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Chugachmiut Health Services Receives Awards from the Alaska Tribal Health Quality Collaborative

Submitted by Kelley Baker

The Alaska Tribal Health Quality Collaborative Program recognizes and awards organizations for clinical quality measures for outstanding achievements.

Chugachmiut Health Services received two awards:
2019 High Camp Award- 80-99% Measures Met
2019 Kahiltna Pass Award- 2 Most Improved Measures

Your healthcare team has made significant progress in improving the quality of care provided. We tracked clinical quality measure progress from October 1, 2018, to September 30, 2019.

We are pleased to share the region's accomplishments resulting in significantly improved baseline measures.

What does this mean? Our Region has met and exceeded the Alaska/National Clinical Care Quality Goals to help improve the health within the Region. Our patients took action toward improving their health by preventive screenings, exams, immunizations, and monitoring and improving blood pressure control.

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Cordova	Ilanka Community Health Center	424-3622		
Chenega	Arch Priest Nicholas Kompkoff Clinic	573-5129		573-5148
		573-5142		
Nanwalek	Nanwalek Clinic	281-2250		281-2244
		281-2251		
Port Graham	Anesia Anahonak Moonin Clinic	284-2241		284-2277
		284-2295		
Seward	North Star Health Clinic	224-3490		224-5870
			1-800-224-3076	
Seward	Dental Clinic	224-4925		224-4933
Tatitlek	Tatitlek Clinic	325-2234		325-2350
		325-2235		
RESOURCES FOR SUPPORT		PHONE	TOLL FREE	
	Alaska Native Health Consortium	729-1900		
	Alaska Quit Line		1-800-784-8669	
	Behavioral Health Crisis Line (24/7)		1-844-891-0444	
	Careline Crisis Intervention		1-877-266-4357	
	Chugach Alaska Corporation	563-8866	1-800-858-2768	
	Chugach Regional Resources Commission	224-5181		
	Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Referral Hotline		1-877-907-8738	
	Domestic Violence Tribal Advocate, Kachemak Bay		1-877-907-8738	
	Nanwalek Recovery House	281-2217		
	North Pacific Rim Housing Authority	562-1444	1-800-274-1444	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS		PHONE	FAX	COUNCIL
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	Pamela Smith, Director	424-7738	424-7739	Native Village of Eyak
	Rami Paulsen, Director	325-2311	325-2298	Tatitlek IRA Council

In This Together

How to Protect Yourself & Others from COVID-19

As the situation surrounding COVID-19 (coronavirus) develops, we want to thank you for your efforts to take care of yourself and one another in order to reduce exposure. Here are some actions you can take to stay healthy and prevent the spread of illness:

IF YOU ARE FEELING UNWELL, STAY HOME AND REST.

If you develop symptoms (fever, dry cough, shortness of breath), stay home and rest. This will help reduce the risk of exposure for those around you. If your symptoms get worse, call your doctor or get in touch with our telehealth provider.

WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN WITH SOAP.

Wet your hands and scrub with soap for at least 20 seconds (or about the time it takes to hum "Happy Birthday" twice). Be sure to get between your fingers and under your nails. If soap and water isn't available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.

COVER COUGHS AND SNEEZES

Use the "vampire" technique—use the inside of your elbow to cover your mouth and nose.

CLEAN HIGH-TOUCH SURFACES.

Disinfect phones and tablets using 70% isopropyl alcohol. Wipe down handles, doorknobs and counters.

STAND AWAY FROM PEOPLE, WHEN POSSIBLE.

Avoid shaking hands (try flashing the peace sign or touching elbows instead) and reconsider going to large gatherings or crowded spaces.

WITH KIDS, KEEP CALM—AND GET THE FLU SHOT.

The good news is that cases in children have been rare. That said, this is a good reminder to guard against other illnesses, like the flu. In fact, our medical plans cover 100% of the cost of immunizations.

Just remember to visit an in-network provider to receive the full benefit.

Taking these steps will not only help keep you and your family safe, it will keep more vulnerable members of our community safe as well.

WHERE TO GO WITH QUESTIONS

For questions regarding symptoms, where to go to get care and what your plan covers, call the number on the back of your medical ID card.

We also understand that this can be an anxious and stressful time. For help managing stress, turn to our employee assistance program (EAP) at **888.293.6948**

Finally, as the status of the coronavirus pandemic continues to change, we recommend checking the CDC (www.cdc.gov) regularly for updates.



