2**FY2006 Request: \$2,500,000****Reference No: 33683****AP/AL:** Appropriation**Project Type:** Construction**Category:** Health/Human Services**Location:** Anchorage Areawide**Contact:** Larry J. Streuber**House District:** Anchorage Areawide (HD 17-32) **Contact Phone:** (907)465-1870**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2010**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**

These funds will be used for the replacement of current facilities housing enhanced Crisis Treatment services in Anchorage. The new facility will be built in the old Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API) shell after asbestos is abated by Providence Hospital. It will have 16 beds. The current facility housing Crisis Treatment is owned by the University and was part of the land exchange to replace API. The University requires Crisis Treatment to vacate by October 2007. There must be a safe, efficient replacement for this essential service.

Funding:	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	Total
Bonds MH	\$2,500,000						\$2,500,000
Total:	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500,000

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased - new	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phased - underway	<input type="checkbox"/> On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill	

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	264,000	0
One-Time Startup:	0	
Totals:	264,000	0

Additional Information / Prior Funding History:

CH95/SLA02/P12/L23 \$350.0 GF/MH Phase 1

Project Description/Justification:

The Department is proposing to locate Crisis Treatment services in the shell of the old Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API). The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) is currently finishing construction of new API. After API is relocated to the new facility, Providence Hospital will begin asbestos abatement in old API, and then construction of Crisis Treatment services. This is a more cost-effective alternative than constructing a stand-alone building, which was estimated to cost \$7.5 million. There are other advantages to locating this service in the old API. One, Crisis Treatment needs to be close to the new API because of frequent patient transfers and other operational considerations. Two, there shouldn't be any zoning objections from surrounding neighborhoods.

Enhanced Crisis Respite services target adults experiencing acute psychiatric crisis who may be psychotic and may have a history of violence, but do not require locked or hospital care. It includes step-down respite services following hospitalization (at API). In addition, treatment will be provided for dually diagnosed patients. The current Crisis Treatment Center is housed in the former API Superintendent's House. When that land was sold in October of 2002, the new owners gave notice to the State that those buildings must be vacated by October 2004.

DHSS was not able to find another building to house Crisis Treatment by October of 2004. The Department looked seriously at several options, including constructing a free-standing building at a cost of \$7.5 million. However, this proved to be very expensive and locating Crisis Treatment in old API is a cheaper and better alternative. The current owner of the Crisis Treatment building, the University, has given DHSS until October of 2007 to vacate the

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building and come up with a replacement facility. This construction request will provide sufficient funds for a 16-bed unit to house these critical services.

The crisis respite services are an essential part of the array of community services that will allow API to operate with only seventy-two beds in the new location, while also significantly improving the emergency services capability of the State and of the municipal and private healthcare community within the Anchorage Bowl. Failing to find a replacement facility could result in a loss of crisis respite services.

Moving into a facility designed for this level of care will help assure client safety, allow access for physically disabled people (who cannot be served in current buildings) and allow appropriate space for offices and treatment rooms.

The funds will be granted to Providence Hospital, who will then own the old Alaska Psychiatric Institute building, and they will undertake construction of the project.

Department's Mission: *To promote and protect the health and well being of Alaskans.* This project supports the Department's mission by making emergency mental health treatment and drug and alcohol abuse treatment available to Alaskans who need these services.