

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 Housing Specialist</p>
<p>4) Proposal Description:</p> <p>There needs to be a full-time housing specialist employed by a Consumer directed program in Anchorage. There is a bewildering array of housing programs. This includes both the development of additional housing as well as existing housing for mental health consumers. The housing specialist employed by a Consumer directed program would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Arrange housing for consumers, many of which are homeless and unaffiliated with any Community Mental Health Center. (2) Participate in the myriad of housing planning efforts in the Anchorage area and represent mental health consumer interests. (3) Otherwise represent mental health consumer interests with respect to housing policies.¹ (4) Provide technical assistance to consumer-run housing program(s). <p>All of these are desperately needed.</p> <p>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 housing 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>The position will be based in Anchorage, but the person will provide assistance statewide. The whole purpose of this proposal is to coordinate/collaborate with other agencies providing housing.</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 		

¹ The policies of housing programs are often counterproductive. For example, in the winter, a person suffering from serious mental illness and a substance abuse disorder who has exceeded the time limit for the shelter(s), may literally have to get drunk so she will be picked up by the Community Service Patrol to avoid freezing to death. This is true!!!

Cost Effectiveness

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

Housing is one of the most important required elements for recovery and otherwise for basic human dignity.

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

N/A

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