



**Alaska Native Brotherhood & Alaska Native
Sisterhood
Grand Camp**



RESOLUTION No. 14-15

Title: Recommendations for Improvements in SEARHC Operations and Communications with Beneficiaries Support

WHEREAS, since its establishment due to the advocacy of and participation by the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood, the Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) has always prided itself in gaining input from beneficiaries and communicating its actions and decisions to beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, Management depends on each Board member to effectively advocate on behalf of his/her community's beneficiaries, by seeking input on health service needs and priorities in that community before explaining the same at regular Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, if a Board member is not prepared to articulate to the Board the needs and priorities in his/her community, then those beneficiaries in that community might not receive equal treatment or consideration for quality services when dollars are limited; and

WHEREAS, at the same time, it is incumbent on Management to ensure that quality services are given to each and every community that it serves regardless of the effectiveness or lack of the same of that community's Board member; and

WHEREAS, during the past two or three years, SEARHC management has had to reduce or eliminate services, equipment and positions due to budget deficits, IHS and third party funding limitations and other fiscal problems, while facing increased costs for professional services, staffing, insurance, transportation, etc.; and

WHEREAS, with most Native health service entities including SEARHC having been reimbursed millions of dollars by the Indian Health Service, Management has recently taken action to set up an investment portfolio involving most of the funds and to apply a lesser amount to information technology, deferred building maintenance and pharmacy needs; and

WHEREAS, there is a perception by some beneficiaries as to whether Management and the Board have gained input from beneficiaries in identifying

today's needs at each site and prioritizing the same before Board consideration is given about possible funding; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood in Grand Camp assembled October 8 through 11, 2014 in Petersburg, Alaska, respectfully request the Management and Board of Directors of the SEARHC to make every effort to communicate with each community's beneficiaries biannually regarding updated information and data on possible operational needs at each SEARHC site and subsequent action to fund the establishment or continuation of services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SEARHC make a commitment to meet periodically with partner organizations in each community as another tool to effectively communicate (beyond a website) with its beneficiaries about current and future needs and possible solutions.



William E. Martin
ANB Grand President



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ATTEST: I certify that this resolution was adopted by the ANB/ANS Grand Camp in convention at Petersburg, Alaska, during the week of October 8 through October 11, 2014.



Colette Buchanan
ANB Grand Secretary