



# WHO WE ARE

Legislative Lunch & Learn

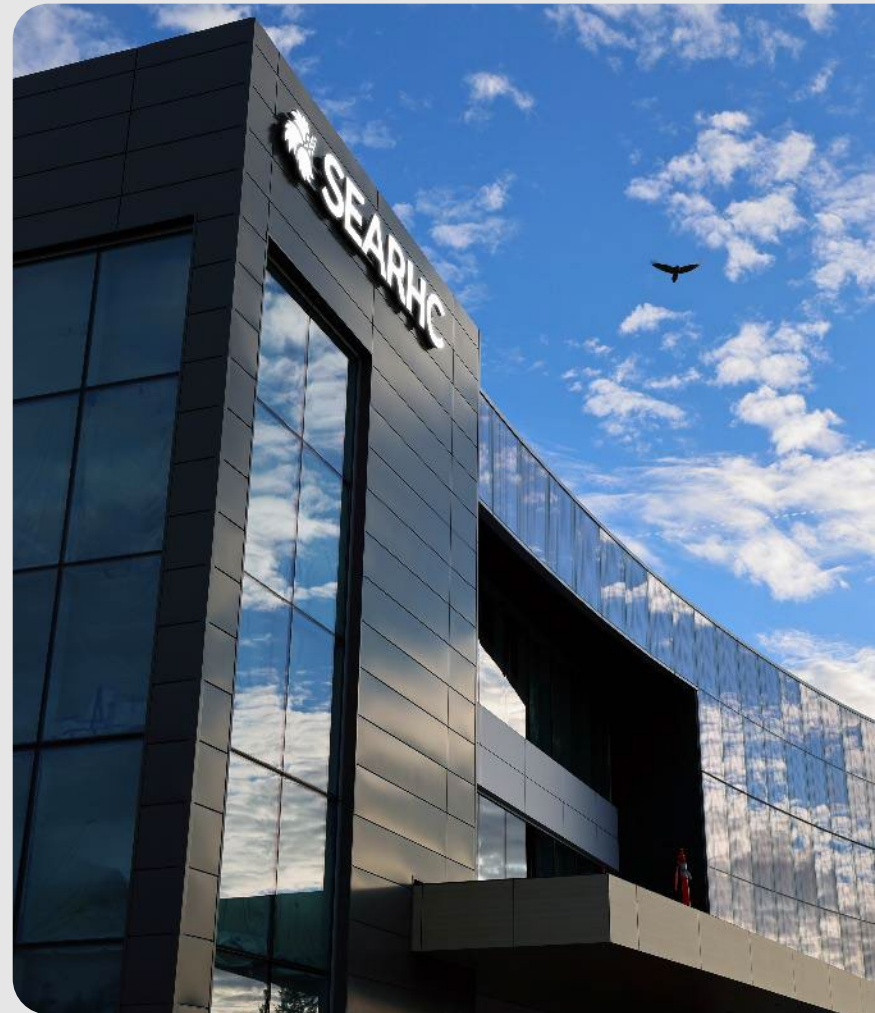
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# WHAT IS TRIBAL HEALTHCARE?

## Federally obligated, locally administered

- SEARHC delivers services under **partnership & trust responsibility** agreements with the Indian Health Service (IHS), carrying out the federal government's **legal trust responsibility** to provide healthcare to Alaska Native people
- Federal support enables SEARHC to provide comprehensive, medically necessary care that meets **federal service delivery obligations**
  - Especially critical in remote, rural Southeast where alternatives are limited or unavailable
- SEARHC also participates in federal programs (Medicare, Medicaid) and public health initiatives, ensuring **continuity of care beyond IHS support**

# CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE, COMMUNITY CENTERED

- Our responsibility is to provide care for the region, with a federal obligation to Alaska Native people
- IHS funding is purpose-limited, not patient-exclusive
- This allows SEARHC to serve all patients while prioritizing Alaska Native beneficiaries
  - Non-beneficiary care is supported through other funding sources (non-IHS)

**This model strengthens access and stability across the region.**



***IHS funding ensures SEARHC can meet its federal obligations to Alaska Native people, while serving non-beneficiaries strengthens access, stability, and health infrastructure for the entire region, reinforcing our trust responsibility.***

# OUR PURPOSE

Alaska Native-led nonprofit health consortium, with 2,000 caregivers, serving 26 communities across Southeast Alaska

## MISSION

Alaska Native People working in partnership to provide the best healthcare for our communities.

