

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Mental Health Trust Authority

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
n/a

First Name
Verne

Middle Name

Last Name
Boerner

Military Service
n/a

Conflict of Interest

Full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010 is required for certain boards and commissions. Are you willing to provide this information if required for the board or commission which you are applying?
Yes

Service in a public office is a public trust. The Ethics Act (AS 39.52.110) prohibits substantial and material conflicts of interest. Is it possible that you or any member of your family will benefit financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you are applying? If you answer 'yes' to this question you MUST explain the potential financial benefit.
No

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Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.
see resume

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:

- Master of Public Health, Oregon Health and Sciences University
- Bachelor, Business Administration, Portland State University
- Class Salutatorian, Kiana High School
- Informal: Iñupiat Ilitqusiat and fish camp (cultural, informal)

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:
n/a

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.

- Alaska Representative, Indian Health Service National Budget Formulation Workgroup;
- Community Member, Portland Area Indian Health Service Institutional Review Board Member;
- Technical Member, Portland Area Indian Health Service Facilities Advisory Board;
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- Mentor, Project Connect Program at Portland State University;
- Youth Council Chairperson, Alaska Federation of Natives Youth Council;
- Student recipient (with other students) of the Public Service Award from the Alaska Press Club - the highest honor in journalism in Alaska

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?

No

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

By submitting this online application, I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employees or other persons who know me to obtain an additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.


Type "I certify"

"I certify"

Resume Addendum:

Press Release Wording

Submitted: 10/30/2017 12:00:00 AM



The Honorable Bill Walker
Governor of Alaska
PO Box 110001
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

Submitted via: boards@alaska.gov

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Sincerely,



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EDUCATION:

- April 2012 Master of Public Health - Primary Health Care and Health Disparities.
Oregon Health and Sciences University. Portland, OR
- June 1999 Bachelor of Arts: Business Administration - Information Systems &
Quantitative Analysis. Portland State University, Portland, OR.
- May 1989 High School Diploma: Class Salutatorian. Kiana High School, Kiana, AK.

EXPERIENCE:

- July 2013 to **President and Chief Executive Officer**
Present Alaska Native Health Board, Anchorage, AK.
The President/CEO is responsible for the overall direction and operation of ANHB, providing leadership by working with the Board of Directors to advocate on behalf of Alaska Native people. This position manages and directs the organization toward its primary objectives and maximizes quality and quantity of services delivered to ANHB members. Responsible for all operations, budgeting, and strategic direction of the organization. Represent organization before Congressional delegation, Congressional hearings, compose testimony at state and federal levels, serve on state, regional, national advisory boards and workgroups, including the Indian Health Service National Budget Formulation Workgroup Alaska Area Representative.
- November **Administrative Officer**
2000 to Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, OR.
August 2008 Served as an officer and representative of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB). Provided managerial support to the Executive Director. Served as Acting Director in the absence of the Executive Director. Served on the executive Management Team. Performed personnel management functions, including professional development as well as disciplinary responsibilities. Oversaw Grant and Contract Management as well as fiscal management in accordance with OMB Circulars and the Single Audit Act, monitoring of budgets as well as contract and grant reporting requirements. Maintained and updated the employee policy and procedures manual. Lead contact for annual audit. Oversaw NPAIHB Strategic Planning process. Assisted in planning and implementation of government-to-government consultation activities with HHS and its agencies. Negotiated lease and contract agreements. Held responsibilities and authority for investment strategy for 93-638 funds and negotiations with the bank. Supervised seven professional staff, and seven staff indirectly. Lead on IHS Annual Funding Agreement negotiation and management. Served on the

Portland Area Office Indian Health Service Institutional Review Board¹, including primary reviewer responsibilities. Served as Co-Principle Investigator for the collaborative effort between the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and NPAIHB to evaluate the American Indian and Alaska Native Cancer 101 education modules as an evidenced-based best practice. Served as a technical support member for the Restructuring Initiative Workgroup for the Indian Health Service and for SAMHSA's Tribal Consultation Policy Revision Technical Workgroup.

- May 2005 to November 15, 2005 **Acting Executive Director**
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, OR.
Executive Management, strategic planning, internal organizational design, and external and partner relations. Engaged in professional development actions, delegation and foster a team management approach. Represented NPAIHB in concert with tribes in government-to-government relations with state and federal agencies upholding the highest tenet, that of tribal sovereignty. Presented health-related reports. Engaged in Health Promotion and Technical Assistance Coordination. Supervised all personnel activities. Lead on Organizational Development activities. Developed, implement and maintain proper program management systems. Retained responsibilities of the Administrative Officer while serving as the Interim Director.
- September 1999 to November 2000 **Health Resource Coordinator – Program Operations**
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, OR.
Served on the Executive management team. Identified health related funding sources. Contributed to the on-going communication between the NPAIHB, IHS, tribal governments, and other agencies. Coordinated the grant application process. Wrote reports, funding proposals, media documents, issue papers and other documents. Prepared, edit and publish the NPAIHB quarterly newsletter. Assisted in the preparation, implementation, and follow-up activities of the Quarterly NPAIHB meetings. Coordinated activities with the NPAIHB staff to plan and facilitate training sessions on Indian health issues. Served on the Portland Area Institutional Review Board, including primary reviewer responsibilities. Supervised one project director.
- October 1998 to September 1999 **Program Director - Women's Health Promotion Program**
Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, OR.
Directed all aspects of the program, including program development, budgeting, and reporting. Coordinate and facilitate the Women's Health Promotion Coalition (WHPC) meetings. Developed culturally

¹ I served on this Institutional Review Board beyond my employment at NPAIHB; I served until July 2013.

