Alaska Mental Health Board

FY 2004-2005 Capital Project Proposal (Instructions on next page)

1) Proposer's Name	2) Contact Information	3) Project Title
Consumers Consortium	Barry Creighton, 54932 Burdock Rd, Kasilof, Alaska 99610, (907) 262-2824, burdock@ionia.org	Consumer Clubhouse in Anchorage

4) Project Description:

The consumer run clubhouse and related programs in Anchorage needs its own permanent home. This proposal is for matching grants. The current operator the Consumer Computer Connection and Clubhouse, the Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web would not necessarily be the owner. Instead, a separate non-profit, Peer Properties, Inc., which has recently been formed could be the owner and rent it for the Clubhouse. With a down payment of \$250,000, which is the amount requested, a \$1,000,000 building could probably be purchased with the balance coming from other grants and/or a mortgage.

About 800 consumers a month currently use the Computer Connection and Clubhouse. These are generally adults with what is considered serious and persistent mental illness. Many of these people are not in any other program, while others participate in other programs, such as South Central Counseling. Many people have avoided rehospitalizations because of the availability of the Computer Connection and Clubhouse's peer support.

5) Explain geographic area to be served. Are there similar projects/programs in geographic area where collaboration is possible?

JAnchorage. NAMI-Alaska has its own facility, which was purchased for it by the state, but it is not large enough accommodate the Computer Connection and Clubhouse's clientele on top of what NAMI-Alaska is doing with it.

6) What AMHB priorities or goals of *A Shared Vision II* and/or the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan does this proposal support?

Consumer Centered Services

Consumer Rights

Consumer Directed Policy Development

Comprehensive System

Integrative/Collaborative System

Strengths Perspective

Home and Community Focus

Preventive Services Outcome Based Systems Cost Effectiveness

7) How will this proposal improve the quality of life of Trust beneficiaries?

Clubhouses with their peer-support approach have been shown to be very effective in leading people with previously serious and persistent mental illness to very productive, meaningful lives, including recovery.

8) If this is a continuing project, report on status. Indicate not applicable if this is a new project.

9) Project cost and funding sources FY 04 \$0 FY 05 \$250,000 FY 06 \$0 FY 07 \$0 10) Start-up or ongoing operating costs.

Start-up: other sources Ongoing: other sources

11) Signature and date