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**Subject:** RE: Request for committee meeting

Thanks Faith,

The [HB 172 Report](#) is striking in its relative lack of input from past or present psychiatric patients. And its failure to address how massively counterproductive and harmful our mental illness system is and what should be done to correct this, as set forth in the [White Paper](#). Agnew:Beck and the Advisory Team were repeatedly called on to address this to no avail.

Interestingly, while the draft report was sent to the Trust in late July of last year, there was apparently some objections to Agnew:Beck's draft, resulting in an extended delay in releasing it for public comment until mid-September. It is critical that we know in what ways Agnew:Beck's draft report was changed. Therefore, . . .

. . . Dear Mr. Williams

This is a formal request to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority pursuant to the Alaska Public Records Act, AS 40.25, and its implementing regulations 2 AAC 96, for

1. The original draft of the HB172 Report Agnew:Beck sent the Trust, including the transmittal,
2. all subsequent drafts and transmittals,
3. all correspondence related to the HB172 Report subsequent to the original draft transmittal, including e-mails,
4. all notes, memoranda, or similar documents regarding the HB172 Report subsequent to the original draft transmittal, and
5. to the extent not covered in 4., all memorializations of conversations or other interactions regarding the HB172 Report subsequent to the original draft transmittal.

Please note that under AS 42.25.220(3), "public records" means books, papers, files, accounts, writings, including drafts and memorializations of conversations, and other items, regardless of format or physical characteristics, that are developed or received by a public agency . . ."

Electronic files of the requested documents will be appreciated.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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Anita Halterman,  
Brent Fisher,  
Steve Williams,

We are asking that the Trust Authority schedule a committee meeting.

The subject: The report required by House Bill 172—improving rights, care, and outcomes for psychiatric patients.

Last November, Sen. Matt Claman held a hearing on the report, but Trust beneficiaries were not given a voice at that committee hearing.

Approximately 10,000 Trust beneficiaries rotate in and out of locked psychiatric facilities or units each year for a forced evaluation or treatment.

In closing, we are asking that the Trust schedule a committee meeting and let Trust beneficiaries and psychiatric patient advocates respond to the \$285,346 report required in HB 172.

Please let us know. If the Trust will schedule the committee meeting.

Thank you,

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