

ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM

**ALASKA NATIVE ELDER HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CHARTER**

I. MISSION

With our cultural and traditional wisdom and knowledge the Alaska Native Elder Health Advisory Committee will advocate for the health and well-being of Alaska Native people.

II. PURPOSE

The Alaska Native Elder Health Advisory Committee (ANEHAC) is formed to provide advice and guidance to the following projects related to elder health needs:

- The ANTHC Board of Directors
- The development of elder programs and services in the Alaska Tribal Health System.
- UAA's National Resource Center for American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiian Elders, and
- Other ANTHC programs needing the advice from Elders

Responsibilities of the Alaska Native Elder Health Advisory Committee include:

- A. Provide direction for various projects and activities.
- B. Identify topics that need attention within the Alaska Tribal Health System or UAA resource center.
- C. Guide staff in making local contacts for regional meetings.
- D. Provide direction and feedback on long-term care options.
- E. Provide input on elder health needs and new program models.
- F. Review materials and provide advice for ANTHC departments and UAA resource center.
- G. Review materials and provide input regarding other UAA projects that must be reviewed by the Health Research Review Committee and approved by the ANTHC Board of Directors.
- H. Possible participation in joint meetings with other University advisory groups such as the Geriatric Education Center.

III. MEMBERS

The advisory committee will include at least 8 and no more than 13 members who represent the Alaska Native elder community and those who provide services to the elderly. A member of the ANTHC Board will be designated as Committee Chair. Membership should ensure representation from:

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- Alaska Native elders (over 55)
- Individuals who have provided health services for Alaska Native elders
- An urban area, a large rural service area, and a small rural service area
- Additional representatives from other tribal health organizations are welcomed on an ad hoc basis.

IV. OPERATING PROCEDURES

- A. All group members will participate on an equal basis. A member of the ANTHC Board of Directors will chair the committee.
- B. Meetings will be organized and facilitated by ANTHC in cooperation with the University of Alaska Anchorage.
- C. One or two members may be selected or volunteer to join in another UAA advisory committee for the Geriatric Education Center.
- D. Advance notice and materials will be provided for all meetings.
- E. Two face-to-face meetings are planned each year; teleconferences may be held as appropriate.
- F. Area health organizations will cover the travel and per diem costs of their committee member.
- G. One member is also on the National Indian Council on Aging, with travel and per diem supported by UAA.
- H. An Executive Committee composed of the Chair and up to 5 other members will serve in advisory capacity between meetings.
- I. Reports of meeting outcomes will be distributed to members, ANTHC Board of Directors, UAA NRC, Tribal Health Directors, and elder program managers.
- J. Other interested parties may be asked to attend portions of the meetings.