Alaska Mental Health Board FY 2004-2005 Capital Project Proposal (Instructions on next page)

1) Proposer's Name	2) Contact Information	3) Project Title
Consumer's Consortium	Barry Creighton	City Sewage Conversion
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4) Project Description:

PARENTS, Inc. will convert from our current on-site, residential septic system to the Municipal sewage/waste management system. The septic system currently in use at PARENTS, Inc. does not adequately support usage by those who come to receive services. Failure of the septic system (septic tank, leach field, etc) has resulted in waste fumes filling the building, spontaneous over-flowing of the toilets, and waste backing up and coming out of drains. Fumes and over-flowing could potentially create serious sanitation/health issues. The PARENTS, Inc. facility has actually had to shut down and send employees home, several times, while fumes and over-flowing issues were being addressed. Immediate results of this project will be total and permanent elimination of fumes, overflow, and backing up issues, as waste will be quickly removed from the facility to be managed by AWWU. Long-term results include: reduced maintenance/repair costs and prevention of further damage to the property (which would result from inefficient and inadequate waste removal).

5) Explain geographic area to be served. Are there similar projects/programs in geographic area where collaboration is possible? Anchorage. Collaboration is not possible in removal of waste from the PARENTS, Inc. facility. Collaborative efforts are being pursued in converting from well to city water.

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

This project specifically addresses AMHB priority #3- Children's Services. PARENTS, Inc. will address the needs of child MH consumers and their families through support, training (of parents and professionals), promoting parent involvement in the special education, policy making, and treatment processes, and through early intervention focused services. PARENTS, Inc. services are available to all Alaska communities.

7) How will this proposal improve the quality of life of Trust beneficiaries? By allowing PARENTS, Inc. to continue providing much needed services to child MH consumers and their families in a healthy, comfortable, and sanitary environment. Specifically, by eliminating fumes and toilet/drain waste back-up and overflow in the PARENTS, Inc. facility.

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 **\$45,000** FY 05 10) Start-up or ongoing operating costs.

Start-up: Ongoing:

other sources other sources