

Alaska Mental Health Board
FY 2004-2005 Operating Budget Proposal

<p>1) Proposer's Name Consumers Consortium</p>	<p>2) Contact Information Barry Creighton, 54932 Burdock Rd, Kasilof, Alaska 99610, (907) 262-2824, burdock@ionia.org</p>	<p>3) Program or Service Title Consumer Directed Employment Specialist</p>
<p>4) Proposal Description:</p> <p>There needs to be a full-time employment specialist employed by a Consumer directed program available to consumers statewide. Both A Shared Vision II, and In-Step, the Trust's Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan acknowledge that employment is one of the most, if not the most important goal of consumers. It is very important that there be at least one person, under the direction of a consumer run organization, whose full time purpose is to achieve employment for mental health consumers. It is anticipated that most of the efforts will be towards finding and supporting employment for individual consumers. With respect to the latter, it is important to recognize the different types of supports that have proven necessary to achieve meaningful, sustainable employment for mental health consumers. While the person needs to be employed by a consumer directed program, it is not anticipated that the person must be a consumer, but instead very knowledgeable on these employment issues and programs.</p>		
<p>5) Explain geographic area to be served. Are there similar projects/programs in geographic area where collaboration is possible?</p> <p>Statewide. A major purpose of the program is to coordinate/collaborate with existing programs by assisting people to access and qualify for them.</p>		
<p>6) What AMHB priorities or goals of <i>A Shared Vision II</i> and/or the Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Plan does this proposal support?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 		
<p>7) How will this proposal improve the quality of life of Trust beneficiaries?</p> <p>Meaningful employment consistently ranks as one of the most important things that consumers desire. In many cases, it is only in conjunction with such employment that recovery is achieved.</p>		
<p>8) If this is a continuing project, report on status. Indicate not applicable if this is a new project.</p> <p>N/A</p>		

9) Project cost and funding sources FY 04 \$90,000/MHTAAR FY 05 \$90,000/MHTAAR FY 06 \$90,000/MHTAAR FY 07 \$90,000/MHTAAR FY 08 \$90,000/MHTAAR	10) Is capital funding required? No
11) Are new state employees required? No If so, how many?	12) Signature and date