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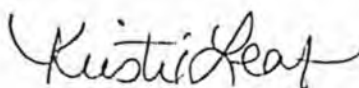
The Honorable Pete Kott  
February 27, 2003  
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Mr. Michael Snowden of Sitka  
Appointed: 1/21/2003 Term Expires: 2/1/2009

**Regulatory Commission of Alaska (RCA)**

Mr. Mark Johnson of Anchorage  
Appointed: 7/1/2003 Term Expires: 3/1/2009

Sincerely,



Kristie Leaf  
Director, Boards and Commissions

cc: Kirsten Waid, Senate Secretary, Alaska State Senate  
Suzi Lowell, Chief Clerk, Alaska House of Representatives



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## MEMORANDUM

Date: February 27 2003

To: ✓ Health, Education and Social Services Committee  
Judiciary Committee  
Labor and Commerce Committee  
Resources Committee  
State Affairs Committee

From: Suzi Lowell   
Chief Clerk

Subject: Governor's Appointments

The Governor has corrected the expiration dates for some appointments to boards and commissions to correspond to the dates set by statute (see attached letter). New committee reports are attached for appointees who have not yet had confirmation hearings. Please replace these reports so the correct term of expiration is reflected.

If you have any questions, please call my office.

Attachments as noted

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: April 5, 2004

To: Representative Wilson, Chair  
Health, Education and Social Services Committee

From: Suzi Lowell *SL*  
Chief Clerk

Subject: Governor's Appointments

Speaker Kott referred the following Governor's appointments to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee:

### Board of Education and Early Development

Ms. Sylvia J. Reynolds - Soldotna

Reappointed: 03/24/2004

Term Expires: 03/01/2009

Ms. Carol (Bunny) J. Schaeffer - Kotzebue

Appointed: 03/24/2004

Term Expires: 03/01/2009

### Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees

Dr. William H. Doolittle - Fairbanks

Appointed: 03/24/2004

Term Expires: 03/01/2009

Mr. Tom J. Hawkins - Anchorage

Reappointed: 03/24/2004

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The resumes and committee reports are attached for your use.

Attachments as noted

# Sylvia Reynolds

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**Objective** State School Board Representative

**Experience** 1995-2002 Soldotna High School Soldotna, AK

**Principal**

- Assessment Scores consistently above district and state average
- District, State, and National Awards in Technology
- Tripled 710 budget
- Principal of the Year 2000
- Library Pat on the Back Award 1997, 2002
- Instruction/SIP/Personnel/Budget/Discipline/Grants
- ASAA Board of Directors
- Implemented Freshmen Orientations
- Developed activity cards for students & senior citizens
- Presenter @ NASSP – *Leading Technology*, Educational Summit – *Assessment & Accountability*, AASSP – *Testing & Assessment*, CCSSO – *Successful Schools*

1993-2001 University of Alaska, Fairbanks Fairbanks, AK

**Instructor**

- Audio-conference class PE 327 for Elementary Educators

1991-1995 Juneau Douglas High School Juneau, AK

**Assistant Principal**

- Discipline/Activity and Athletic Director

1990-1991 Crook County School District Prineville, OR

**Administrative Internship**

- Ochoco Elementary School
- Crook County Elementary School

1973 – 1989

**Teaching Positions**

- Nome Beltz High School, Alaska
- Mt. Hood Community College, Oregon
- St. Mary's Academy, Oregon
- Madras High School, Oregon

- East Senior High School, Pennsylvania
- Silver Creek High School, New York

**Education**

1972-2002

- B.S.E., Arkansas State University - Student of Distinction
- M.S.T., Portland State University - Magna Cum Laude
- Type B Certificate K-12, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

**Interests**

Exercise, gardening, scuba diving, dance, reading.

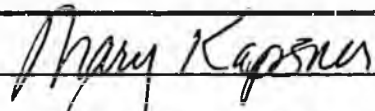

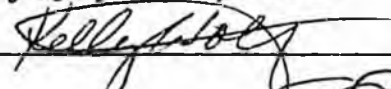
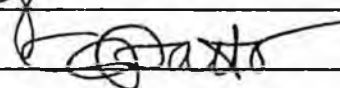
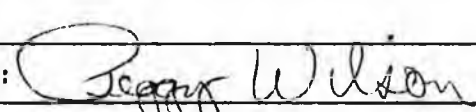
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This does not reflect intent by any of the members to vote for or against this individual during any further sessions for the purposes of confirmation.

Signature:	Printed Last Name
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Chair:	

Please return to the Chief Clerk's office.

# Carol J. Schaeffer

• Kotzebue, AK 99752 •

## Education



Kotzebue High School

Kotzebue, Alaska

### High School Diploma

- Continuing courses in computers, personnel law, Business English.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Publisher, Microsoft Windows, word processing, use both Gateway and Macintosh computers.

## Awards received

Northwest Arctic Education Association Friend of Education, 1992

Northwest Arctic Borough School District Employee of the Month, 1997

## Interests and activities

Enjoy reading, crocheting, softball, bowling, volunteering for different organizations.

## Work experience

2000 - Present Northwest Arctic Borough School District  
Kotzebue, Alaska

### Director of Personnel

Plan, coordinate and supervise the operation of the personnel affairs in such a way as to enhance the morale of school district personnel and to promote the overall efficiency of the school system.

