

**University of Alaska Behavioral Health Workforce Summit – October 25, 2016**  
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On October 25, 2016 UA President Jim Johnsen and Jeff Jessee, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority CEO, convened a meeting of approximately one-hundred behavioral health statewide stakeholders. The University of Alaska is currently examining the role it plays in the behavioral health workforce pipeline and is searching for ways to strengthen the contribution made when developing a behavioral health workforce that is prepared to meet the needs of Alaskans. Intended outcomes will focus on additional research, investigation and planning resulting in an updated vision and mission statement as well as a strategic action plan which addresses the educational, academic and continuing education pipeline for Alaska's behavioral health workforce for the next decade.

The meeting consisted of morning sessions which concentrated on providing participants with an overview of Alaska's behavioral health system transformation and specific data which informed the afternoon break-out sessions. Initial areas of focus included the following:

- ✓ Career Pathways, Apprenticeships, Experiential Learning and Credit
- ✓ Inter-professional Training and Education
- ✓ Financing & Flexibility in Education and Training
- ✓ Department of Corrections: Reentry Services and Coalitions
- ✓ Cohort Model

More information can be found at the following website:

<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/ACRHHW/dataandreportspages/2016-bh-workforce-summit.cshtml>