

STATE CAPITOL  
PO Box 110001  
Juneau, Alaska 99811-0001  
907-465-3500  
fax: 907-465-3532



550 West 7th Avenue #1700  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501  
907-269-7450  
fax 907-269-7463  
[www.Gov.Alaska.Gov](http://www.Gov.Alaska.Gov)  
[Governor@Alaska.Gov](mailto:Governor@Alaska.Gov)

Governor Sean Parnell  
STATE OF ALASKA

January 13, 2012

The Honorable Gary Stevens  
President of the Senate  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 111  
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear President Stevens,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18 of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill relating to the State's comprehensive mental health program for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY 2013). As required by statute, it includes both operating and capital appropriations. Also, as required, the enclosed report outlines the differences between the recommendations of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and my proposed budget.

The proposed mental health budget represents a cooperative effort between State agencies and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. These productive working relationships make a positive difference for Alaska's mental health beneficiaries.

I am proposing a reasonable budget that holds the line on government spending and provides a more stable and secure future for our families. With budget discipline, targeted spending, and managing our savings, Alaska's cash reserves and excellent bond rating will provide us with economic opportunities for years to come.

I look forward to working with the Legislature to finalize the mental health budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell  
Governor

Enclosure