

State of Alaska FY2007 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Health and Social Services Pioneer Homes Component Budget Summary

Component: Pioneer Homes

Contribution to Department's Mission

Manage the five Alaskan Pioneer Homes, the Veterans and Pioneer Home and the centralized Pioneer Home Pharmacy.

Core Services

The Pioneer Homes system provides assisted living and pharmaceutical services in Sitka, Fairbanks, Palmer, Anchorage, Ketchikan and Juneau to Alaskan seniors. The services are designed to maximize independence and quality of life by addressing the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of Pioneer Home residents.

FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

FY2007 Component Budget: \$48,447,300	Personnel:	
	Full time	548
	Part time	46
	Total	594

Key Component Challenges

- Caring for Alaska seniors with increasingly complex needs within the authorized budget
- Assuring efficient operation of the five Pioneer Homes, the Veterans and Pioneer Home and the centralized pharmacy
- Implementing regulations related to the legislative intent language that requires Pioneer Home residents to apply for appropriate alternative financial assistance programs prior to receiving state payment assistance
- Stabilizing occupancy in the Anchorage and Sitka Pioneer Homes
- Providing technical assistance for residents who have enrolled with a Medicare Part D Plan for medications
- Identifying and providing technical assistance to Veterans who may apply for and qualify for various VA benefits
- Recruiting and maintaining adequate health care personnel in a time of national shortage
- Refining the Quality Assurance Program that measures and quantifies the quality of care received by Pioneer Homes residents. The program's goal is to increase resident safety by assessing processes, identifying inadequacies and developing interventions before problems occur
- Continuing with the Back Injury Prevention Program that provides training to applicable personnel on the proper use of resident lifts and other equipment in order to prevent employee back injuries
- Promoting awareness of the purpose and mission of the Pioneer Homes in the community
- Maintaining the Pioneer Home facilities

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007

In FY05 the division received legislative authority and tentative federal approval to transition the Palmer Pioneer Home into the state Veterans Home. Renovation and remodeling began in August 2005. Transitioning the Palmer Home into the Alaska Veterans Home will require changes in staffing, reporting and meeting all Veterans Benefits Administration requirements.

The FY 2007 budget includes a request for 24 additional positions for the Pioneer Homes and 10 for the state Veterans Home. Although the acuity level of Pioneer Home residents continues to increase in all six homes, the staffing levels have not. Over the past ten years, the percentage of Pioneer Home residents requiring the highest level of care has risen from 25 to 59 percent. The additional positions will allow the Sitka home to fill ten currently vacant beds and the

other homes to safely care for the residents served at their current occupancy levels.

In FY04 Pioneer Home residents became eligible to apply for Medicaid and in FY05 the division enrolled with the Medicaid program for provision of pharmacy services and long term care waiver services. With this change, division staff (primarily the social workers) have assumed the task of assisting interested residents with the Medicaid application process. Implementation began in FY05 and will continue through FY07.

Providing technical assistance to residents who have enrolled with a Medicare Part D Plan for medications. Selection of Plans and obtaining federal information is a major concern of the residents in choosing the "right" Plan for their particular drug needs and based on their financial situation. In making their choice of Plans, seniors will need to compare their use of drugs and potential future medication requirements to each Plan's formulary.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

- Provided assisted living home and pharmacy services to approximately 453 residents.
- Achieved cost savings by providing medications to DHSS youth facilities through the Pioneer Homes pharmacy system.
- Implemented Medicaid billing for pharmacy and long term care waiver services.
- Increased the ability to hire and retain Pharmacists in the face of strong competition from private employers by creating exempt positions with a salary closer to that of the private sector.
- Continued Management of the Quality Assurance Program - The overall goal is increased resident safety. The primary program objectives are to track and trouble shoot unusual occurrences, identify trends and provide the legislature with statistical information as required by statute.
- Continued to offer the Pharmacy Student Internship Program that provides on-site education for USC pharmacy students. The interns assist the pharmacy staff and develop and provide training opportunities for Pioneer Home staff.
- Provided continuing education programs recognized by the Alaska Nurses' Association.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

Ch 59, SLA04	Pioneers' Homes/Veterans' Homes: SB 301
AS 44.29.020(a)(16)	Duties of H&SS Department - Amd by Ex Order 108, Sec 4; Ch 59, SLA04
AS 44.29.400	State Veterans' Home Facilities - Amd by Ex Order 108, Sec. 4; Ch 59, SLA04
AS 47.55	Pioneers' Homes - Amd by Ex Order 108, Sec. 4; Ch 59, SLA04
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**Pioneer Homes
Component Financial Summary**

All dollars shown in thousands

	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Non-Formula Program:			
Component Expenditures:			
71000 Personal Services	29,817.1	32,976.7	36,279.0
72000 Travel	18.9	18.2	18.2
73000 Services	5,252.7	5,407.7	6,787.2
74000 Commodities	1,524.4	2,955.2	5,046.6
75000 Capital Outlay	224.7	137.6	212.6
77000 Grants, Benefits	103.7	103.7	103.7
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
Expenditure Totals	36,941.5	41,599.1	48,447.3
Funding Sources:			
1002 Federal Receipts	0.0	25.0	169.7
1004 General Fund Receipts	11,846.2	13,165.9	16,546.4
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	611.3	2,884.4	3,073.0
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	10,966.8	11,672.5	12,494.9
1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	0.0	1,500.0	3,466.4
1156 Receipt Supported Services	13,517.2	12,351.3	12,696.9
Funding Totals	36,941.5	41,599.1	48,447.3

