

Dr. Ethel Lund
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Dr. Ethel Aanwoogex' Shtoo.aak Lund was born in Wrangell to Carl Lund of Sweden and Martha Ukas Lund of Wrangell, of the Tlingit Nation, Raven tribe, Frog clan. Dr. Lund is the granddaughter of Thomas Ukas, Totem carver and Tlingit Historian. She has three children, David, Diane, and Leah. Dr. Lund graduated from Wrangell High School in 1947, and attended the Good Samaritan School of Nursing in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Lund is one of the founders of the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC), the regional tribal health organization for Southeast Alaska, and since 1997 has served as its president. As its president, Dr. Lund oversees its regional operations, which include Mt. Edgecumbe Hospital in Sitka, outpatient medical facilities in Juneau, Haines, on Prince of Wales of Island, and the village-based health programs in the outlying communities. To retain the cultural aspect, she established an elder's council as an advisory group to management.

Her current affiliations include Sealaska Corporation since 1988. She served as Chairman of the Alaska Native Health Board from 1978 to 1981, and developed a landmark Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian Health Service in 1978. She served as Chairman for the Alaska Tribal Health Directors and Vice Chair of the National Indian Health Board. In addition, she served on President Carter's Mental Health Commission. Dr. Lund served as Grand President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp, as well as local president of ANS Camps 1 and 70. In 1984 she was selected "Woman of the Year" by the Business and Professional Women, Juneau Chapter, the first Alaska Native woman to receive this honor. Dr. Lund has a life of service in the field of health care to Alaska Native people, and a commitment to retaining cultural aspects of healing in present day programs. The Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium has selected her to represent southeast Alaska on the Alaska Native Joint Elder Advisory Committee for both the Alaska Native Tribal Health Corporation and the National Resource Center for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Elders.