Vocational Programs & Job Opportunities

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Current Vocational Programs

Forest Technician Training

April 13 - 17 2020 at the Yukon Fire Crew Camp in Kenai, Alaska.

Space is limited, to pre-register go online to : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ForestTech20>

Basic Wildland Fire/Red Card Training

April 20 - 24 2020 at the Yukon Fire Crew Camp in Soldotna, Alaska.

Space is limited, to pre-register go online to : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RedCardReg>

These training opportunities are offered by the Alaska Forum and Chugachmiut and is funded in part by the Alaska Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development State Training and Education Program.

For more information about these training's contact Meg Burgett at : mburgett@akforum.org or 907.202.9612



Current Job Opportunities

to obtain application and read full job description go online to: <http://www.chugachmiut.org/jobs/>

HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION:

CHA III-IV or CHP Itinerant - Homer, AK

Community Health Aide II - Community Health Practitioner - Tatitlek, AK

Community Health Aide Trainee (CHAT) - Community Health Practitioner (CHP) - Chenega, AK & Nanwalek, AK

Community Health Aide Trainee (CHAT) - Community Health Practitioner (CHP) - Tatitlek, AK

Dental Assistant Itinerant - Any Regional Community

Dental Health Aide Therapist Itinerant - Any Regional Community

Health Administrative Assistant Itinerant - Nanwalek, AK

Health Administrative Assistant Itinerant - Tatitlek, AK

Senior Administrative Assistant - Anchorage, AK

HUMAN RESOURCES & ADMINISTRATION:

Grants Administrator - Anchorage, AK

Head Start Family Services & Health Coordinator - Anchorage, AK

Head Start Substitute Teacher Aide/Cook/Janitor - Port Graham, AK

COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION:

Addictions Counselor - Anchorage, AK

Addictions Counselor Trainee - Nanwalek, AK

Becoming Aware Regional Education Coordinator - Anchorage, AK

Becoming Aware Sugt'stun Language Teacher - One in each location: Chenega, Cordova, Nanwalek, Port Graham, and Tatitlek, AK

Behavioral Health Clinician - Anchorage, AK

Behavioral Health Clinician - Homer, AK

Child Welfare System Administrator - Anchorage, AK

Elder & Vulnerable Adults Coordinator - Anchorage, AK

Tribal Victims Services Coordinator - Anchorage, AK

TRUST & LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION:

Realty Officer - Anchorage, AK

Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) - Nanwalek, AK

Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) - Port Graham, AK



Heritage Preservation Program Updates

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LLANGARLLUNI: BECOMING AWARE

by Chugachmiut Heritage Preservation Department

Cama'i! Chugachmiut was a successful applicant for funding from the U.S. Department of Education, as an Alaska Native Education Program (ANE) grantee. We are excited to commence our first year of a three-year heritage preservation program. Having the opportunity to continue the heritage preservation program, our vision continues to be the revitalization of the traditional Chugach Native culture and language. The goal is to make Sugpiaq/Eyak language and heritage a part of the regular school curriculum, with support and direction from our Elders' traditional knowledge.

We were successful in recruiting four out of the of five Sugt'stun teaching positions across the region, and we will now have the pleasure of introducing our team of dedicated Sugt'stun Language teachers in their own words.

Brandon Moonin, Tatitlek

Camaqa'ai ggwi Picuqaq, (Hello, my Sugt'stun name is Picuqaq).

Taatilagmiugua am-ggem Paluwigmi anglilranga (I live in Tatitlek, but was raised in Port Graham).

I am just into my fourth year teaching Sugt'stun at Tatitlek Community School. I have been involved in our culture for as long as I can remember, from starting up Port Graham's Dance group with Lydia Robart in the early 90's, to learning and performing masking music for Masklalataaq. It gives me great pride to know I am working to revive and continue traditions from our Ancestors and I love seeing my students eager to learn, as well as seeing and hearing about my students using the Prince William Sound dialect of Sugt'stun. Knowing that what I have taught them is being used in the community encourages my spirit and hope that the language will not die! I give a big thanks to Rhoda Moonin and Leona Olsen for increasing my fluency in Sugt'stun and am still working daily to becoming fluent.

I had the great honor in receiving the Occupational Endorsement Certification in Aluutiq from the Aluutiq Studies Program through Kodiak College in 2017. I just finished my final required classes for my Associates of Arts Degree in December and received my Diploma in January of this year! I will continue to seek my Bachelors of Arts in the coming future. I enjoy being a Sugt'stun teacher and look forward to the revival of our Language and Culture!

