

# **State of Alaska FY2011 Governor's Operating Budget**

## **Department of Health and Social Services Suicide Prevention Council Component Budget Summary**

**Component: Suicide Prevention Council**

## **Contribution to Department's Mission**

The Council is the state planning and coordinating agency for issues surrounding suicide, suicide prevention, and education and awareness about the impact of suicide and suicidal behavior on the health and wellness of individuals, families and communities across Alaska.

## **Core Services**

- Act in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the legislature with issues related to suicide.
- Improve health and wellness throughout the state, by reducing suicide and its effect on individuals, families, and communities.
- Broaden the public's awareness of suicide and the risk factors related to suicide.
- Enhance suicide prevention services and programs throughout the state.
- Develop healthy communities through comprehensive, collaborative, community-based approaches.
- Develop and implement a statewide suicide prevention plan.
- Strengthen existing and build new partnerships between public and private entities that will advance suicide prevention efforts in the state.

## **Key Component Challenges**

- In FY09 the Alaska Statewide Suicide Prevention Council (SSPC) moved from the DHSS Office of the Commissioner to the Division of Behavioral Health. This move has allowed for better coordination of statewide suicide prevention efforts between the SSPC and Behavioral Health. SSPC, Behavioral Health, and the Alaska Mental Health Board and Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse work together for a consistent, comprehensive and coordinated effort to reduce and prevent suicides in Alaska.
- Since the transfer, the coordinator responsibilities had been absorbed by existing division staff, but a new half-time Project Coordinator has been hired and will assume the duties of the SSPC staff, providing consistent and dedicated support to the Council in the completion of their tasks. The duties for the Project Coordinator include communication with partner agencies, alignment of Council projects and priorities, coordination of quarterly meetings, collection and distribution of media materials, and revision of the Alaska Suicide Prevention Plan.
- The Council continues to be a Governor-appointed board, and will be responsible for reporting annually to the Governor, Legislature and the department's commissioner. During FY09 a legislative "sunset" audit was conducted and a report was released at the beginning of the 2009 legislative session. The outcome of the sunset audit was the extension of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council for four more years (through June 30, 2013).

## **Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2011**

There are no significant changes in results delivered.

## Updated Status for Results to be Delivered in FY2010

There are no significant changes in results delivered in FY10.

Status Update for FY10: Due to the legislative sunset audit and the resulting legislative changes in HB 123, there will be changes in the structure of the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council membership including:

- The four members of the legislature (two members from the Senate and two members from the House) are now nonvoting members of the Council.
- The two members employed in the executive branch of state government (previously both from DHSS) will now represent DHSS (one member) and DEED (one member).
- One public member has been added increasing the voting membership from 11 members to 12.
- The seat for a secondary school counselor has been changed to “an employee of a secondary school”.
- The youth organization seat has been changed to include either an adult or a youth in a youth organization, removing the requirement the person be involved in a statewide youth organization.
- The seat for a youth has been changed to read “one person who is enrolled in grade 9, 10, 11 or 12 or a secondary school in the state” where it used to read “under the age of 18.”

These changes were made to broaden the ability of interested parties to meet the criteria for specific seats that have been difficult to fill due to tightly worded definitions. These changes should promote a stronger, more active Council in the future. In addition, with the hiring of the new SSPC staff person, the organization and productivity of the Council will significantly increase.

## Major Component Accomplishments in 2009

The Statewide Suicide Prevention Council (SSPC) had the following accomplishments in FY09:

