

Denali Commission Quarterly Report

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There are some changes occurring in the management of the Code Blue Project. Matt Anderson resigned from the State of Alaska as of July 9, 2004. Prior to his departure he appointed Doreen Risley to manage the Section of Community Health and Emergency Medical Service's role Code Blue Project. The Code Blue Steering Committee remains active.

This last quarter saw nearly all of the \$158,022 in Denali Commission funds allocated to the EMS Regional offices, expended.. Only \$12,140 was not spent. Most of this was related to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough being unable to expend all their funds for the communication infrastructure project.

Sitka and Bethel also had large communication infrastructure projects that have taken a long time to complete, but the money has been spent. The other regional offices used the money to purchase other infrastructure equipment such as ambulance gurneys.

Currently, the committee has identified purchases for an additional \$112,678. The Notification of Grant Awards (NGAs) have gone to the regional offices and work is underway to make the purchases. This will result in total expenditures of \$710,699. The committee will meet September 22 to discuss progress and expenditures for the remaining \$214,167.

It was pointed out that there was a difference in the draw down of the funds from the State of Alaska and the amount of expenditures reported in the report. We have looked into this and conclude it is most likely due to the relatively lengthy processes required to draw down the funds. The State grants the money to the EMS regional offices and requires reports 30 days after the end of each quarter. The reports are forwarded to the fiscal department, which sends the money to regional EMS offices. The expenditures by the State are forwarded to the Revenue Department but there is often a delay in sending a request for the funds from the Denali Commission. The Revenue department has been contacted about the issue. The expenditures reported to CHEMS by the regional EMS offices are the most accurate reflection of Code Blue activity. We will continue to take advantage of opportunities to optimize our processes so to minimize the time between the expenditure and draw down of funds.

We have submitted a formal request for an extension of the funds until March 31, 2005. The committee will meet next month to discuss expenditures for the remaining funds.

Respectfully submitted,

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