Quwanakcak,
Picuqaq

Ephimia Moonin-Wilson, Port Graham

Cama'i! Ggwi Apamia! Paluwigmi et'ua! Nanwalegmek taigua! (Hello, my name is Apamia).

I grew up in Nanwalek. I have been teaching Sugt'stun for eight and a half years, but I am a lifelong learner. Originally I started teaching in Nanwalek, then I moved over to Paluwik after about a year. I have been teaching here since. I teach students aged 3-18, Pre-K through 12th grade. I absolutely love teaching! My favorite part about teaching is seeing the smiling faces of all my students. They are excited when they come into the classroom, just eager to find out what they are going to learn in Sugt'stun for the day. Brightens my day everytime!

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Brandon Moonin

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In August 2017, I graduated Kodiak College with the Occupational Endorsement Certificate in Alutiq Studies. Currently, I am working on getting my AA in General Education and then eventually work up towards a BA in General Education. Growing up, I would have never thought that I would have this opportunity, not only to be learning Sugt'stun as an adult, but also to be able to take college courses towards becoming a certified Sugt'stun Teacher.

Quyana!

Apamia

Shyla Krukoff, Cordova

Cama'! Ggwi Alas'aamaakaq. Hi! I am Shyla Krukoff.

I was raised in Cordova. Growing up, my Emaa (Grandmother) and family instilled Sugpiaq culture and heritage as an important part of our lifestyle.

I have wonderful memories as a little girl listening to my great aunt and relatives speaking the language around the kitchen table. Because of my background, I am excited and honored for the opportunity to play an integral role to help preserve the Sugt'stun language in Cordova where it is almost extinct. It has made me proud of the work that I am accomplishing. I would say my favorite parts about teaching is when the students are successful at understanding and can correctly respond with the Sugt'stun words I had taught. I feel an overwhelming pride when my student's parents approach me to let me know how their child would come home and teach them Sugt'stun words!

I not only teach the students but offer an adult language class provided by the Ilanka Cultural Center which has been a wonderful experience. If you are interested, there is a link available to join in via Skype or I have made lessons available online.

Quyana,

Alas'aamaakaq

The Chugachmiut Heritage Preservation Program established four primary goals to accomplish during the next three years:

1. Offer Chugach Native people maximum opportunity to provide input into heritage education programs produced for use in the Region's schools and communities.
2. Improve educational outcomes in the Region by teaching a heritage language
3. The educational environment for all students will be enriched through continued development of materials and programs to document and celebrate traditional Chugach cultures.
4. Prepare teachers in Chugach Region schools to work more effectively with Alaska Native students.



Ephimia Moonin-Wilson



Shyla Krukoff

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We are pleased to be able to accomplish the following activities:

1. The Chugachmiut Elders Council will be formally re-established and recognized for traditional knowledge and experiences to guide program development with their language, history and heritage.
2. The continuation of a Sugt'stun Language Program for communities and schools who desire to incorporate a second language program in their community schools.
3. Four of five semi-fluent young Sugpiaq adults have been recruited as introduced above.
4. College pathway program is in place for Sugt'stun teachers to develop their language learning and teaching skills while studying for their Occupational Endorsement Certification in Sugt'stun leading to their Associates and Bachelors' Degrees and ultimately teaching positions within the Chugachmiut region.
5. Teachers and professional staff continue to work on the development of a Sugt'stun Orthography and ultimately published by the end of the project.
6. Relevant cultural and language materials will be simultaneously developed by teachers and staff during the implementation period and eventually published.
7. Teachers and program staff are working with partnering entities to develop a Sugt'stun Language Assessment instrument that can be used to measure the fluency levels for all students using the ACTFL benchmarks.
8. Incorporated into all aspects of the program will be the development of materials and programs to celebrate the traditional values and culture of the Suqiaq people. Students and staff will have the advantage of using all of the Cultural Heritage Kits that have been developed over the last four years.
9. Incorporated in the plan, will be the opportunity to offer at least two-one-week-long art or academic residencies for students enrolled in the school and the tribal community.
10. School teachers assigned to teach in any of our seven communities will have opportunities to participate in professional development training developed and offered in partnership with Alaska Pacific University with the participation of elder driven workshops in some of these training events. These classes and credit earning opportunities will result in their being culturally responsive to the content, class atmosphere, management and learning styles of Alaska Native and American Indian students in the classroom.

These are the primary attributes of our exciting heritage adventure!