1987 - 2000 Northwest Arctic Borough School District  
Kotzebue, Alaska

### Secretary to the Superintendent / School Board

Assisted and relieved administrative supervisor of paperwork and impediments so that he may devote maximum attention to the central problems of education and educational administration.

1982 - 1987 Northwest Arctic Borough School District  
Kotzebue, Alaska

**Print Shop Technician**

Assisted in production of all printed materials.

**Volunteer  
experience**

NWABSD Pre-K Curriculum Committee member 1987 – 1989  
Goals 2000 Selection Committee – 1997  
Chukchi Regional Council Member 1989 – 1995  
Kikiktagrak Lioness Club Member and Officer 1986 – 1990  
Kotzebue Parent Teacher Association Officer 1967 – 1999  
Alaska Parent Teacher Association Board of Directors 1991 – 1999  
Battle of the Books Coach 1996 – 1997  
Battle of the Books District Coordinator 1999 – 2000

Continue to volunteer with school and community activities. Have served on numerous local, district and statewide committees.

**References**

Mr. Jerry Covey  
[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99507  
[REDACTED]

Mr. Michael Dunleavy  
[REDACTED]  
Kotzebue, AK 99752  
[REDACTED]

Ms. Doni Newell  
[REDACTED]  
Kotzebue, AK 99752  
[REDACTED]

Mr. Richard Blair  
[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99518  
[REDACTED]

Ms. Paula Pawlowski  
[REDACTED]  
Anchorage, AK 99517  
[REDACTED]

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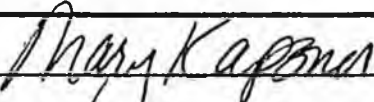
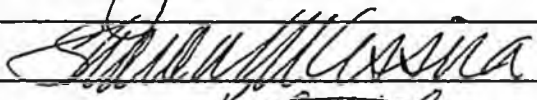
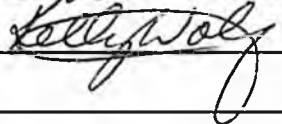
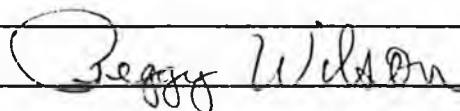
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Ms. Carol (Bunny) J. Schaeffer - Kotzebue

Appointed: 03/24/2004

Term Expires: 03/01/2009

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WILLIAM H. DOOLITTLE, M.D. F.A.C.P

P. O. Box 71046

Fairbanks, AK 99707-1046

Phone: (907)456-8881

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Email: [doolittle@ptialaska.net](mailto:doolittle@ptialaska.net)

December 5, 2003

Jeff Jessee

Executive Director

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

550 West Seventh Ave., Suite 1820

Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Dear Jeff,

I continue to have interest in appointment to the Board of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. I am enclosing a Resume as you suggested. Since last submission, there have been no major changes in my occupation or availability to serve. I have, as you know, continued to participate as a member of the Fairbanks Chronic Inebriate Program Task Group which continues to pursue its objective of improving the lot of chronic inebriates of Fairbanks and environs.

If there is more you require to amplify my desire to serve on the Trust Authority Board please let me know. Since we are in and out, Email is probably most efficient.

Sincerely,



William H. Doolittle, M. D.

Encl:

Resume

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# Dr. William H. Doolittle

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## Education

- BS. University of Vermont, Bachelor of Science, 1957
- MD, University of Vermont, College of Medicine, 1960
- Internship, Wornack Army Hospital, July 1960-1961
- Residency, Walter Reed General Hospital Internal Medicine (Intensive Care and Coronary Care Units) 1961-64

## Credentials Licensure

- Fellowship, American College of Physicians, 1971
- Certified by American Board of Internal Medicine, 1968
- Medical License State of Alaska

## Professional Employment

- Courtesy Staff, Montgomery General Hospital, Olney, MD, 1962-1964
- Chief of Medicine, Bassett Army Hospital, Ft. Wainwright, AK, 1964-1967
- Courtesy Staff, St. Joseph Hospital, Fairbanks, AK, 1965-1967
- *Director Arctic Medical Research Laboratory 1968-1973*
- Active Staff, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Fairbanks, AK, 1967-1999

## Boards & Professional Memberships

- Alaska State Medical Society, Honorary
- American Medical Association
- Diplomat American Board of Internal Medicine
- Fellow, American College of Physicians
- Member, Alpha Omega Alpha, Honorary Medical Association
- American Association of Military Surgeons
- Five-Time Chief of Staff, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
- Multiple Committee Memberships, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital
- Medical Advisor, North Pole Fire & Rescue
- Chief of General Medical Section #1, Walter Reed Army Hospital, 1967
- Greater Fairbanks Community Hospital Foundation Board, 1967 Present
- Consultant, Division Vocational Rehabilitation, State of Alaska

- Medical Expert, Hearings & Appeals, Social Security Administration

- Key Bank Alaska. Board of Directors, 1975-96

**Scientific or  
Research  
Papers  
Published**

- Chapter Cold Induced Injuries Current Therapy, Conn: 1976, 1977

- Additional Bibliography provided on request

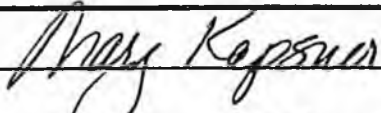
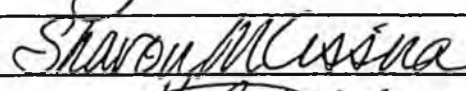

