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DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALASKA INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE AND HEALTHY

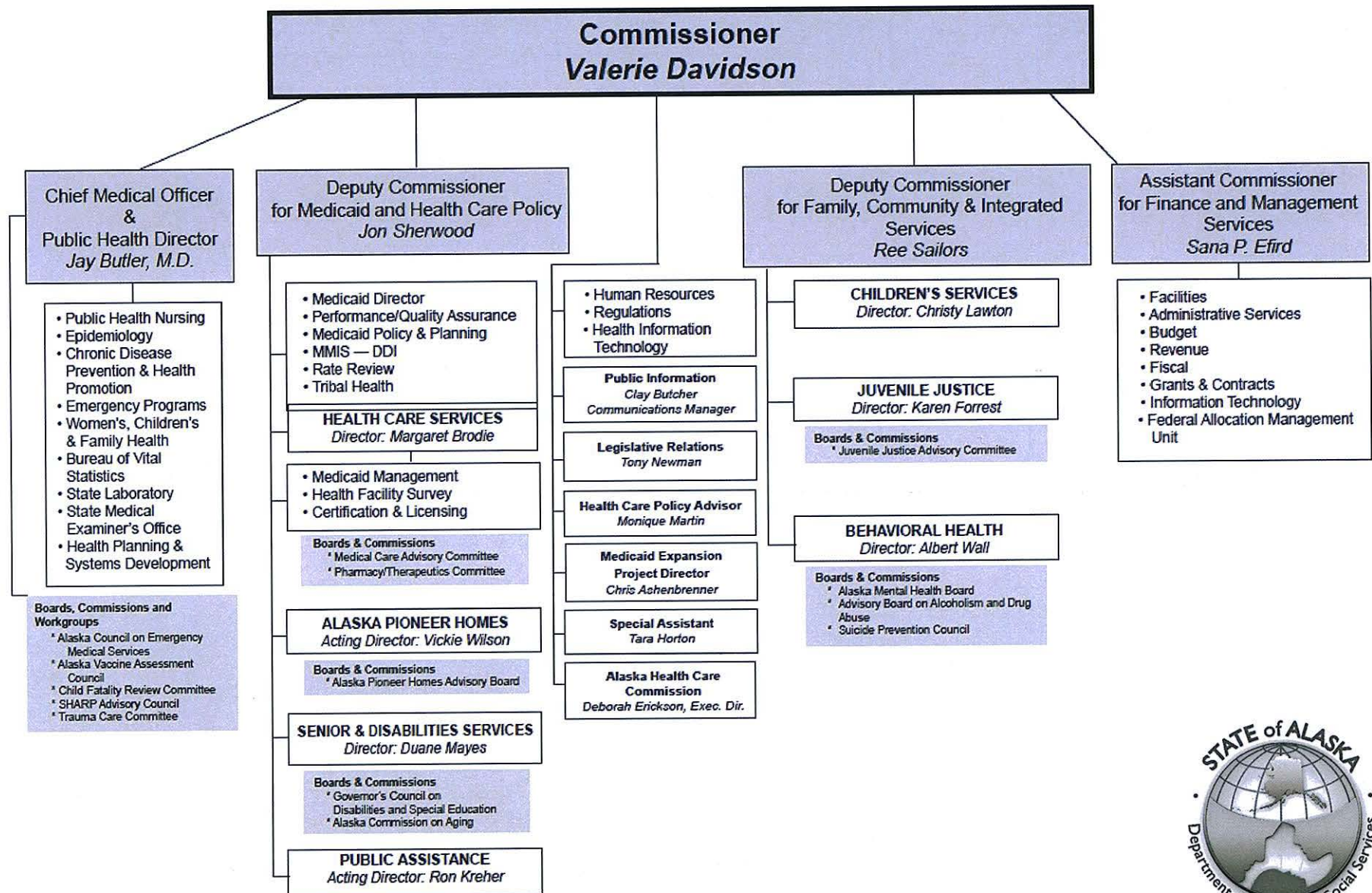
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## House HSS Committee Overview

**Valerie Davidson** | Commissioner  
**Dr. Jay Butler** | Chief Medical Officer & Division Director

**JANUARY 22, 2015**

# Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Organization Chart



# Executive Leadership

Commissioner | **Valerie Davidson**

Chief Medical Officer/Director | **Dr. Jay Butler**

Deputy Commissioner | **Jon Sherwood**

*Medicaid and Health Care Policy*

Deputy Commissioner | **Ree Sailors**

*Family, Community & Integrated Services*

Assistant Commissioner | **Sana Efir**

*Finance and Management Services*



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# Executive Leadership

Health Care Policy Advisor | **Monique Martin**

Medicaid Expansion Project Director | **Chris Ashenbrenner**

Legislative Liaison | **Tony Newman**

Special Assistant | **Tara Horton**



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# Health & Social Services

Alaska Pioneer Homes | **Vickie Wilson** (Acting Director)

Provide the highest quality of life in a safe home environment for older Alaskans and Veterans.

Behavioral Health | **Al Wall** (Director)

Manage an integrated and comprehensive behavioral health system based on sound policy, effective practices and partnerships.

Office of Children's Services | **Christy Lawton** (Director)

Prevent and respond to child maltreatment in order to ensure safe children and strong families.

Health Care Services | **Margaret Brodie** (Director)

Manage health care coverage for Alaskans in need.



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# Health & Social Services

Division of Juvenile Justice | **Karen Forrest** (Director)

Hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior, promote the safety and restoration of victims and communities, and assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime.

Division of Public Assistance | **Ron Kreher** (Acting Director)

Provide self-sufficiency and provide for basic living expenses to Alaskans in need.

Division of Public Health | **Dr. Jay Butler** (CMO/Director)

Protect and promote the health of Alaskans.

Senior and Disabilities Services | **Duane Mayes** (Director)

Promote the independence of Alaskan seniors and persons with physical and developmental disabilities.



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## PRIORITIES

### 1 HEALTH & WELLNESS ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN

#### CORE SERVICES

PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH OF ALASKANS

PROVIDE QUALITY OF LIFE IN A SAFE LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALASKANS

#### OBJECTIVES

- o Improve the health status of Alaskans
- o Decrease unintentional injuries
- o Decrease substance abuse and dependency
- o Improve the safety of children receiving department services
- o Increase the number of older Alaskans who live safely in their communities
- o Increase the number of Alaskans with disabilities who are living safely in the least restrictive environment
- o Increase the number of Alaskans with behavioral health issues who report improvement in key life domains

### 2 HEALTH CARE ACCESS, DELIVERY & VALUE

#### CORE SERVICES

MANAGE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE FOR ALASKANS IN NEED

FACILITATE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR ALASKANS

#### OBJECTIVES

- o Increase the number of Alaskans with a primary care provider
- o Increase access for Alaskans with chronic or complex medical conditions to integrated care
- o Improve access to health care
- o Improve rural access to health care

### 3 SAFE & RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

#### CORE SERVICES

STRENGTHEN ALASKA FAMILIES

PROTECT VULNERABLE ALASKANS

PROMOTE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABLE DECISIONS BY ALASKANS

#### OBJECTIVES

- o Increase the number of Alaska families who are employed
- o Increase the number of Alaska families with safe, affordable child care
- o Increase the number of Alaska families with warm homes
- o Increase the number of Alaska families with food security
- o Decrease the rate of maltreatment in children
- o Decrease the rate of maltreatment in vulnerable populations
- o Improve client safety within department and provider operated facilities
- o Improve tobacco enforcement
- o Increase the number of juveniles who remain crime-free
- o Increase the number of Alaskans with health conditions who practice self-management
- o Decrease inter-personal violence
- o Increase disaster preparedness
- o Reduce fraud, waste and abuse

# Areas of primary focus (4) (2015 and beyond)

## **1. Access to health care for Alaskans**

- Medicaid Expansion: investing in the health of Alaskans
- System Improvements: enrolling individuals and paying providers
- Medicaid Reform: develop an Alaska plan



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# Areas of primary focus (4) (2015 and beyond)

## **2. Child welfare | keeping our children safe**

- Maximizing relationships and resources to improve outcomes for Alaska's children
- 2400+ children in out-of-home placements



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# Areas of primary focus (4) (2015 and beyond)

## **3. Tribal and Federal Partnerships**

- Enhancing partnerships to address health and child welfare issues
- Removing barriers that impede our collective efforts



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# Areas of primary focus (4) (2015 and beyond)

## 4. Improving the health status of Alaskans (cont.)

- Prevent and control complications of obesity
- Reduce tobacco use
- Reduce abuse of alcohol and other drugs
- Prevent and improve management of injuries
- Improve immunization coverage among pre-school aged children
- Prevent and control infectious diseases
- Prevent infant deaths
- Implement Healthy Alaskans 2020 action plan



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# Looking to the future

## Governor Walker's 2014 – HSS Transition Report

### Five Recommendations

(Department will explore further in coming months)

1. Medicaid Expansion and Maximize Federal Revenue
2. Administrative Improvements (ie. Eligibility and Payment systems)
3. Behavioral Health Policy Improvement and Enforcement
4. Health Care Cost and Affordability
5. Safety Net Service Delivery (ie. Children at Risk, Community Access Hospitals, Disproportionate Share Hospitals, Long Term Care)



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