Our staff will be happy to answer and address any questions from throughout the region. You may call the Program Manager, Kari Brookover or the Project Director, Mark Hiratsuka at 1-800-478-4155.

Look for more exciting program sharing opportunities through our quarterly program newsletters, Facebook, website as well as the Heritage Preservation website.

Quyana!

Realty Program and Alaska Native Trust Lands

By Charlie Sink, Trust and Land Management Division Director

When we talk about federal Trust lands such as the U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Real Estate Services for Trust lands for individual Indian landowners we think about it as a bureaucratic process. It is. We all wonder why everything takes so long and why there are so many forms and processes to go through. It is true, there are a lot of processes and forms and they all have to be completed correctly all along the way. So we wonder, why bother? Let us begin the Alaska Native Trust lands story by going over a review of how Alaska Natives got to where we are now with Alaska Trust lands.

The Secretary of the Interior through the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs has the legal responsibility to administer Trust Indian lands. This federal Indian Trust responsibility is a legal obligation that the United States “has charged itself with moral obligations of the highest responsibility and trust” toward Indian tribes (*Seminole Nation v. United States, 1942*). “This obligation was first discussed by Chief Justice John Marshall in *Cherokee Nation v. Georgia (1831)*. Over the years, the trust doctrine has been at the center of numerous other Supreme Court cases, thus making it one of the most important principles in federal Indian law[1].”

In the lower-48 states we tend to think of reservation lands that are held in federal Trust status. The only reservation in Alaska is Metlakatla Indian Reservation that lies west of Ketchikan, Alaska.

The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) that was created December 18, 1971, made a majority of federally conveyed lands to Alaska Natives Native corporation lands. These Native corporation lands have certain protections created through ANCSA and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) November 12, 1980. Both of these acts were acts of the U. S. Congress. ANCSA provided Indian Trust land status to individual Native landownership in the form of Native allotments and Townsite lots by superseding several earlier acts[2]. There are classes held in the study of ANCSA and ANILCA where anyone who works with Native lands and landowners is essential training to begin to understand the complexity of Alaska’s Indian lands. The U. S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) having been charged with trust administration of Indian lands developed the Division of Real Estate Services. Quoting from the BIA webpage regarding Real Estate Services for the kinds and types of service provided it follows:

“Real Estate Services protect and maintain the integrity of trust lands and trust resources through preservation of these resources. The Regional Office (includes the Alaska Regional Office) provides policy direction, technical assistance, training, administrative review and monitoring in the evaluation of the Agency real property operations. Regional office responsibilities include, but are not limited to: deciding appeals of agency actions; assisting the negotiation of P.L. 93-638 contracts for realty related functions; litigation support; review of real property initiatives; and review and approval of numerous real estate services transactions, e.g., acquisition, disposal, surface and sub-surface lease and land use planning proposal transactions for Indian Tribes who have contracted and compacted the program. In addition, the Regional offices coordinate environmental studies, rights-of-way, easements, exchanges, partitions, patents in fee, removal of restrictions, permits and estate planning, and initiation of rights protection issues such as trespass and land damages; perform technical reviews of real estate transactions; and approve real estate transactions for contract and self-governance tribal transactions. The Regional offices combined with the agencies and tribally contracted and compacted real estate program offices ensure that the Indian owners have the ability to benefit from surface and subsurface resources of Indian land.”

Derived from this statement from the BIA, the federal Trust service to Alaska’s Native allotment and Trust Townsite lot landowners a number of services are provided. Most commonly used services in the Chugach Region include land access agreements that are more commonly known as revocable use permits, gift deeds, probates, Housing Improvement Program, and land sales. Some of these services are described as follows:

[1] <https://www.bia.gov/frequently-asked-questions>

[2] Dawes General Allotment Act February 8, 1887, and the Alaska Native Allotment Act of 1906

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Federal Trust Landowner—are those landowners who received either Native allotments or Townsite lots by deed from the federal government as part of the federal conveyance obligation to qualified Alaska Natives. Originally, Trust landowners in Alaska had to be living in Alaska and be identified as Alaska Natives as of December 17, 1971, to be awarded land as part of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). There were some prior claims for Native allotment lands made available by the 1906 Native Allotment Act and the 1926 Native Townsite Act^[3].

Restricted Status—also known as restricted fee, where title to the land is held by an individual Indian person or a tribe and which can only be alienated or encumbered by the owner with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior (generally these responsibilities are delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs) because of limitations contained in the conveyance instrument pursuant to federal law.

