ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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Friends and Colleagues:

The Alaska Mental Health Board will meet March 3-4, 2005 at the Baranof Hotel in Juneau. The draft agenda contains the meeting schedule and will be available online at www.amhb.org soon. Meeting highlights will include:

- ♦ A March 3 joint presentation with the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to a combined House and Senate Health Education and Social Services Committees.
- ♦ The Board will have sessions on both March 3 and 4 to review its mission, priorities, and structure.
- A consumer forum the evening of March 3 (tentative).
- Portions of the meeting will be jointly held with the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, including integrated planning for behavioral health services on March 3.
- Public comment sessions take place 3:45 p.m., March 3 and 2:15 p.m., March 4.

Most AMHB committee meetings will take place via teleconference prior to the board meeting – please check online for the committee meeting schedule at:

http://notes3.state.ak.us/pn/pubnotic.nsf/PNByDeptActive?OpenView&Start=1&Count=100&Expand=8.2#8.2

We again ask agencies (with limited exceptions) to provide written reports to the Board rather than oral reports at the meeting. The details of our agenda may change somewhat as the meeting nears. We ask for your understanding and flexibility concerning such changes.

The Board encourages and appreciates your interest in mental health in Alaska and your involvement during this continuing time of transition. We invite you to attend all or part of the AMHB meeting and related activities.

Sincerely,

Richard Rainery
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