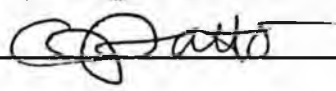
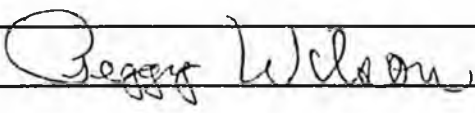
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# TOM HAWKINS

1820 East 24th Avenue • Anchorage, Alaska 99508 • Telephone: (907) 278-3602 or 274-4987

## EXPERIENCE

### BRISTOL BAY NATIVE CORPORATION - ANCHORAGE, AK

Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer 1992 - Present

Manage ANCSA regional corporation with 5,900 shareholders, \$80 million assets and 3 million acres of land. Oversee investment portfolio, land resource sales and leases, environmental service design and corporate service subsidiaries and related activities.

### ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - ANCHORAGE, AK

Deputy Commissioner 1988 - 1992

Lead, organized, staffed, and fostered change for the agency which manages Alaska's 160 million acres of land and tideland resources. Testified, negotiated, coordinated, and implemented Alaska resource policy.

### ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - ANCHORAGE, AK

Director - Alaska Division of Lands 1983 - 1988

Planned, staffed, controlled, administered, and lead an organization of 200 who selected, planned, leased, sold, and permitted use of Alaska land. Completed regional land use plans for 50 million acres of state land. Legislative and congressional testimony and negotiation.

### CHOGGIUNG LIMITED - DILLINGHAM, AK

General Manager - Chief Executive 1979 - 1983

Business and land management for ANCSA village corporation with \$6 million assets and 200,000 acres of land. Built and operated 32 room hotel. Managed general construction projects, office and residential construction, subdivision development, commercial gravel sales, and investment portfolio. Supervised 16 employees.

### FEDERAL STATE LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE - ANCHORAGE, AK

Land Use Analyst 1977 - 1979

Agency advised Congress and Legislature about the implementation of ANCSA, analyzed Section 3(e), prepared report which led to new regulations and transfer of lands to ANCSA corporations. Prepared extensive land use planning review of 17(d) options. Edited general study of ANCSA and identified generic problems experienced in its first decade.

### CHOGGIUNG LIMITED - DILLINGHAM, AK

Land Manager - Chief Executive 1975 - 1977

Land selection, title work, gravel sales, subdivision, corporate planning, land planning, implementation of ANCSA 14(c), annual corporate meetings, accounting, investment portfolio, and supervision of two employees.

### BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT - ANCHORAGE, AK

Land Law Examiner 1973 - 1975

Adjudicated applications for land and resources under a variety of federal public land laws, homesteads, allotments, oil and gas leases, homesites, state selections, ANCSA village and regional selections. Supervised three in southwest adjudication branch.

### ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - ANCHORAGE, AK

Land Management Officer 1972

Adjudicated applications for tideland preference rights, shore fishery leases, gravel sales, water rights, and various other Alaska State land programs.

ALASKA CORPS OF ENGINEERS - ANCHORAGE, AK

Materials Technician 1971

Performed sampling and testing procedures on a variety of materials collected from field locations throughout Alaska in support of public construction projects. Tests included water, soil, concrete, dredging spoils, tidelands, and other materials. Lab work and report preparation

U.S. ARMY - FORT LEWIS, WA

Radio Telephone Operator 1968- 1970

Directed artillery, helicopter and airplane fire at hostile targets, wounded in action, received Purple Heart, spent last nine months as legal clerk in special courts martial and non-judicial punishment pursuant to UCMJ Art. 15.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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1997	Levinson Institute - Boston, MA <u>Leadership Seminar</u>
1996	University of Washington - Seattle, WA <u>Negotiation Seminar</u>
1995	University of Washington - Seattle, WA <u>Financial Management Seminar</u>
1985	Duke University - Raleigh, NC <u>Strategic Leadership Seminar</u>
1977 - 1979	University of Alaska - Anchorage, AK <u>Professional Certificate: Planning</u>
1978	Wetland Evaluation - Corps of Engineers - Anchorage, AK <u>Certificate: Evaluator</u>
1977	University of Alaska Economic Development - Fairbanks, AK <u>Business Development Certificate</u>
1973 - 1976	University of Alaska - Anchorage, AK <u>Master in Public Administration</u>
1964 - 1968	Whitman College - Walla Walla, WA <u>B.A. in History</u>
1961 - 1964	Lake Stevens High School - Lake Stevens, WA <u>Graduated - Valedictorian</u>

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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- ▶ Alaska Land Managers Forum
- ▶ BLM Resource Advisory Council Member
- ▶ Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Trustee
- ▶ Alyeska Section 29 Blue Ribbon Panel Chairman
- ▶ Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Association Board
- ▶ Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference Legislative Policy Committee

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<i>St. Michael Cassina</i>	CISSNA
<i>Kelly Wolf</i>	Wolf
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## MEMORANDUM