- The SSPC continued its partnership with NW Strategies and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to conduct a Suicide Prevention Public Awareness Campaign, including the “You Know Me” TV, radio and print ad campaign to reduce stigma about suicide, increase knowledge about suicide and to prevent Alaskans from seeing suicide as a viable option to depression, hopelessness and adversity.
- The Council conducted outreach including a presentation at the Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) Youth and Elders Conference.
- In April 2009 the Council held a 2-day facilitated retreat to regroup, refocus and identify short-term strategies for the next two to three years. Four outcomes were identified:
  1. Work with and encourage tribal leaders from across Alaska to engage in a conversation about suicide and strategies to prevent suicide among our Alaska Native population, especially young men.
  2. Coordinate, in partnership with the Alaska Mental Health Trust, the Alaska Mental Health Board, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and the Division of Behavioral Health, a statewide Summit on Suicide Prevention. Planning began in September 2009, with a Summit being planned for January 2010.
  3. Review current state policies and practices related to suicide; if necessary work with legislative members of the Council to propose needed legislation to decrease suicides in Alaska (an example was the need for mandatory gun locks).
  4. Require Signs of Suicide (SOS) or a similar screening tool to be used in every middle and high school in Alaska, to identify high-risk youth earlier.
- Worked in partnership with the statewide crisis line, CareLine, improving distribution of the toll-free phone number, increasing CareLine’s capacity to have adequate phone coverage, and to guarantee community mental health centers were providing clients with the CareLine business cards and phone number.
- On June 1-2, 2009, 80 attendees from across Southeast Alaska participated in a regional Suicide Prevention Summit, a joint effort of Central Council Tlingit & Haida, the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council (SSPC), and the DHSS, Division of Behavioral Health. The idea was developed at a spring retreat of the SSPC, in an effort to encourage our Alaska Native tribal leaders to begin the conversation about suicide, contributing factors, prevention and community solutions. Tlingit & Haida president Bill Martin lead the effort and was joined by tribal leaders from Hoonah to Ketchikan, members of the Alaska Native Sisterhood and Alaska Native Brotherhood,

representatives from Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC), and Southeast Alaska policy-makers and legislators.

### **Statutory and Regulatory Authority**

AS 44.29.300-390 DHSS, Statewide Suicide Prevention Council

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**Suicide Prevention Council  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	23.3	35.0	35.0
73000 Services	18.8	30.6	30.6
74000 Commodities	9.2	17.2	17.2
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>82.8</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1037 General Fund / Mental Health	51.3	82.8	82.8
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>82.8</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2010 Management Plan to FY2011 Governor**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2010 Management Plan</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>82.8</b>
<b>FY2011 Governor</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>82.8</b>

**Component Detail All Funds**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

**Component:** Suicide Prevention Council (2651)  
**RDU:** Behavioral Health (483)

	<b>FY2009 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2010 Conference Committee</b>	<b>FY2010 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2010 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2011 Governor</b>	<b>FY2010 Management Plan vs FY2011 Governor</b>	
71000 Personal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	23.3	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	18.8	30.6	30.6	30.6	30.6	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	9.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	17.2	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1037 GF/MH	51.3	82.8	82.8	82.8	82.8	0.0	0.0%
<b>General Funds</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>							
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

**Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios With Descriptions**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**

**Component:** Suicide Prevention Council (2651)

**RDU:** Behavioral Health (483)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2010 Conference Committee To FY2010 Authorized *****												
<b>FY2010 Conference Committee</b>												
1037 GF/MH	ConfCom	82.8	0.0	35.0	30.6	17.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
		82.8										
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2010 Authorized To FY2010 Management Plan *****												
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2010 Management Plan To FY2011 Governor *****												
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>82.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Line Item Detail**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Travel**

**Component:** Suicide Prevention Council (2651)  
**RDU:** Behavioral Health (483)

<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Line Name</b>		<b>FY2009 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2010 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2011 Governor</b>
72000	Travel		23.3	35.0	35.0
<b>Expenditure Account</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>FY2009 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2010 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2011 Governor</b>
<b>72000 Travel Detail Totals</b>			<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>35.0</b>
72121	Airfare (Instate Nonemployee)	Airfare for non-employees.	0.0	0.0	20.0
72123	Lodging (Instate Nonemployee)	Lodging for non-employees.	0.0	0.0	15.0

**Line Item Detail**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Services**

**Component:** Suicide Prevention Council (2651)  
**RDU:** Behavioral Health (483)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
73000	Services		18.8	30.6	30.6
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
<b>73000 Services Detail Totals</b>			<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>30.6</b>
73175	Health Services	Contracts for suicide inquiries.	0.0	0.0	18.3
73401	Long Distance	Communications: Teleconferences and video conferences for council and public.	0.0	0.0	10.4
73756	Print/Copy/Graphics	This covers the cost of print and copy jobs.	0.0	0.0	1.9

**Line Item Detail**  
**Department of Health and Social Services**  
**Commodities**

**Component:** Suicide Prevention Council (2651)  
**RDU:** Behavioral Health (483)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
74000	Commodities		9.2	17.2	17.2
Expenditure Account	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2009 Actuals	FY2010 Management Plan	FY2011 Governor
<b>74000 Commodities Detail Totals</b>			<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>17.2</b>
74229	Business Supplies	Office and Library Supplies: General office supplies.	0.0	0.0	17.2