	<p>appropriate curriculum on breast and cervical cancer (BCC). Presented to tribal members and organizations information on BCC screening, risk factors and treatment options in a culturally sensitive manner to increase the number of American Indian and Alaska Natives screened. Carried out directives from the WHPC. Served as a liaison between tribal and state organizations. Provided Oregon Breast and Cervical Cancer Program cultural capacity training on American Indian and Alaska Native issues. Advocate for tribes in health-related issues. Planned the "Northwest Tribal Elders Wellness Conference". Supervised intern.</p>
October, 1997 to September 1998	<p>Project Assistant - Northwest Tribal Welfare Information Project Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, OR.</p> <p>Assisted Project Director in all areas of project administration. Duties included: Database development, conference planning for two region-wide conferences, designing contracts, conference facilitation, reporting, grant writing, tribal advocacy, Web Page development, presenting on the impacts of Welfare Reform on tribal communities, and various administrative duties.</p>
January 1997 to September 1997	<p>Information Specialist - Hanford Tribal Service Project Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, OR.</p> <p>Assisted Project Director and related organizations in providing culturally sensitive information regarding the health impacts of radioactive materials released by the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. Provided technical support to tribes regarding the comprehensive survey designed to capture migration patterns of tribal individuals and daily diets of individuals alive in the early 1940s. Participated as a pollster for a comprehensive information systems survey designed to assess tribal Information Technology capabilities and needs. Surveyed nine of the forty tribes on site. Arranged travel for the Tribal Advisory Board.</p>
September 1996 to January 1997	<p>Project Specialist - Western Tobacco Prevention Project Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, OR.</p> <p>Received training to facilitate the "Teens as Teachers," program. Facilitated two tobacco prevention presentations to teenagers in tribal communities. Designed Power Point presentations for project director. Various other administrative duties.</p>
July 1995 to March 1996	<p>Project Assistant - Northwest Tribal Recruitment Project Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Portland, OR.</p> <p>Assisted Project Director in all areas of project administration. Duties included transferring data from an archaic database system to a relational database. Designed new database system and developed all queries and reports for the new system. Responsible for communication with tribal contacts and for inputting health professionals into database system.</p>

Assisted in quarterly and annual report writing. Various other duties.

May 1994 to
March 1996 **Consultant** Sole Proprietor
Provided consulting services to NANA Regional Corporation. Activities included: Analyzing Federal laws involving concessions and contract procurement and specifically how Title XIII of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 was being implemented. My report was published with other reports regarding economic development in Rural Alaska and submitted directly to the Assistant Secretary of the Interior and prompted action from the Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt. Various other tasks including reviewing Federal eligibility criteria as a disadvantaged business enterprise for a fully owned subsidiary of NANA Development Corp and survey analysis.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

2012 Co-author PowerPoint Presentation. Health Care Reform: Measuring its impact for American Indians & Alaska Natives in 33 States with IHS funded health programs. Presented at NIHB on September 24, 2012. Presentation available online at:
http://www.aihc2014.com/NIHB_ACC_final_presentation_ejf_vfb092012-1-1.pdf

2012 Co-author PowerPoint Presentation. "Ready for Reform – Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe" Presented on February 1, 2012 to Washington State Tribal leaders and published by the online network for health reform implementation website: www.statereforum.org.
http://www.statereforum.org/sites/default/files/pgst_ready_for_reform_feb_1_workshop_packet_copy.pdf

2009-2012 Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) Fellow
2009 Co-Principle Investigator and Co-author, *Evaluation of Cancer 101: A Cancer Education and Training Program for American Indians and Alaska Natives as a Best Practice*, presented by colleagues at the 137th APHA Annual Meeting. November 9, 2009, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
<http://apha.confex.com/apha/137am/webprogram/Paper196947.html>

2009 American Association for Cancer Education's (AACE) R. Davilene Carter Presidential Prize for Best Manuscript for *Evaluation of Cancer 101: an Educational Program for Native Settings*. (Co-Principle Investigator and Co-author) http://www.aaceonline.com/AwardsHonors_bma.html.
Published in the Journal of Cancer Education. Article available at:
<http://www.springerlink.com/content/672p580r08v36151/?p=3313bb652b6c4a37a869efc1b16c7c72&pi=3>

2009 Co-Principle Investigator and Co-author, *Evaluation of Cancer 101: an Educational Program for Native Settings*, presented by colleagues at AACE's 2009 International Cancer Education Conference, Houston, TX.

- 2009 Co-author. "Medicaid and Indian Health Programs: Financing Indian Health Programs in the United States" *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the WPSA ANNUAL MEETING "Ideas, Interests and Institutions"*, Mar 19, 2009, Vancouver, BC, Canada. , http://citation.allacademic.com/meta/p_mla_apa_research_citation/3/1/7/7/0/pages317702/p317702-1.php
- 2008 Family moved to Cologne, Germany
- 2008 Member, Oregon Clinical & Translational Research Institute's Community Partnership Board
- 2007 Presented before Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Advisory Council on the work of the Technical Team workgroup mentioned below.
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- 1998 Published an essay I authored in the book, *Authentic Alaska*, edited by Susan B. Andrews and John Creed, published by the University of Nebraska Press.
- 1994 & 1995 Participated as a mentor in the Project Connect Program at Portland State University.
- 1992 Contestant in the National Miss Indian USA Scholarship Pageant
- 1991 First runner-up Miss Fairbanks Native Association.
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