Date: April 26, 2004

To: Representative Wilson, Chair  
Health, Education and Social Services Committee

From: Suzi Lowell *SL*  
Chief Clerk

Subject: Governor's Appointments

Speaker Kott referred the following Governor's appointments to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee:

### Board of Nursing

Mr. James E. Jurrens - Juneau

Appointed: 3/25/2003 Reappointed: 4/22/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2007

### Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Ms. Kimberly (Kim) Jockusch - Anchorage

Appointed: 4/22/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2007

Dr. Donna Peterson - Soldotna

Appointed: 4/22/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2007

### Board of Social Work Examiners

Mr. Darrell Allman - Anchorage

Appointed: 4/22/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2008

Ms. Mildred D. (Tammy) Townsend - Anchorage

Appointed: 4/22/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2007

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Attachments as noted



STATE OF ALASKA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
P.O. Box 110001, Juneau, AK 99811-0001  
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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS  
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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION/RESUME FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

A separate application is required for each position for which you apply. Complete and specific answers will aid in rapid and accurate processing of your resumé. Please type or print legibly in ink. Forward to the above address. Be sure your answers are true. A willfully false answer may result in your disqualification or removal from office if you are appointed.

Board or Commission for which I am applying: Board of Nursing

Please list any other State Boards or Commissions on which you currently or previously have served:

Name: James E. Jurens

Mailing Address: 2685 David St Apt. 2

Residence Address: 2685 David St Apt. 2

City, State and Zip Code: Juneau AK 99801

Home Telephone: 907 364-2354 Business or Message Telephone: 907 796-8433

Fax Number: 907 796-8405 Cell Phone: 209-8934

Email address: jjurens@hisco.org

AS 39.05.100 requires that a person appointed to a state board or commission be a registered voter prior to the last general election:

Are you a registered voter? YES  NO

Voter Registration Number (Optional): 09171071 Social Security Number (Optional): [REDACTED]

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

YES  NO  If "YES", explain the circumstances on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. A conviction is not necessarily grounds for disqualification. The number of convictions, nature, recency, and relationship to the board position applied for will be evaluated and a determination will be made after a review of all relevant facts.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Certain boards and commissions require full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010. If required for the board or commission for which you are applying, are you willing to do so?  
YES  NO

Could you or any member of your family be affected financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you have applied? YES  NO

If "YES", explain:

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: (If resumé attached, it is not necessary to complete items A-D)

A. List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

Registered Nurse 1985

B. List both formal and informal education and training experiences: (Use additional paper if necessary)

B.S. in Biology 1981  
Nursing Diploma 1985  
Post graduate studies

C. List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received. Include both compensated and uncompensated positions (such as president of a service organization or a mayor). Include length of time served.

State Museum Docent  
Member Juneau Mountain Rescue  
Coach Junior League Football

D. Employment work history - paid, unpaid or voluntary: (Use additional paper if necessary)

Bartlett Regional Hospital Manager of Surgical Services 2/2001 - Present  
Traveling Nurse Staff Nurse OR 7/97 - 2/2001  
Dartmouth Medical Center Staff Nurse OR 4/92 - 7/97  
Traveling Nurse Staff Nurse OR 9/90 - 4/92  
L.E. Cox Medical Center Staff Nurse 5/85 - 9/90

The Office of the Governor and the State of Alaska have an Affirmative Action Equal Employment Opportunity Program. To assist in the program, you are asked to voluntarily answer the following questions to provide the information necessary for reporting purposes. Under State and Federal law, the information you provide will not be used to illegally discriminate against you.

DATE OF BIRTH: 9/25/54

SEX: Male  Female

ETHNICITY: Alaska Native  American Indian  Asian or Pacific Islander  Black  Hispanic  White

MILITARY SERVICE (if applicable, give dates): 11/77 - 9/78

CERTIFICATION: 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 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.

Signature (in ink):

James S. Jensen

Date:

2/5/03

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<i>Sharon McCanna</i>	CISSNA
<i>Kelly Wolf</i>	Wolf
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Please return to the Chief Clerk's office.

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**Kimberly (Kim) Jockusch**  
2241 Banbury Drive  
Anchorage, Alaska 99504  
(907) 337-6726 (Home)  
(907) 742-1550 (Work)

**EDUCATION:**

*Alaska Pacific University*  
State of Alaska Elementary Teaching Certification, June 1988  
Master of Arts in Teaching, December, 1994

*University of Idaho*  
Bachelor of Science, Psychology, 1976

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

*Teacher, Anchorage School District, 1988 - Present*  
Scenic Park Elementary, 1988-89, Fourth Grade  
Fairview Elementary, 1989 - 1991, Fourth/Fifth Grade  
Campbell Elementary, 1991 - 1993, Kindergarten (1/2 day)  
Russian Jack Elementary, 1993 - 1994, Kindergarten  
Campbell Elementary, 1994 - 1995, Sixth Grade  
Creekside Elementary, 1995 - Present, Kindergarten

*Professional Committees*

Anchorage School District Developmental Profile Committee, 1999 - Present  
Kid's Corps Headstart Transition Team, 1999 - Present  
University of Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska Partnership for Teacher Enhancement, 1999-2000

