

## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### A. OVERVIEW

The Eklutna Health Clinic is approximately 790 gross square feet (SF). The clinic was built and occupied in the late 1970's. The clinic is owned by the Village Council and operated by the Southcentral Foundation. The building footprint is approximately 23' x 35'. The facility has two entries. A front entry has a ramp but lacks landings at the top and as such fails to meet ADA requirements. The rear entry lacks a ramp, stairs and a landing and is difficult to access, requiring substantial work to make it UBC or ADA compliant. The front entrance accesses the Community Hall area of the building and does not work well as a patient waiting area. There is no designated area for the receptionist station. Configuration of the community hall does not allow for patient privacy. The clinic consists of a single exam room which is very small and difficult to work in considering all the equipment presently in place. A non-compliant ADA bathroom and the storage room are at the rear of the building and both have very poor access. No resting area and bed are provided for within the building. No kitchen facilities are available, and the medications are stored in an adjacent building. Both entries lack arctic entryways.

The clinic is in reasonably good condition but in need of maintenance, and, more importantly, it lacks spaces required to provide adequate health service programs to this community of 394 residents.

### B. RENOVATION/UPGRADE AND ADDITION

The existing clinic requires an additional 745 square feet to accommodate current needs and meet Alaska Rural Primary Care Facility (ARPCF) space guidelines. Additional space to be added to the clinic includes an exam/trauma room, receptionist area, pharmacy, storage rooms, offices, sleeping room(s) and ADA bathrooms near the exam rooms. The addition of these spaces to the clinic would require some reconfiguration of the existing floor plan. A new covered entry with ADA compliant stairs should also be part of the remodel and addition.

### C. NEW CLINIC

Based on the Denali Commissions Standard of Evaluation the estimated cost to remodel/add-onto the existing clinic is more than the cost of new construction. The community has proposed that a new 1500 SF Denali Commission Small Clinic be built on a new site. A prototypical floor plan has been enclosed in this report. (See Section III.H.)

The community fully supports this effort and is currently assessing appropriate site locations.