Land Access Agreements—BIA had called these access agreements Revocable Use Permits (RUPs). RUPs are formal agreements between a landowner and someone that wishes to access or do something on a landowner's land. In general, such access or use of a landowner's land are temporary uses less than one-year in length and generally done with minimal impact. If the land is impacted, a negotiated compensation, generally for a fee, would be paid to a landowner. Current examples include RUPs between the State of Alaska's Nanwalek and Port Graham Airport Project and Native allotment landowners in the Port Graham, Alaska area or the access RUPs obtained to access Trust lands for the Salmon Enhancement Project on the English Bay River system.

Chugachmiut generally does not get involved in RUP negotiations as BIA advised us several years ago that we were not to provide this service to Trust landowners anymore. However, upon request, we can provide technical assistance to landowners in the form of providing advice to them but no longer does BIA approve of or Chugachmiut become involved with the approval of RUP agreements.

Gift Deed(s)—is the gifting of Trust land to a qualified Alaska Native who is related by marriage or close kinship. This type of gift of land from a Trust landowner transfers their Trust land and Trust landowner rights to another relative and provides the protections of the Trust land to the new Trust landowner(s).

Probates—occur when a Trust landowner is deceased. The process for settling the affairs of a Trust landowner to transfer Trust lands to the legal heirs of a Trust landowner involves the BIA, the federal Trust compact agent, in this situation Chugachmiut, and a federal probate judge who makes the final judgment on the ownership of the Trust landownership. The process is quite involved and includes such steps as finding all the legal documents related to the Trust landownership of the deceased and determining whether a legal will was left and a determination of the legal heirs. BIA a few years ago took away the technical assistance capability of Trust compactors, Chugachmiut included, to obtain and retain legal wills of Trust landowners. However, Chugachmiut still retains copies of Trust landowner wills generally associated with Trust landowners who received land claims after the passage of ANCSA. However, after 2015, Chugachmiut has not obtained or retained copies of new wills.

Housing Improvement Program (HIP)—as a BIA program “is a home repair, renovation, replacement, and new housing grant program administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and federally-recognized Indian tribes for American Indians and Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals and families who have no immediate resource for standard housing.” In the past, Chugachmiut use to receive enough funding to build one to two houses on a periodic basis, not every year in other words, through this funding source. More recently, funds have only been available for renovation and improvement projects for certain qualified low-income individuals that have no other resource for housing assistance.

[3] Allotted Lands—which are remnants of reservations broken up during the federal allotment period of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Although the practice of allotting lands had begun in the eighteenth century, it was put to greater use after the Civil War. By 1885, over 11,000 patents had been issued to individual Indians under various treaties and laws. Starting with the General Allotment Act in 1887 (also known as the Dawes Act) until the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, allotments were conveyed to members of affected tribes and held in trust by the federal government. As allotments were taken out of trust, they became subject to state and local taxation, which resulted in thousands of acres passing out of Indian hands. Today, 10,059,290.74 million acres of individually owned lands are still held in trust for allottees and their heirs. Bureau of Indian Affairs webpage Real Estate and Probate Services

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- Another new additional requirement that may be required is for landowners requesting assistance also provide match funding. Match funding can be cash or funds obtained from a lending institution (a bank or even another federal lending source such as applying for U. S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development through their loan programs) that would meet the match requirement for federal funding.
- All qualified individuals who fill out required HIP forms then reviewed by Chugachmiut Realty and if approved for recommendation by Chugachmiut's board of directors will be submitted to BIA on an annual basis. HIP applications need to be submitted by Chugachmiut no later than December 31 of any given year. Homeowners that may be eligible will be contacted by Chugachmiut on a yearly basis to collect their information. Homeowners who think they may be eligible are also encouraged to contact Chugachmiut too, preferably early each year right after last year's tax filings have been returned as that information is reported in the HIP application.
- The HIP forms require certain information from landowners such as past tax returns and living status such as being retired or disabled where such information develops into a point total that is used by BIA to rank individual requests for project funding. Project scores that add up to and over 70 points generally qualify for funding but are dependent upon BIA's available annual funding for the HIP program.

Land Sales—BIA Trust lands can be sold by the landowner. The process of selling Trust land is not a simple process. Land sales, exchanges, and conveyances by or with the consent of the individual Indian owner(s) is allowed. However, it takes the approval of the Secretary.

We will stop here for this introduction to the Federal Trust land story. In the next several issues of *Nupuat*, we will dive a little deeper into some of the processes Chugachmiut's Realty Department administers for the benefit of its Trust Landowners. We will address land sales, land conveyances, land acquisitions and leasing of land in more depth the next issue.