*Instructor, IBM Displaywriter Operator Training, 1986*

Self-employed; under special contract with the Anchorage School District.  
Organized and provided training sessions in word processing and records management

*Executive Secretary to the Deputy Superintendent for Instruction,  
Anchorage School District, 1980-1986*

Compiled reports and school board memoranda, maintained records; organized and attended meetings; recorded minutes of various committees and organizations; served on new hire screening committees; completed clerical functions as necessary.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

Honorary Life Membership, awarded by Anchorage Council Parent/Teacher Association, 1984  
Graduate Assistantship, Alaska Pacific University, 1987  
BP Teacher of Excellence Nomination, May, 1996  
Delta Kappa Gamma, Golden Apple Award, April, 1997  
Anchorage Education Association, Educator of the Year Nominee, 1996-97  
Anchorage School District Teacher of the Month, April, 1998  
BP Teacher of Excellence Nomination, January, 1999  
Anchorage Education Association, Educator of the year, 1998-99

**Kimberly (Kim) Jockusch**  
2241 Banbury  
Anchorage, Alaska 99504  
(907) 337-6726 (Home)  
(907) 337-9504 (Work)

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**SPECIAL TRAINING:**

Alaska State Writing Consortium, 1987  
Anchorage Reading Institute, 1989  
Anchorage Literature Response Institute, 1990  
Mathematics Their Way, 1991  
Box It, Bag It Mathematics, 1992  
Support Group Facilitator's Training, 1993  
Developing Capable People, 1993  
Resolving Conflict Creatively Program Training, 1994  
Wright Group, Reading, Writing and Balanced Literacy Program 1994  
Wright Group, Guided Reading, 1996  
Wright Group, Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, 1998  
Technology Training , Internet, Troubleshooting, 1998  
Supervision and Mentoring Course (APU), 1999 and 2001  
First Steps Writing, 2000  
Six Strategies for Making Learning Meaningful, 2002

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

Delta Kappa Gamma  
National Association for the Education of Young Children  
International Reading Association

**REFERENCES:**

Ms. Julie Ginder, Supervisor for Elementary Education, Anchorage School District, Anchorage, AK  
Dr. Ginger Golson, Professor, Education Department, Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, AK

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*Kim Jockusch*  
*Kindergarten Teacher*  
*Creekside Elementary School*  
*7500 E 6th Avenue*  
*Anchorage, AK 99504*  
*(907) 742-1550*

May 7, 2002

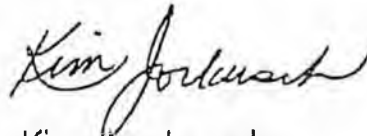
Boards and Commissions  
P. O. Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811

To Whom It May Concern,

I have had the honor of being nominated to serve on the Professional Teaching Practices Commission. As requested, I have attached my resume to assist you in the selection process.

I believe the work of the Professional Teaching Practices Commission is critical to maintaining the integrity of the education profession in the State of Alaska. I have a deep sense of pride in my profession, and believe there is no work more important than that of educating our children. It would be a privilege to serve as a member of this Commission. If you require further information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kim Jockusch  
Kindergarten Teacher  
Creekside Elementary School

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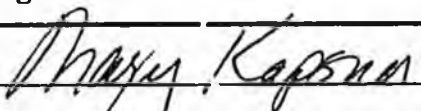
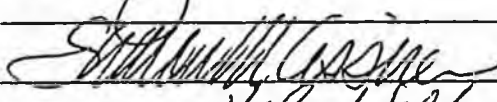
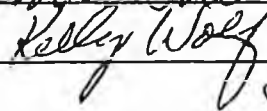
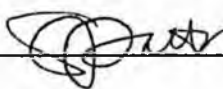
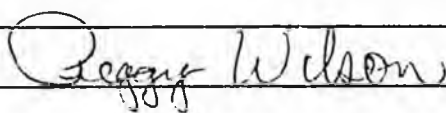
## CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: 5/04/04

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Health, Education and Social Services Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following Governor's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Professional Teaching Practices Commission**  
 Ms. Kimberly (Kim) Jockusch - Anchorage  
 Appointed: 4/22/2004  
 Term Expires: 3/1/2007

This does not reflect 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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Teacher  
Peterson  
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Donna Peterson  
52856 Tenakee Loop, Kenai, AK 99611 (907) 776-8735

ADMINISTRATIVE/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1990- present Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, Soldotna, Alaska.

1999- Superintendent. 40 schools in 21 communities, 10,000 students, 25,000 square miles, \$85 million budget, 1700+ employees.

1997-99 Director of Curriculum and Staff Development. Developed and implemented math, world languages, science, fine arts, vocational education, and physical education curriculums; responsible for coordination of all district training, student teachers, intervention, and instructional grants. Facilitated District Strategic planning and assisted with State High School Qualifying Exam Committees.

1993-97 North Star Elementary principal, Nikiski, Alaska. National Blue Ribbon School in 1993-94. School awarded a three-year state grant for \$592,800 and eight other grants. AK State Technology Standards Committee, team leader for Authentic Assessment training, National Technology Conference, District negotiating team.

1990-93 North Star Elementary, Fourth Grade Teacher. Mentor teacher, student teacher supervisor, student portfolios, student council advisor, student led conferences.

