

Skagway Traditional Council

Special Meeting



April 21, 2022, 12 PM / In-Person & Zoom

Attendance:

Jaime Bricker, President
Andrew Beierly, Vice Chair
Marla Belisle, Secretary
Judean Gordon, Member at Large (via zoom)
Savannah Ames, Treasurer

Katie Klug, TAA (Note taker)

John Hischer

- Discussion of Mental Health Service Proposal

J. Hischer shared with the council members he will not be renewing his contract with Dahl Memorial Clinic and should be done September 30th. He is looking to start his own private practice and is proposing to the council \$20,000 in-kind donation to include office space, phone & internet and \$60,000 in financial support. J. Hischer states he will be looking to conduct Telehealth services and 20-30 hours of in person sessions. Other services he is looking to include would be outreach programs, senior benefits, critical debriefing resources, cost effective for those who don't have insurance, similar to the sliding scale fee at the clinic. J. Bricker asked what the terms of this proposal are. J. Hischer would like to start with a year-to-year contract and see what may need to be adjusted after that. J. Hischer also shared this could open the door for the community to have 2 mental health providers, given the opportunity SEARHC may be taking over. M. Belisle asks if he would still be providing counseling at the school. J. Hischer would need to look into a separate contract with the school and may need to resign from the school board due to conflict of interest. A. Beierly shares he is happy John wants to start his own business & continue helping the community. M. Belisle asked John if Telehealth billing would be a problem knowing the clinic had some issues. J. Hischer doesn't believe so. Council members thank John for his proposal and will reach out to him once they have discussed more. J. Hischer thanks the council members for their time and continuing support to work together.

J. Bricker shares she briefly discussed with the lawyers and the addressed proposal can be used under ARPA funds. J. Bricker shares the next step will be to draft up a contract and go over liability questions with the lawyers. J. Bricker states due to the conflict of interest with J. Hischer and Sara Kinjo-Hischer being married, Sara is not to be used for questions or help of drafting the proposed contract. Point of contact will be between Katie Klug and Jaime Bricker via email and will inform the council members with any continued updates before presenting a contract to J. Hischer.