## VISION

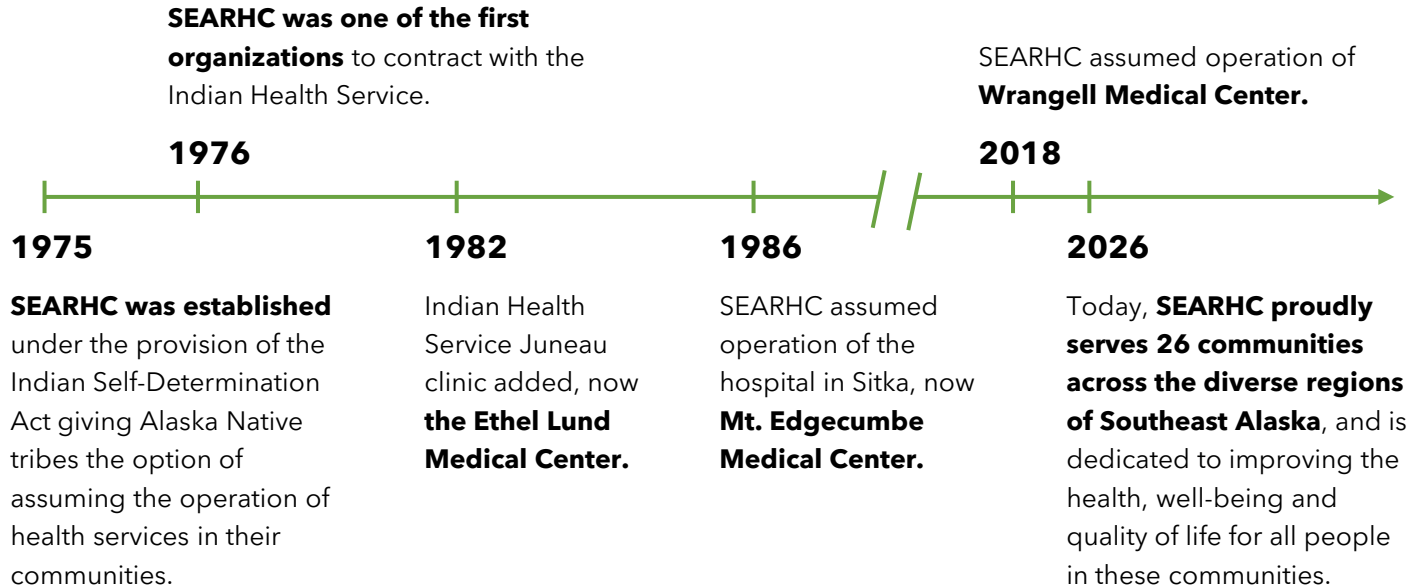
Partnering with our communities to promote a healthy balance of mind, body and spirit.

## VALUES

- Respect
- Cultural identity
- Service
- Professionalism
- Compassion



# SEARHC HISTORY



# OUR BOARD

The SEARHC Board of Directors serves as the Consortium's chief policy-making body.

- The Board is made up of 15 individuals who oversee all functions and programs.
- The Board representatives are elected by the tribal governing body in each participating community.
- The Board is guided by the Consortium's mission, vision and values that are inclusive of all people living in the Southeast region.

## Communities Represented

- Angoon
- Craig
- Douglas
- Haines
- Hoonah
- Hydaburg
- Juneau
- Kake
- Kasaan
- Klawock
- Klukwan
- Petersburg
- Sitka
- Skagway
- Wrangell

# SERVICES MAP



- Hospitals, Clinics, Long-Term Care
- Outpatient Clinics
- Traveling Clinic Services
- Community Health Services

Southeast Alaska encompasses approximately **33,500 square miles of land and water**, as well as **18,500 miles of shoreline** comprised of more than **1,000 islands**. With the largest temperate rainforest in the world and surrounded by ice fields, the region is home to more than **70,000 people** living in more than **30 communities**.