1992-93 North Star Elementary, substitute principal. Chair of Child Study Team; Coordinator of Emergency Preparedness effort; Piloted program in Student Led Conferences; Inservice Committee, KPB School District Strategic Planning Team.

1991-92 North Star Elementary, Principal Internship (UAA). Participated in KPBSD Skills for Excellence program; Alaska State Mentorship Conference.

1989-1999 UAA, Adjunct Professor, Kenai Peninsula College.

1989-90 UAF, Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H/Youth Development- Peninsula

1986-88 Mesa/Metro Teacher Education Program, Director, Grand Junction, CO. 450 students and 9 staff members, undergraduate courses, advising, and field experiences.

1987-88 University of Northern Colorado and Western State College, Adjunct Professor. Graduate courses.

1981-86 Bea Underwood Elementary, Parachute, CO, First Grade. Accreditation committee, developed curriculum guides, consultant to state PTA.

1978-81 Ferd. Marks-Smith & Co., Ltd. (Insurance Agents), New Orleans, LA. Assistant to Vice President. Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter.

1977-78 St. Thomas School, Chickasaw, Alabama, 7-8 Grade math, science, social studies, and PE. Director of Science Fair, Model UN coordinator, student council advisor, school newspaper advisor, girls volleyball coach, chair of United Way.

## EDUCATION

- 1997 University of Alaska Anchorage – Superintendent certification
- 1992 University of Alaska Anchorage – Principal certification
- 1986 Ed. D. Degree, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Curriculum and Instruction with emphasis in Educational Technology.
- 1981 C.P.C.U. (Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter) professional insurance designation received. Youngest female C.P.C.U. to receive designation in U.S.
- 1979 M.Ed. Degree, University of South Alabama, Mobile. Elementary Education, Curriculum Development.
- 1977 B.S. Degree, Weber State College, Ogden, Utah. Elementary Education with minors in Math and Political Science
- 1974 High School Diploma, Carson City High School, Nevada.

## CERTIFICATIONS

- Alaska State Type B Administrative Certificate, Elementary, expires 2004.  
Superintendent Endorsement, expires 2004.
- Alaska State Type A Regular Certificate, K-6 Elementary; expires 2004.
- National Academy for School Executives Certification Program in Strategic Planning.
- Northwest Regional Lab Trainer of Trainers for Alternative Assessment.

## AWARDS

- 1994 Blue Ribbon School Principal Recognition from Alaska State Legislature and National Association of Elementary School Principals.
- 1992 "Educator of the Year" Phi Delta Kappa, Kenai Peninsula Chapter.
- 1989 "Outstanding New Agent" Cooperative Extension Service, Alaska.
- 1987 Who's Who in American Education
- 1980 New Orleans Chamber of Commerce Top Membership Sales

## PUBLICATIONS

- 1999-present Regular newspaper column in *Peninsula Clarion*
- 1998 Appearing Competent When Your World is Falling Apart Vantage Press
- 1996 "Tech Prep on the Kenai Peninsula" *Alaska Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Newsletter*, D. Peterson and F. Esposito. (March)  
"What Does Parallel Block Scheduling Look Like?" *Phi Delta Kappa Bulletin*
- 1995 "Lake Arness Project in Alaska" *Catalyst Newsletter*, Northwest Regional Lab (Fall). Reprinted in *Clearinghouse: Environmental Education in the Pacific Northwest*, (No. 91, Nov./Dec.)
- 1993 "On Strategic Planning" *Phi Delta Kappa Bulletin* (March/April)
- 1989-90 12 newspaper columns in *Peninsula Clarion*
- 1988 "The Effect of Video-Assisted Instruction in First Grade Mathematics" *Educational Technology*, D. Peterson and C. Webb. (April)
- 1987 *Preschool Materials for Parents*, Rainbow Publications.

## INSERVICE/TRAINING SESSIONS. PRESENTATIONS. CONSULTING

- 1999-present Long Range Planning, Vocational Education, Economic Development, Leadership, Community Involvement, Technology, Teaming, etc.

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1997-98 Classroom Management  | Grading and Assessment     |
| Curriculum Implementation: Fine Arts, Science, Physical Education, Vocational   | Curriculum Mapping         |
| Curriculum Mapping  | Technology Standards       |
| Early Childhood Portfolios  | Site Council Roles         |
| Intervention Training   | Math Standards             |
| 1996 Consultant for Riverhead School District, Long Island, New York.           |                            |
| Authentic Assessment, Petersburg School District, Alaska                        |                            |
| Strategic Planning  | Challenger Learning Center |
| 1995 Innovative Scheduling, Northwest Regional Accreditation Conference, Nevada |                            |
| Reclaiming the School Day, Juneau School District, Alaska                       |                            |
| Being the Best Educator You Can Be, AK Staff Development Summer Inst.           |                            |
| Parallel Block Scheduling, Alaska PTA Conference, Anchorage                     |                            |
| Elementary Technology Planning/ Alaska 2000 Technology Standards, ASTE          |                            |
| Electronic Portfolios (Governor's Education Summit, Girdwood, Alaska)           |                            |

