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The Honorable Gail Phillips
Speaker of the House
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Dear Madam Speaker:

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the House Health, Education & Social Services Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following and recommends that appointment be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

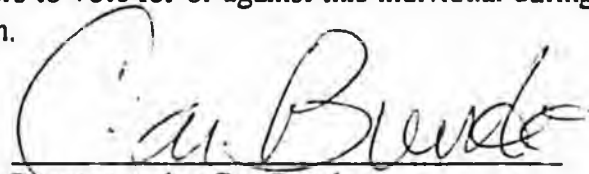
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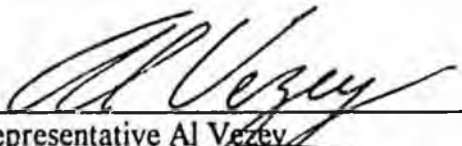
This does not reflect an intent by any of the members to vote for or against this individual during any further sessions for the purposes of confirmation.



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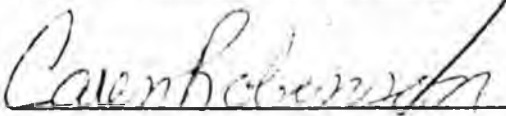
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE(Abbreviated)

- 1/91 - Present Independent Consultant and Partner in Northern Research and Planning, providing health and social services system development, planning and evaluation services to non-profit and public agency clients. Recent projects have focused on development of standards and other aspects of quality improvement and in development of community-based health systems for children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.
- 1985 - 1990 Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health and Social Services, Juneau, Alaska
- Responsibilities included major programmatic, management, and fiscal responsibility for the state's largest department with 1,900 employees and \$500.0 million budget. Provided overall direction for the state's public health, medical assistance (Medicaid) and public assistance programs, as well as the state's health planning efforts. Also responsible for the department's personnel management, independent audit, budget, and fiscal management services. Worked extensively with federal officials, congressional and state legislative delegations, citizen groups and municipalities throughout Alaska.
- 1982 - 1985 Director, Division of Community Development, Department of Community and Regional Affairs, Juneau, Alaska.
- Directed five major statewide programs of over \$10.0 million that promoted economic self-sufficiency with 80 employees in five separate offices across the state. Developed and implemented the Statewide Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). Restructured and implemented Alaska's Low-Income Weatherization Program. Formulated Lighting and Thermal Standards for energy-efficient residential construction. Administered Alaska's Day Care and Head Start Programs, and promoted involvement of the private sector in addressing child care needs of employees.

1980 - 1982

Special Assistant, Lt. Governor Terry Miller, State of Alaska.

Served as liaison and policy advisor to the Lieutenant Governor on a wide range of issues including education, telecommunications, social services, and renewable and non-renewable resources. Specific duties included briefings on policy issues, legislative analyses and liaison, drafting of speeches, position papers and articles. Represented the Lieutenant Governor at state, federal, interstate, legislative, and constituent meetings. During the summer of 1983, managed the Terry Miller for Governor Campaign in Fairbanks.

1979 - 1980

Legislative Aide/Press Secretary, U.S. Senator Ted Stevens, Washington D.C. Policy advisor and liaison to Senator Ted Stevens in areas of energy, agriculture, and rural development. Wrote daily floor statements for the Minority Whip of the U.S. Senate, produced weekly radio shows, bimonthly television show, weekly insiders news bulletin, specialized mailings, press releases, and activities for Alaskan and national media. As a Legislative Aide, analyzed and drafted legislation and position papers, and represented the Senator with Alaskans, congressional and federal officials on issues of Alaskan and national importance.

1978 - 1979

Research Director, Fairbanks Town and Village Association, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Gathered baseline employment and capital improvements data for 42 villages and communities in Interior Alaska. Assisted communities in planning for services and facilities in the economic development district.

Winter/Spring
1978

Instructor/Counselor, Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, California.

Taught accredited course to Stanford undergraduates in counseling and family planning. Conducted weekly clinics for Stanford students in health education, birth control, family planning, and pregnancy.

1977

Health Planner, Tanana Chiefs Conference, Fairbanks, Alaska.

One of a team who formulated long-range health plan for rural residents in the Tanana Chiefs Region. Traveled to and discussed health needs with village councils in 42 communities, met with Public Health Service officials, private providers, and insurance groups before writing the plan.

1975 - 1976

Foreman/Expeditor, Teamsters Union, Alyeska Pipeline.