# HOW WE SHOW UP

We deliver care at scale across one of the most geographically complex regions of the country

**2,000**

Workforce

**26**

Communities Served

**1,200**

Patients Daily

**This volume reflects growing demand and the importance of maintaining access across Southeast Alaska.**

## 2025 YEAR IN NUMBERS

Total patients served - 42,000+

Total clinic visits\* - 136,501

Behavioral Health visits - 99,946

Dental visits - 39,711

Rehabilitation Services sessions - 48,878

Optometry visits - 7,233

Inpatient admissions - 794

Observation days - 1,294

Emergency room visits - 6,406

Surgical procedures - 1,593

Transitional Care admissions - 116

Long-Term Care days - 12,096

Births - 181

Laboratory tests - 762,099

Prescriptions filled - 297,182

Images captured - 33,408



# BEYOND THE NUMBERS

Impact from Haines to Hydaburg

- **Expanded behavioral health services** are helping address critical needs in communities where access has historically been limited
- A **focus on specialty care** means more patients can receive care in-region, reducing travel, delays, and uncertainty
- More families can **welcome children closer to home**, with stronger support systems
- Healthcare career development pathways make **"care for our people, by our people"** possible

# CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS



## **Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center, Sitka**

**Population:** 8,689

458 employees



## **Wrangell Medical Center**

**Population:** 2,521

80 employees

# REGIONAL CLINICS



**Vintage Park Campus,  
Juneau**

**Population:** 32,094  
94 employees



**Haines Health Center**

**Population:** 2,526  
49 employees



**Ethel Lund Medical  
Center, Juneau**

**Population:** 32,094  
207 employees



**Alicia Roberts  
Medical  
Center, Klawock**

**Population:** 5,000 \*  
65 employees

\* combined population of  
Prince of Wales Island

# SPECIALTY CARE & PARTNERSHIPS

## SEARHC EMPLOYED SPECIALISTS

- Orthopedics
- Ear, Nose and Throat
- General Surgery
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Interventional Pain
- Audiology

## SEARHC STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

### Swedish Medical Center

- Neurology
- Rheumatology
- Cardiology
- ENT
- Dermatology
- Podiatry
- Urology
- Sleep

### Seattle Children's Hospital

- Seattle Children's
  - Endocrinology
  - Neurology
  - Cardiology

### Alaska Native Medical

- Hepatology
- Ophthalmology
- Orthopedics



# OTHER SERVICES

## Skilled Nursing Services

- Sitka Long-Term Care and Wrangell Medical Center Long-Term Care provide ongoing, specialized coverage

## Behavioral Health Services

- Behavioral Health Counseling
- Intensive Outpatient with Residential Component
- Youth Residential Behavioral health treatment
- Medically Assisted Treatment

## Dental Care

- 62 chairs across the Consortium
- Regular 'field trips' and specialty clinics into the outlying communities

## Telemedicine Services

- State-of-the-art video technology and secure software connect patients to providers in Sitka, Juneau or Anchorage



# VIEW 2028 STRATEGIC THEMES

## CARING FOR OUR CAREGIVERS

Everyone who works at SEARHC is a caregiver, working together to build a strong resilient team.

## HIGH-QUALITY HEALTHCARE FOR ALL

SEARHC ensures all who live in its communities have access to high-quality care.

## ONE SEARHC

Delivering accessible and seamless healthcare that enhances the health and wellbeing of those we serve.



# Connecting with our communities

- **Community Engagement**
  - Tribal Council meetings and local leadership engagement
  - Regional advisory groups
  - Rotary, Chambers, and community events
- **Leadership & Partnerships**
  - Executive and provider presence in communities
  - Collaboration with tribal, city and regional partners
  - Legislative and stakeholder engagement
- **Patient Communication**
  - Patient Support Center (phone access)
  - MySEARHC portal and online scheduling
  - Text messaging and email outreach
  - Virtual care and after-hours access
- **Public & Digital Outreach**
  - Social Media and community groups
  - Website, campaigns and public messaging
  - Radio, print and in-clinic Communications
- **Aligned Communication**
  - Coordinated messaging across teams
  - Real-time updates for service changes and emergencies

***We meet people where they are – through trusted relationships, clear communication, and consistent access to care.***





# A NEW ERA OF HEALTHCARE

## The New Mt. Edgecumbe Medical Center

- Largest healthcare infrastructure investment in Southeast Alaska history
- Opening summer 2026
- 234,528 square feet
- ~\$300 million investment
- Expands surgical and specialty care capacity
- Reduces need for travel

**Our investment strengthens the region's healthcare infrastructure for decades to come.**

# World-class care, closer to home

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## What this means for patients:

More care delivered in Southeast Alaska

Cutting-edge surgical technology

Improved patient experience and outcomes

Stronger ability to recruit and retain providers

# JOIN US MEMC RIBBON CUTTING

We invite you to see this investment firsthand.



## SAVE THE DATE

April 23, 2026 | 1-3 p.m. | Sitka



Thank You





# SEARHC

SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM