

Board of Trustees
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

October 26, 2016

Trustees,

Since I arrived in Alaska in 1980 as a VISTA volunteer working with what is now the Disability Law Center, I have dedicated my professional career to serving the Trust beneficiaries. For the last 21 years I have been privileged and honored to serve them as the CEO of the Trust.

The Trust and the beneficiaries will face many unprecedented challenges as Alaska deals with our fiscal and economic difficulties. It is clear that a majority of the Board of Trustees believes that significant changes in the Trust's organization and efforts must be made to meet these challenges. These changes will require new perspectives and ideas to ensure that the Trust can meet the needs of the beneficiaries well into the future.

Therefore, I believe that it is in the best interests of the beneficiaries, the Trust and myself that I resign as CEO in favor of a different role within the Trust. This will enable me to continue to serve the beneficiaries to the best of my abilities and enable the Board of Trustees, the Trust, and the Trust Land Office to focus on making adaptations that will enable the Trust to best meet the needs of the beneficiaries now and in the future.

To facilitate changes in my role and the direction of the Trust I submit my resignation effective as of the effective date of the approved appointment of my successor.



Jeff Jessee
Chief Executive Officer