

ALASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2006 12-1:30 PM

To participate in the teleconference, please dial 1-907-474-4636 and use the new phone cards from Ellen Ganley

Anchorage Site: Diplomacy Bldg., 4500 Diplomacy Drive Ste. # 405(5-story bldg. next to the Restaurant on Tudor. Turn at the light by the building, and park on the north side of the building. Take the elevator to the 4th floor. Turn right out of the elevator, right, through the first door (#405), and then take a right at the first hall, to #405A, "the large conference room."

Noon – 12:15 PM CALL TO ORDER, CONSENT AGENDA

Call to Order:

Roll Call, Brian Saylor, Alice Rarig, Betty Buchan, Chris Tofteberg, Corky Olson, Delisa Culpepper, Heather Davis, Jayne Andreen, John Riley, Kate Landis, Nancy Davis, Nicolle Mode, Rebecca Wells, Sandy Burnham

Welcome, Establish Quorum

Consent Agenda:

Accept Agenda-approved, March Minutes-John moved to accept, Betty seconded to accept as submitted. Approved.

Financials—Debbie Mowrey—have all records moved to Fairbanks. Working with Wells Fargo to get credit card machine hooked up. Cash balance as of today \$38,929.

Follow-up

1. APHA is interested in pursuing an amicus brief with us, there is not a formal request for this at this time, but, if the request comes about we can pursue it.
2. No one has responded back about doing a Governor's debate. Alaska Nurses Association might be interested in this. Nancy Davis indicated that several of the candidates spoke on health care issues to this group. Might be worth it before the primary, or perhaps more effective after the primary.

12:15 – 1:00 PM BOARD DISCUSSION

- **Alaska Health Summit planning**—Organizational flow for health summit sent out by Jayne. 1st official meeting April 12. Ideas for structure. Value of the Public's Health is theme. Need Sponsorship, Outreach, committees. Brenda Holden is Information Insight support person. Behavioral Health may be able to contribute some funds. Anchorage location is top floor of Frontier Building. Proposing to have Board define a limited number of sub-themes to span different areas that people want represented. Solicit people to become involved at the subcommittee level. Should we dictate sub themes or adopt sub themes. Public Health Workforce is a theme that was presented at the January Board meeting. If Behavioral Health people come on board, they will probably want a sub theme related to prevention. In the past the Board has kept the authority to establish the theme and approve the tracts. There will be a program committee that is different from the steering committee. The program committee will talk to the board.
- Alice moved that the Alpha Board is authorizing the convening of a program committee as the chair of the Health Summit, JR sees fit to advise the Board of the subcommittees of the tracts and establish sub-committee chairs. Tomorrow is kick off for planning the summit. Program Chair made up of chair and sub-theme committee chairs. Ideas and suggestions for sub themes, volunteers for different

aspects of the sub-committees. Those ideas forwarded back to the Board for the Board to act on. Once that is done, identify sub-committee chairs and have them work.

▪ **Legislative Positions**

- HB 380: Vet Authority (Chris Tofteberg) Kristen Ryan—Director for Division of Environment Health. Allows State Vet to quarantine and euthanize any suspicious animal for public health. Gone through House, currently in the Senate. Looking for support for the bill from ALPHA. What is the mechanism for ALPHA support—letter or appearance? Kristen has language prepared for a letter of support. Send an email to the appropriate Senators supporting this bill. Passed.
 - SB 86: Liability for Attorney Fees
 - SB 20: Offenses Against the Unborn—language more toward felonies and assaults. Brian will email appropriate legislators to thank for tableing, encourage to continue tableing.
 - HB 360: Regulation of Small Water Systems at Public Facilities—Requires DEC to regulate small public water systems. About 5,000 in the state who are not regulated by EPA. About 3,000 serve public facilities (daycare, restaurant, office building, gas station). This bill would require them to test. Only through one committee. Went down in flames yesterday in House Finance. Going through emergency measures to revise the bill for pre-schools, daycare, adult care, restaurants. Looking at total coliforms and nitrates. Cost to businesses between \$30 and \$50 a year. By narrowing the scope it will drop to \$250,000 (2.5 staff people). Bare minimum regulation.
 - Motion—John moved to Communicate support of the scaled down version. Alice seconded. Brian will send findings to the appropriate people.
- **DHHS Budget report** (Dick Mandsager)—Proposal in PH budget \$1 mill increase for Epi and Public Health labs and PHN. All still in budget—but cut in half. Anti-viral medication stockpile, smaller than proposed, little different between House and Senate. State Medical Examiner, proposed \$500,000. Increase in EMS grants didn't last in Gov. proposal. House added back in. Senate Finance added ½ of what the House proposed. Breast and Cervical proposed maintaining and adding another \$500,000. House maintained, Senate deleted all. Proposed increase for certifications and licensing, removed by both houses. Unclear how fuel costs are going to be dealt with. Nurses across the department increases. Immunization registry. House kept, Senate took out. Medicaid funded as requested. Bring the Kids Home funded at much less than requested. Youth Success initiative not funded on either side. **Is there any value in ALPHA lending it's shoulder to the wheel—how?** Talking to conference committee members might help. Issues might be EMS grants, Breast and Cervical Cancer Grant and Immunization Registry. Alice recommended to thank for keeping in infrastructure increment and encourage more support of Breast and Cervical and EMS.
- Municipality of Anchorage Ten Year Plan on Obesity and Health—passed by task force. Far reaching mixed intervention piece. Brian will send link to Ellen to put on the website.

1:00 – 1:20 PM BUSINESS AGENDA

- Transfer of APHA Business Functions (March 24) Pulled all of ALPHA files sent to Information Insights. Polished off transition plan. Still some loose ends but it is sorting itself out. Still need to sign the contract.
- Web site needed to be redone because of shift in servers. Started putting board materials on there.

1:20 – 1:30 PM ANNOUNCEMENTS, EMERGING ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Announcements, Emerging Issues and Opportunities. Agreement with KSKA and Alaska Public Radio Network to publish prevention messages. A number were heard during Public Health Week. Tried to get information in Daily News but didn't have enough time to get this published.
- Report on ALPHA activities during Public Health Week, April 3-9
- Public Comment

1:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be Tuesday May 9 from 12-1:30 PM