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Mrs. Anita Halterman, Chair
Members of the Board of Trustees
Mr. Steve Williams, Chief Executive Officer
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200
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Dear Mrs. Halterman, Members of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. Williams,

Thank you for your continued efforts and dedication to the goals of the Mental Health Trust (Trust) and the work you do on behalf of the Trust's beneficiaries. Your efforts are of great value to beneficiaries of the Trust and the state as a whole.

The Mental Health Budget, as submitted to the administration and subsequently transmitted to the legislature, contains changes to Trust recommendations related to items funded through General Fund Mental Health. The following items were not included in the FY2024 Governor proposed budget on December 15, 2022:

- Department of Health: \$100.0 for Peer Support Certification, \$1,500.0 for Crisis Now Continuum of Care Grants, \$75.0 for Comprehensive Program Planning Coordinator, \$45.0 for Beneficiary Mental Health Status Data Collection, \$250.0 for Maintain Aging and Disability Resource Centers, \$63.0 for IT Application/Telehealth Service System Improvements, \$50.0 for GCDSE Joint Staffing
- University of Alaska: \$50.0 for The Alaska Training Cooperative to maintain FY2023 levels

In reviewing the Governor's released budget on December 15, 2022, two Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts (MHTAAR) items were identified as inadvertently omitted. These items will be introduced during Governor Amend on February 15, 2023:

- Operating - Department of Revenue: \$100.0 for Department of Corrections Discharge Incentive Grants.
- Capital – Department of Revenue: \$200.0 for AHFC Beneficiary and Special Needs Housing

In evaluating the capital needs of the state, the decision was made to reduce Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Dividends to enable funds that were appropriated for these capital projects in prior years to be used first.

The total FY 2024 Mental Health Budget is \$229.5 million of operating expenditures and \$11.9 million of capital. We look forward to working with you and the legislature to secure passage of this budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Steininger', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Neil Steininger
Director

cc: Tyson Gallagher, Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
Laura Stidolph, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor

Enclosures:

Attachment 1 FY 2024 Trust to Governor Budget Summary
Attachment 2 Operating Budget Comparison
Attachment 3 Actions on Non-Trust Recommendations
Attachment 4 Capital Budget Comparison