Sample of Other Presentations

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| Parallel Block Scheduling                             | Student Led Conferences             |
| Implications of Brain Research                        | Process Writing                     |
| Using Self-Evaluation to Teach Handwriting            |                                     |
| Goal Setting and Motivation                           | Death and Dying                     |
| Emergency Preparedness and Critical Incident Planning |                                     |
| Outrageous Outdoor Games                              | Technology Integration and Planning |
| Positive Discipline                                   | Site Based Decision Making          |
| Preparing Children for ITBS Testing                   | Differentiated Curriculum           |
| Growth and Development in Children                    | Analytic Writing Analysis           |
| Reading and Language Arts Instruction                 | Community Involvement               |

OTHER

- Alaska Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (past officer)
- Kenai Challenger Learning Center (past board member)
- Nikiski Pool Foundation (past officer)
- Phi Delta Kappa (past officer)
- Director of North Star Majorettes
- Alaska Council of School Administrators
- Member of local Chamber of Commerce(s)

## CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Action date: 5/04/04

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### Professional Teaching Practices Commission

Dr. Donna Peterson - Soldotna

Appointed: 4/22/2004

Term Expires: 3/1/2007

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Signature:	Printed Last Name
<i>Mary Kapsner</i>	Kapsner
<i>Sharon M. Cisna</i>	CISSNA
<i>Kelly Hoop</i>	WOLF
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STATE OF ALASKA  
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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION/RESUME FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

A separate application is required for each position for which you apply. Complete and specific answers will aid in rapid and accurate processing of your resumé. Please type or print legibly in ink. Forward to the above address. Be sure your answers are true. A willfully false answer may result in your disqualification or removal from office if you are appointed.

Board or Commission for which I am applying: Board of Social Work Examiners

Please list any other State Boards or Commissions on which you currently or previously have served:

NA

Name: Darrell Allman

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address: 7120 McLin Circle

City, State and Zip Code: Anchorage AK 99507

Home Telephone: 344-0520 Business or Message Telephone: 278-6608

Fax Number: 278-6631 Cell Phone: 351-3853

Email address: dallman@scf.com

AS 39.05.100 requires that a person appointed to a state board or commission be a registered voter prior to the last general election:

Are you a registered voter? YES  NO

Voter Registration Number (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number (Optional): 312-66-8152

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

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  If "YES", explain the circumstances on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application. A conviction is not necessarily grounds for disqualification. The number of convictions, nature, recentness, and relationship to the board position applied for will be evaluated and a determination will be made after a review of all relevant facts.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Certain boards and commissions require full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010. If required for the board or commission for which you are applying, are you willing to do so?

YES  NO

Could you or any member of your family be affected financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you have applied? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

if "YES", explain:

TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE: (If resumé attached, it is not necessary to complete Items A-D)

A. List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:

B. List both formal and informal education and training experiences: (Use additional paper if necessary)

C. List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received. Include both compensated and uncompensated positions (such as president of a service organization or a mayor). Include length of time served.

D. Employment work history - paid, unpaid or voluntary: (Use additional paper if necessary)

The Office of the Governor and the State of Alaska have an Affirmative Action Equal Employment Opportunity Program. To assist in the program, you are asked to voluntarily answer the following questions to provide the information necessary for reporting purposes. Under State and Federal law, the information you provide will not be used to illegally discriminate against you.

DATE OF BIRTH: 2-29-56

SEX: Male  Female

ETHNICITY: Alaska Native  American Indian  Asian or Pacific Islander  Black  Hispanic  White

MILITARY SERVICE (if applicable, give dates): USA 74-77 USAF 89-97

CERTIFICATION: 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 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.

Signature (in ink): Carroll Allman Date: 2-10-04

**Darrell Allman, LCSW, DCSW, CDC II**  
**Quyana Clubhouse Program Manager**  
**(907) 278-6608**

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

September 2000 – current Southcentral Foundation, Anchorage, AK  
*Quyana Clubhouse Program Manager* – Manages Southcentral Foundation's Quyana Clubhouse, a program providing treatment and community support for severely mentally ill adults. Responsibilities include supervise and facilitate all program operations including program development; direct annual planning process to assess needs, and develop/implement short- and long-term goals and objectives; assist in the grant application process to secure program funding; create program budgets and monitor expenditures; generate monthly, quarterly, and annual reports; develop and maintain working relationships with the social service agencies within the Anchorage Area; monitor continuous quality improvement of the program to maintain compliance with regulatory, grant, and certification requirements; and, provide supervision to 21 program staff, including recruitment, performance evaluation, and coordination of in-service training.

April 1999 – September 2000 Magellan Behavioral Health, Anchorage, AK  
*Clinician/Case Manager* – Precertification of mental health services and case management of therapeutic interventions. Individual, family, and couples therapy through the Employee Assistance Program.

October 1997 – April 1999 Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK  
*Clinical Social Worker* – Performed the responsibilities of Air Force Family Advocacy Treatment Manager, including case management, individual marital, family, and group therapies.

June 1989 – September 1997 United States Air Force  
*Clinical Social Worker* – Captain Biomedical Science Officer; Chief of Mental Health; Chief of Social Work Services; Director of Substance Abuse Services; and, Director of Family Advocacy Program.