Estimated Revenue Collections

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
Unrestricted Revenues				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
Unrestricted Total		0.0	0.0	0.0
Restricted Revenues				
Federal Receipts	51010	0.0	25.0	169.7
Interagency Receipts	51015	611.3	2,884.4	3,073.0
Statutory Designated Program Receipts	51063	0.0	1,500.0	3,466.4
Receipt Supported Services	51073	13,517.2	12,351.3	12,696.9
Restricted Total		14,128.5	16,760.7	19,406.0
Total Estimated Revenues		14,128.5	16,760.7	19,406.0

**Summary of Component Budget Changes
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor**

All dollars shown in thousands

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY2006 Management Plan	24,838.4	25.0	16,735.7	41,599.1
Adjustments which will continue current level of service:				
-Additional Federal Receipts from Veteran's Domiciliary Care Per Diem	-144.7	144.7	0.0	0.0
-FY 07 Wage Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	426.9	0.0	126.0	552.9
-FY 07 Health Insurance Cost Increases for Bargaining Units and Non-Covered Employees	70.9	0.0	21.0	91.9
-FY 07 Retirement Systems Cost Increase	753.0	0.0	222.4	975.4
Proposed budget decreases:				
-Reduce I/A - No Sourdough Residents Reside in the Pioneer Home System	0.0	0.0	-11.1	-11.1
Proposed budget increases:				
-Additional Funding to Cover Increased Medication Costs	0.0	0.0	1,966.4	1,966.4
-Certified Nurse Aide Reclass Settlement Costs	284.0	0.0	83.6	367.6
-Opening Veteran's Beds in the Palmer Pioneer Home	904.0	0.0	0.0	904.0
-Assistance for Increased Fuel/Electricity Costs	154.0	0.0	0.0	154.0
-Increased Staffing for Resident Safety and Security	1,510.0	0.0	0.0	1,510.0
-Increase I/A from DJJ for Medication Distribution	0.0	0.0	20.0	20.0
-Risk Management Self-Insurance Funding Increase	244.8	0.0	72.3	317.1
FY2007 Governor	29,041.3	169.7	19,236.3	48,447.3

**Pioneer Homes
Personal Services Information**

Authorized Positions		Personal Services Costs		
	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>FY2007</u>		
	<u>Management</u>	<u>Governor</u>	<u>Annual Salaries</u>	
	<u>Plan</u>			
Full-time	516	548	Annual Salaries	22,413,642
Part-time	45	46	COLA	611,861
Nonpermanent	71	66	Premium Pay	0
			Annual Benefits	13,974,893
			<i>Less 5.80% Vacancy Factor</i>	(2,146,396)
			Lump Sum Premium Pay	1,425,000
Totals	632	660	Total Personal Services	36,279,000

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Accounting Clerk II	2	0	0	0	2
Administrative Assistant	1	0	1	3	5
Administrative Clerk II	1	0	0	1	2
Administrative Clerk III	0	1	1	1	3
Administrative Manager I	0	1	0	0	1
Assisted Living Aide	8	5	1	12	26
Assisted Living Care Coord	1	2	1	1	5
Asst Adm Anch Pioneer Home	1	0	0	0	1
Certified Nurse Aide I	77	51	34	112	274
Certified Nurse Aide II	1	1	0	0	2
Clinical Pharmacist	1	0	0	0	1
Enviro Services Foreman	1	1	0	3	5
Enviro Services Journey I	17	9	0	20	46
Enviro Services Journey II	2	4	0	13	19
Enviro Services Lead	0	0	0	1	1
Food Service Journey	4	5	0	17	26
Food Service Lead	1	1	0	0	2
Food Service Sub Journey	27	12	0	38	77
Health Practitioner I	0	0	1	0	1
Human Resource Technician I	1	0	0	0	1
Licensed Prac Nurse	15	6	4	6	31
Maint Gen Foreman	1	1	1	3	6
Maint Gen Journey	4	3	0	6	13
Maint Gen Sub - Journey I	0	0	0	2	2
Maint Gen Sub - Journey II	0	0	1	0	1
Medical Records Asst	1	0	0	2	3
Nurse I	1	1	1	3	6
Nurse II	5	6	1	19	31
Nurse III	6	4	5	14	29
Nurse IV	1	0	0	3	4
Pharmacist	2	0	0	0	2
Pharmacy Technician	3	0	0	0	3
Physical Therapist	1	0	1	1	3
Pioneers Home Admin I	0	0	1	3	4
Pioneers Home Admin II	1	1	0	0	2
Procurement Spec II	1	0	0	0	1
Recreation Assistant	1	0	0	2	3

Position Classification Summary

Job Class Title	Anchorage	Fairbanks	Juneau	Others	Total
Recreational Therapist II	1	1	1	2	5
Social Services Associate II	1	0	0	0	1
Social Services Specialist II	0	0	0	1	1
Social Worker II	0	0	1	1	2
Social Worker III	1	1	0	1	3
Supply Technician II	1	1	0	2	4
Totals	193	118	56	293	660