During these years, attended college and worked seasonally as a union member on the Alaska oil line. As foreman of a 10-person warehouse crew for Fluor Inc., was responsible for the inventory, storage, and movement of all materials for the construction of Pump Station Six, one of the three main pumping stations on the Alyeska line.

1974 - 1975

Editor, River Times, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Edited monthly Native newspaper and taught journalism and photography to high school Native students. Won award for Best Non-Daily Newspaper in the State, Alaska Press Club, 1975.

1969 - 1974

Reporter/Photographer, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Worked in a variety of reporting capacities starting with school beat and working into city government and police. Winner of several Alaska Press Club awards.

EDUCATION

Stanford University, B.A., Biology, 1978

University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1972-73, Journalism, Biology.

Lathrop High School, Fairbanks, Alaska, 1972, with honors

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Alaska Public Health Association, President 1994

Health Resources and Access Task Force, Member, 1991-92. Consumer representative of a statewide task force to study the issues of health care access and cost for Alaskans.

Rural Alaska Health Professions Foundation, President of the Board, 1990-Present. The foundation, based at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, promotes the recruitment and retention of Alaskans into health professions and promotes the analysis and evaluation of Alaska's rural health care system.

Fairbanks North Star Borough Health and Social Services Commission, Member, Present.

Interior Neighborhood Health Corporation, Board member 1994

Mayor's Transition Task Force, Fairbanks North Star Borough, 1991-92.

Denali Center Task Force, 1991-92.

Legislative Health Care Task Force, Member, 1989-1990.

Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted, Member, 1989-1990.

Family Support Task Force, Subcommittee Chair, 1989-1990.

Alaska Healthy Baby Project, Department Chair, 1987-1990. Chaired the steering committee charged with expanding prenatal care and child health coverage in Alaska.

Governor's Interim Commission on Health Care, Department Lead, 1988-1989.

State of Alaska Negotiating Team, Member, 1988-1989. One of three management representatives charged with negotiating collective bargaining labor agreements with the major Alaska state employee's union.

Alaska/Canada Health Exchange, Delegate, 1988-1990.

Mental Health Trust Lands Commission, Member, 1986-1988.

Alaska State Job Training Coordinating Council, Director, 1982-1985.

PERSONAL

Born 4/16/54; married to Charles Bettisworth; mother of one child, Benjamin;
good health.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

SELECTED PROJECTS OF NORTHERN RESEARCH AND PLANNING

- Perspectives: Improving Home and Community-Based Services for Alaskans with Disabilities, Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted, 1991
- Improving Oral Health Services for Alaska's Head Start Children, National Head Start Bureau, in progress
- Early Intervention Standards for Alaska's Infant Learning Programs, Division of Public Health, State of Alaska, 1993
- Analysis of the Need for a Nursing Home and other Less Restrictive Alternatives for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Area, Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, 1993
- Labor Market Assessment, University of Alaska Fairbanks, 1993
- Developmental Center Needs Assessment, Governor's Council for the Handicapped and Gifted, 1992
- Community-Based Approach to Delivery of Services for Rural Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Older Alaskans Commission, 1992
- Evaluation of the Family Resource Specialist Program, 1992-93
- Cost Study of Home-Based Services in Alaska, with Health Systems Research Inc., Washington D.C., Division of Medical Assistance, 1992
- Comprehensive Home Care Services for Interior Alaska Proposal Development, Tanana Chiefs Conference, 1992-93
- Program Review and Monitoring of Alaska's Developmental Disabilities Programs Facilitator, ongoing
- Family Resource Specialist Training Facilitator, 1991

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "The Customer is Always Right, Standards and Quality Improvement Approaches Tailored to Public Agencies in Alaska", Co-presenter, Alaska Data Conference, 1992
- "Improvements in EPSDT", Co-presenter, Alaska Data Conference, 1992
- "Community-Based Waivers and Options for Children with Disabilities", Presenter, Pathways Conference, 1992
- "The Fundamentals of EPSDT and Medicaid", Head Start Health Coordinator's Training, 1992
- "Health Care Reform - The Basic Questions", Presenter, Alaska Women's Political Caucus, 1993

- "Health Care Reform, Where We Are", Presenter, League of Women Voters Annual Convention, 1993
- "New Approaches to Dental Delivery for Head Start Children", Presenter, Alaska's Child Health Conference, 1993
- * "The Politics of Coalition-Building and Collaboration", National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, 1994
- * "Community-Based Services Quality Control", Keynote Address, National Developmental Disability Planners, 1994