Alaska Real ID - Deadline is **October 1, 2020**, or you will not be able to travel by Air!

To be issued an Alaska Real ID driver license, permit or ID card, you must demonstrate the following three things:

- 1) For successful Personal Identification (Prove who you are) You'll need (TWO) of these documents:**
 - Current US Passport
 - Current Alaska Driver's License
 - Birth Certificate (if your name has changed due to adoption, marriage or divorce you will need to bring in your marriage license or court documents for the name change)
- 2) For successful Social Security Number Identification (Prove your SSN belongs to you) You'll need (ONE) of these documents:**
 - Social Security Card
 - W2 - with full name and SSN listed
 - 1099R - with full name and SSN listed
- 3) For successful address Identification (Prove where you live) You'll need (TWO) of these documents that prove where you physically live, one of the two dated less than 90 days ago. Below are a few ideas:**
 - Current Utility Bill (even if it is mailed to a PO Box, it may have your physical address as the service address)
 - Vehicle Registration card that was issued over 30 days ago
 - Pay Stub
 - Voters Registration card
 - Mortgage documents
 - Letter from Tribal Council - DMV will accept a letter from the Tribal Council verifying the physical address of their members with the following requirements:
 - The letter should be on the Tribal Councils letterhead with a "live ink" signature from the president or chief.
 - The letter should include the address, phone number, and title in the signature section.
 - If using the letter for the proof of address; it needs to be dated within 90 days of applying for the Real ID with the DMV.
 - The letter does not need to be notarized but should be on council letterhead, signed by president/chief with "live ink" and dated.



Employee Spotlight & Health Division News

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Employee Spotlight: Stephen Wahl, MD

Regional Medical Director – Northstar Health Clinic, Seward

For this Issue's Employee Spotlight, we would like to highlight our new Regional Medical Director, Stephen Wahl, MD. Stephen graduated from the UW-Alaska WAMI Program and completed residency training in family medicine at Marquette General Hospital in northern Michigan. Stephen is a lifelong Alaskan who grew up in Soldotna, Alaska. He attended college in Fairbanks before entering medical school. He has practiced in the communities of Tok, Palmer, Metlakatla and most recently in his home town of Soldotna. Stephen's experience includes providing full-spectrum outpatient family medicine services, urgent and emergency care services, serving as the Medical Director for EMS services for Metlakatla and Tok, and have provided services to those in need of treatment for substance abuse.



ETT Recognition

by Chris Diaz, CHP, EMT 2 and CHAP Clinical Supervisor Instructor

Alaska First Responders take on a vital role in their communities. They are the first on the scene to face challenging, dangerous, and draining situations. They are also the first to reach out to disaster survivors, to provide emotional and physical support.

The reasons people become First Responders are endless. However, the one thing we all have in common is the willingness and ability to help others in need – usually in their most vulnerable moments. Training to be an ETT is one of the most important ways a community can support village clinics and Community Health-Aides.

Tatitlek, Chenega, and Port Graham have successfully completed First Responder ETT classes and now have a Village Response Team consisting of 7 members at each site. Chugachmiut and especially the Health Services Division would like to THANK the Regional volunteer ETT's that have committed to being trained and assist with emergencies in their communities.

We would like to acknowledge the following teams for dedicating the time to accomplish the Alaska Emergency Trauma Training Certification.

Tatitlek ETT's

Dylan Geffe
Floyd Robart
Jenny Vlasoff
Kerry Kompkoff
Kimber Geffe
Michael Paulsen
Nanci Robart

Chenega ETT's

Andrew Jonda
Ayeisha Kompkoff
Boyd Selanoff
Jacob Kompkoff
Joseph Cross
Melonie Kashevarof
Wanna Zacher

Port Graham ETT's

Andrew Wizik
Darlene Anahonak
Robert Sangster
Michael McWaters
Arthur Romanoff
Ronald Minter
Naomi McMullen

Please be on the lookout for the Nanwalek First Responder ETT class coming March 23rd!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Help promote us and the newsletter by helping to keep it relevant and up to date. We want to share what's going on in your community. Please share your upcoming events, Community-based programs, or how our programs have helped you.

To submit ideas, articles, stories and/or pictures for use in the Nupuat, contact us:

Facebook : [www. Facebook.com/ChugachmiutALUTIIQ/](http://www.Facebook.com/ChugachmiutALUTIIQ/)

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Email: Media@Chugachmiut.org

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