

Request for unanimous adoption at the July 18, 2023 JCOA meeting

Whereas: a subcommittee of the JCOA was created in the summer of 2021 to put into place a collaborative eldercare workforce development team, which spawned SREC (Southeast Regional Eldercare workforce Coalition),

Whereas: Southeast Alaska is rapidly aging and the CBJ is committed to “growing the senior economy” which includes helping our elders age in place however feasible, such as by stimulating the emergence of new eldercare workers through recruitment, training, and placement,

Whereas: JCOA has concerns about the SREC project’s current management, and future grant monies written on behalf of SREC will be managed by a different fiduciary which is more philosophically aligned with the mission,

Whereas: the commissioners of JCOA have a deep commitment to the success of SREC which includes but is not limited to

- 1) requiring adherence to the mission and the mandates of the seed grant from Margaret A. Carghill Philanthropies,

- 2) maintaining oversight of the parameters of the grant spending,

- 3) maintaining oversight of JEDC’s role in the launch of the project, and, most importantly,

- 4) actively helping SREC’s mission of inserting the first four hires appropriately into our community so they are immediately integrated with stakeholders who have broad and proven experience with the mission. Specifically this means the executive director will be housed, temporarily, with the fiduciary but ultimately will work from a future inclusive senior center in Juneau; the navigator will be housed at SAIL in the Teal Street Building where the Juneau ADRC resides; the recruiter will be housed within AKDOLWD; and the trainer will be housed at an educational center (likely SERRC or UAS)

Be it known that JCOA has requested \$5,736 from our annual \$15,000 budget to be paid to SAIL as soon as possible to cover one year of rent and phone services starting August 1, 2023 for the office of the SREC navigator at the Teal Street Center. This expenditure will be reported to MACP.