

Memorandum of Agreement

Between
National Resource Center for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native
Hawaiian Elders at the University of Alaska Anchorage
And
Alaska Community Services Inc.

I. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to establish a collaborative relationship between the National Resource Center American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Elders at the University of Alaska Anchorage ("Participating Organization") and Alaska Community Services Inc. ("ACS") to share information on the needs of Alaska Native Elders, to allow for the joint utilization of research data that results from this agreement, and to support Alaska Native Elders and their efforts to preserve their language, culture, traditions.

II. General Information

The University of Alaska Anchorage College of Health and Social Welfare received funding from the U.S. Administration on Aging (AoA) to develop a National Resource Center for American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiian Elders. The goals of this project are to 1) assess the current status of Native Elders in Alaska, 2) develop an understanding of the cultural values that drive expectations and perceived needs for care, 3) document "best, promising and emerging practices" that are in current use, 4) solicit recommendations for community responses to elder abuse, exploitation and violence that are appropriate to Alaska Native cultures, and 5) provide education to medical providers and AoA Title VI grantees.

Alaska Community Services Inc. receives funding from the National Corporation for Service to provide volunteer opportunities for low income seniors through the Foster Grandparent Program (commonly referred to as the Elder Mentor Program throughout rural Alaska) and the Senior Companion Program. Elder Mentors provide "one on one" tutoring and assistance to school age children and youth who display special needs. They act as positive role models for youth and insure that the local language, culture and traditional values are passed on to future generations. Senior Companion program volunteers provide services to other elders who require assistance in life safety and daily living requirements as well as insuring they have the opportunity to fully participate in available recreational and social activities.

III. Scope

The scope of this agreement shall be limited to:

1. Sharing of information on the needs of Alaska Native Elders
2. Joint utilization of research data that results from this agreement

3. Promote the identity of each program within the Alaska Native Community
 4. Jointly create a video presentation of the Elder Mentor Program for use by both parties
 5. Assist each other with recruiting of elders
 6. Assist each other in dissemination of program materials
 7. Mutually coordinate grant opportunities
 8. Supporting Alaska Native Elders in their efforts to assist children and other Elders and to preserve their language, culture, traditions and values.
 9. Working jointly on projects of mutual interest. (Project specifics will be addendums/attachments to this agreement as they are agreed upon)
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10. Promote the concept of "healthy communities" by jointly addressing issues within the following areas whenever possible.
 - a. Health Literacy
 - b. Mental Health
 - c. Cultural Restoration
 - d. Self advocacy, self efficacy, and empowerment

VI. Hold Harmless

Each party shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the other party from and against any and all liability, loss, expense, attorney fees or claims for injury or damages arising out of this agreement in proportion to and to the extent such injury or damages re caused by or result from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of the indemnifying party or indemnifying party's officers, agents or employees. The parties also recognize that the liability of each under this paragraph is subject to the limitations, damages and immunities of each as provided by law.

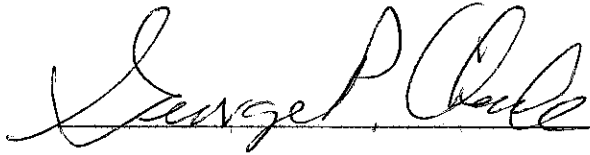
VII. Period of Performance:

This term of this agreement shall be from date of execution for a period of three year. Renewal of this agreement may occur through a modification signed by both parties. Either party may terminate this Agreement with a thirty (30) day written notice.

VIII. Termination:

The Participating Organization and Alaska Community Services Inc. agree that they are not relying upon any promises, understandings, circumstances, conduct, negotiations, expectations, representations or agreements, oral or written, express or implied, other than those expressly set forth herein; that this Agreement is complete integration and constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof; that this Agreement supersedes any prior agreement pertaining to its subject matter; that no amendments or there modifications of this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing and signed by an authorized officer of each party hereto; that this entire Agreement has been bargained for and negotiated; and that the parties have read and approved this Agreement in its entirety.

This agreement entered into on the 22nd day of October, 2008



George P. Charles, PHD

Director

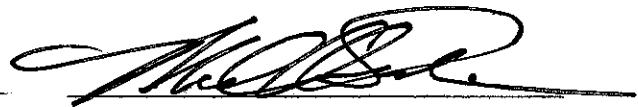
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