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QUALIFICATIONS

Leadership, negotiation, advocacy, analysis, public speaking

- Experienced executive with demonstrated ability to lead diverse teams to develop innovative service lines.
- Skilled at building partnerships and relationships.
- Skilled negotiator and practical problem solver.
- Experienced advocate at federal, state and community levels.
- Experienced public speaker with ability to analyze and translate complex, technical concepts into understandable terms.

PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Commissioner

2014 – present

Alaska Department of Health & Social Services

Member of Governor Walker's Cabinet, administering health and social services to promote and protect the health and well-being of Alaskans. Supervise 9 divisions, including Alaska Pioneer Homes, Behavioral Health, Finance & Management Services, Health Care Services, Juvenile Justice, Office of Children's Services, Public Assistance, Public Health, and Senior & Disabilities Services. Projects include:

- Medicaid Expansion
- Medicaid Reform
- Transforming Child Welfare Outcomes for Alaska Native Children Strategic Plan
- Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact
- Waivers for Behavioral Health and Home & Community Based Services
- Tribal Claiming Policy Change
- Opioid Strategy
- Criminal Justice Reform
- Federal Health Care Strategy

Senior Director of Legal & Intergovernmental Affairs

2005 – 2014

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage, Alaska

Member of the Executive Team of the Nation's largest tribal self-governance compactor, administering \$481+ million health care programs serving 140,000 Alaska Natives. This diverse company operates numerous service lines including joint operation of the Alaska Native Medical Center, the construction and management of public health facilities throughout Alaska, promotion of community health and wellness, health research, technology services, and biomedical services. Acted as primary liaison with Congress, the Alaska Legislature, federal and state agencies, Tribes and tribal organizations, private foundations and other partners and funders. Projects included:

- Spearheaded programmatic, funding public relations and legal campaign to

establish and secure funding for the Nation's first Dental Health Aide initiative and training center;

- Negotiated successful partnership with the Alaska Legislature and the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services to develop state-funded demonstration project to enhance capacity of the Alaska Tribal Health System to provide care to Alaska Natives and American Indians;
- Developed and secured funding for statewide Medicaid Demonstration Project to evaluate adequacy and sustainability of tribal health service delivery system, reimbursement rates, and continuum of care;
- Secured innovative state legislative funding for a \$35M patient housing facility to enhance ANMC's ability to provide care and reduce the state's Medicaid budget
- Provided frequent testimony to Congress and the Alaska Legislature
- Led Alaska effort for the Indian Health Care Improvement Act reauthorization
- Negotiated key Indian specific provisions of the Affordable Care Act
- Coordinated Medicaid Expansion effort in Alaska
- Supervised the Legal Department
- Key Leadership Positions
 - Co-Lead Negotiator for the Alaska Tribal Health Compact for 11 years providing for the transfer of all federal funding and administrative responsibility for health care for 140,000 Alaska Natives and American Indians, including virtually all delegable functions formerly performed by the Indian Health Service
 - U.S. DOJ Advisory Committee on American Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence appointed by Attorney General Holder
 - Title V Negotiated Rulemaking Committee for the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act
 - Member of the U.S. Medicaid Commission
 - Chair, Tribal Technical Advisory Group to the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services, 2004-2014
 - Health & Human Services Tribal Review Group, Obama-Biden Transition
 - Member of the Alaska Health Care Commission

Executive Vice President

2002 –2005

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel, Alaska

Served on the Senior Leadership Team of Alaska's largest regional tribal health organization, serving 28,000 people in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta region of Southwest Alaska; managed a \$135 million budget and six executive managers, provided oversight of operating divisions, including health services, medical director, support services, general counsel, administration, finance, and technology; served as primary liaison for payer relations with federal, state and private third-party payers and for government relations with Tribes, Congress, the Alaska Legislature, government agencies, philanthropic foundations and external partners; developed and implemented strategic objectives, initiatives and performance measures; and expanded health services and improved access through advocacy and development of new programs and service delivery models, including:

- Established infrastructure for integrated telecommunications and telehealth services for 50 remote sites through FCC funding package for voice and high speed data connectivity through microwave towers;

- Established Medicaid managed care project, expanding funding, facilities, and services for 28,000 residents by integrating programs of 5 independent non-profit organizations into YKHC programs involving Developmental Disabilities, Children's Residential Programs, Family Infant Toddler Program, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Program and Behavioral Health programs on an expedited ten month schedule;
- Improved rural access to primary children's services through Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) pilot program (increasing training and patient access to travel funding and follow-up care at regional and tertiary centers;
- Secured funding for the construction of new community health centers; and
- Negotiated federal funding package for inhalant treatment center, including \$1.5M recurring funding, Residential Psychiatric Treatment Center status and reimbursement rates.

General Counsel

1999 –2002

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel, Alaska

Established YKHC's first in-house legal department; served as member of Senior Leadership Team and as Chief Legal Counsel; provided policy analysis and legal advocacy in wide range of substantive areas, including health care law and finance, malpractice and federal tort claims, commercial transactions, self-governance, administrative law, and federal Indian law issues; supervised outside counsel, associate counsel and risk management staff; served as YKHC's lead negotiator for the Alaska Tribal Health Compact and YKHC's Funding Agreement.

Legal Counsel

1998

Calista Corporation, Anchorage, Alaska

State Legislative Aide

House Health Education and Social Services Committee

1994

Senator John Binkley, Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee

1988 – 1990

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor with Certificate in Indian Law

1998

University of New Mexico School of Law

Member, Alaska Bar Association

Bachelor of Education, minor in Bilingual Education

1992

University of Alaska Southeast

CURRENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- Member, Alaska Criminal Justice Commission
- Co-Chair, Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council
- Member, Alaska Workforce Investment Board
- Member, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
- Member, Alaska Psychiatric Institute Governance Board
- Secretary and Board Trustee, First Alaskans Institute
- Member, Recover Alaska Board

PREVIOUS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- Member, U.S. Department of Justice Advisory Committee on American Indian and Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence
- Co-Lead Negotiator, Alaska Tribal Health Compact and Annual Funding Agreement
- Chair, Tribal Technical Advisory Group to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Member, Medicaid and Medicare Policy Committee of the National Indian Health Board
- Member, Alaska Health Care Commission
- Member, National Steering Committee for the Reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, included in the Affordable Care Act
- Chair and Board of Governance Member, The Foraker Group
- Chair, Alaska Commission on Children and Youth
- Member, Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
- Member, National Indian Health Service Business Plan Workgroup
- Member, United States Medicaid Commission
- Member, National Title V Negotiated Rulemaking Committee to develop regulations for the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
- Delegation Member on state trade mission to Japan and China
- Curriculum Developer, Crossroads of the Continents Exhibit by Smithsonian Institute
- President, Alaska Federation of Natives Youth Council
- President, University of New Mexico Native American Law Students Association

HONORS & AWARDS

- Jake White Crow Lifetime Achievement Award, National Indian Health Board
- Legacy and Leadership Award, Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation
- National Impact Individual Award, National Indian Health Board
- National Impact Team Award, National Indian Health Board
- ANTHC Team of the Year, Dental Health Aide Training Center
- Award for Excellence in Indian Law, University of New Mexico School of Law
- Dean's Award, University of New Mexico School of Law

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

- Mother
- Yup'ik Eskimo born in Bethel
- Tribal Member, Orutsararmiut Tribal Council
- Calista shareholder
- Avid fisherman