

Denali Commission Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2003

Meeting was convened at 4:15 pm by Federal Co chair Jeff Staser.

In addition to the Federal Co chair and State Co chair Leman, Commissioners, Cattanach, Kitka, Sampson, and Hamilton were physically present. Commissioner Ritchie participated by teleconference.

An open teleconference line was available for the public to participate. However, no public comments were offered.

The first item of business taken up by the Commission was the Annual Commission Work Plan for fiscal year 2004. Commissioner Kitka moved adoption of a motion to approve the work plan and that motion was seconded by State Co chair Leman. Commissioner Ritchie commented that the Work Plan was well written and Federal Co chair Staser indicated that the Work Plan had been published in the Federal Register for a 30 day public comment period. The question was called for and the motion was unanimously approved.

The second item of business taken up by the Commission was the staff recommendation to expand the Denali Commission Health Care Steering Committee. A motion to accept the staff recommendation was made by Commissioner Cattanach and seconded by Commissioner Sampson. Co Chair Staser requested an explanation of the reasons for the expansion. Denali Commission Chief of Staff Al Ewing explained that with the addition of "other than primary care" to the mission of the Commission additional expertise is necessary to guide the actions of the Commission. The question was called for and the motion was unanimously approved.

Existing member of the Steering Committee are:

- Chair – Doug Bruce- Director Division of Public Health, DHSS
- Karen Perdue – University of Alaska
- Cynthia Bender – Alaska Native Health Board
- Marilyn Kasmar – Alaska Primary Care Association
- Ken Glifort – Indian Health Service
- Don Kashevaroff – Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
- Jeff Jessie – Alaska Mental Health Trust

Additions to the Steering Committee are:

- Director Division of Behavioral Health, DHSS
- Director Division of Health Care Services, DHSS
- Director Division of Senior and Disability Services, DHSS
- Executive Director or Board Member of the Alaska State Hospital Association

Rose Ellis, Executive Director of Alaska Native Coalition on Employment & Training, Inc. was invited by Commissioner Kitka to distribute an invitation to a forum on Tribal employment and training.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm