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The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

Timeline for Annual Mental Health Budget Bill Process

June - July
- Trustees issue Request for Recommendations (RFR) for the next fiscal year
- Partner boards prepare RFR budgets

July
- Focus Area Workgroups prepare budgets

August
- RFR budgets due to COO
- CFO prepares budget spreadsheets
- Finance Committee hears partner board and focus area proposals for budget recommendations

August - December
- Trust coordinates with Commissioners and their department directors regarding their funding requests for the next fiscal year

September
- Trustees meet to discuss partner board and focus area budget recommendations, and approve budget recommendations for the next fiscal year
- Budget recommendations sent to Governor, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Legislative Audit (due Sept.15)

September - December
- Trust works with Governor's Office on budget recommendations
- Governor approves or modifies budget and sends to Legislature as Mental Health Budget Bill (due Dec. 15)

January - April
- Legislature in session
- Trust works with Legislature on budget recommendations
- Legislature adopts Mental Health Budget Bill

May
- Trustees approve final budget for next fiscal year based on results of legislative session

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