



Grand Camp Resolution #16-20

Title: Immediately Request Due Process with SEARHC Beneficiaries and Tribal Organizations

WHEREAS, the potential merging of services has come up very quickly without discussion with the beneficiaries in Sitka and regional beneficiaries of SEARHC, and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Native and American Indian beneficiaries of Sitka receive their primary health care from SEARHC Hospital while it serves as a regional hospital for inpatient and specialty services for most villages in the region, and

WHEREAS, SEARHC does have village representatives on its board, a change of this magnitude requires notification of and recommendations by beneficiaries at the local level and in the region so they fully understand the ramifications of the potential changes and they have a right to know before it happens, and

WHEREAS, open communication with SEARHC beneficiaries has historically been emphasized but has not happened with beneficiaries has not happened all communities in recent years, and

WHEREAS, there has not been a forensic audit to reveal the true financial position of SEARHC and Sitka Community Hospital, nor has there been updated information or justification of the recent application of Indian Health Service settlement money, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Camp ANB/ANS, all local Tlingit and Haida Community Councils, IRA Tribal governments, the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, and CCTHITA have health committees that are well able to receive presentations from the consultants, make recommendations on proposed coordination/consolidation of health services, in consultation with the consultants and with the aforementioned groups.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska Native Brotherhood and Alaska Native Sisterhood Grand Camp meeting in Juneau, Alaska, October 5-8, 2016, respectfully demands due process so that before any merge occurs, local and regional meetings for SEARHC beneficiaries are held to gain this vital information that will change the provision of our health care and quality of health care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that written recommendations may be provided to SEARHC by the ANB/ANS Grand Camp, ANB Camp # 1, ANS Camp #4, all local Tlingit and Haida Community Councils, IRA Tribal governments, the Sitka Tribe of Alaska, CCTHITA, and the Sitka Community Hospital following such meetings, for inclusion in the plan.

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