## EDUCATION

- Biomedical science fellowship in substance abuse, Wilford Hall, United States Air Force Medical Center, Lackland AFB, TX, September 1992 – June 1993
- University of Georgia/Masters of Social Work (clinical program family and children studies), Athens, Georgia, June 1984
- University of Kentucky/Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Sociology, Lexington, Kentucky, May 1981

## CREDENTIALS

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) State of Alaska
- Diplomate in Clinical Social Work (DCSW)
- Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CDC II), State of Alaska
- Member of The National Association of Social Workers

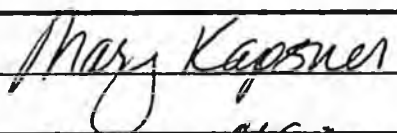
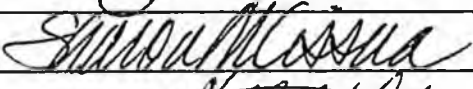

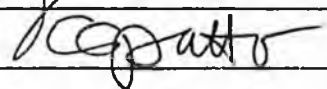
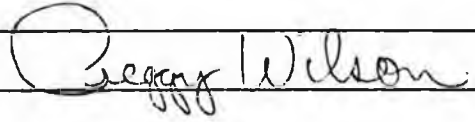
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Action date: 5/04/04

In accordance with AS 39.05.080, the Health, Education and Social Services Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the following Governor's appointee and recommends that this name be forwarded to a joint session for consideration:

**Board of Social Work Examiners**  
Mr. Darrell Allman - Anchorage  
Appointed: 4/22/2004  
Term Expires: 3/1/2008

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Signature:	Printed Last Name
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Mildred D. Tammy Townsend  
P.O. BOX 221884  
Anchorage, Alaska 99522  
(907) 333-5174

**CAREER OBJECTIVE:**

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***A Challenging Position as***

- a. Office Supervisor
- b. Office Manager with City, State of Alaska or the Private Sector.

**Work Experience:**

1995- 2003 Fred Meyer's Nutrition Center

**TOWNSEND'S CONSULTING FIRM**

1980-2001

Position: Owner

1983- 84

Contractual Agreement with Alaska Housing Authority to conduct a Feasibility Study to determine the availability of low-income housing.

(Sheffield Administration)

1976-80

Municipality of Anchorage Department of Health and Human Services

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Position: Family Services Counselor

Staff Support person to MOA Handicapped and Senior Citizens Commissions

Assisted in planning, development and Coordination of the Bi-Annual Community Services Fairs.

Provided Public Information to interested Tenants and Landlords as relating to State of Alaska Laws.

1975-76

Manager Clothing Store:

Purchasing, Stocked and Inventory

Daily Financing Responsibility.

**Community Activities**

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1998-2000

President: National Council of Negro Women Inc.

Anchorage Section

1993- 98 Municipal Public Transit (People Mover)

Religion: Catholic/Holy Family

**Educational Background**

- 1986: Fall Semester Alaska Pacific University  
Freshman Year
- 1987: Fall Semester University Of Alaska Anchorage
- 1971: Anchorage Community College  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Public Speaking Course  
Psychology Course
- 1971: Anchorage Community College  
Received High School Diploma

Reference: Available upon request

## CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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**Board of Social Work Examiners**  
 Ms. Mildred D. (Tammy) Townsend - Anchorage  
 Appointed: 4/22/2004  
 Term Expires: 3/1/2007

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Signature:	Printed Last Name
<i>Nary Kapsner</i>	Kapsner
<i>Stella M. Cissna</i>	CISSNA
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Official Business

# Alaska State Legislature

House of Representatives

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## MEMORANDUM

Date: May 1, 2004

To: Representative Wilson, Chair  
Health, Education and Social Services Committee

From: Suzi Lowell *sl*  
Chief Clerk

Subject: Governor's Appointments

Speaker Kott referred the following Governor's appointments to the Health, Education and Social Services Committee:

### **Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives**

Ms. Dana L. Brown - Fairbanks  
Appointed: 1/19/2000 Reappointed: 4/30/2004  
Term Expires: 3/1/2008

Ms. Sharon K. Evans - Palmer  
Appointed: 3/27/2001 Reappointed: 4/30/2004  
Term Expires: 3/1/2008

### **Board of Examiners in Optometry**

Dr. Jill Geering Matheson - Juneau  
Appointed: 4/30/2004 Term Expires: 3/1/2008

Dr. Jeff Gonnason - Anchorage  
Appointed: 4/30/2004 Term Expires: 3/1/2007

### **Board of Dispensing Opticians**

Mr. Larry E. Harper - Anchorage  
Appointed: 6/14/2000 Reappointed: 4/30/2004  
Term Expires: 3/1/2008

The resumes and committee reports are attached for your use.

Attachments as noted



# Alaska Family Health & Birth Clinic

753 Gaffney Rd, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 • (907) 456-3719  
Fax (907) 456-1511 • Email: birth@mosquionet.com

September 13, 1999

Governor Knowles  
Department of Boards and Commissions  
PO Box 110001  
Juneau, AK 99811-0001

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS  
SEP 16 1999

Attn: Cindy Smith

Dear Governor Knowles:

My name is Dana Brown. I have been a midwife for the last 14 years, and am requesting the privilege of serving on the State Licensing Board for Direct Entry Midwives. <sup>+ 5 19 yrs.</sup>

I trained in Alaska from 1984 through 1986 and went on to obtain a New Mexico License since Alaska had no licensing program in place at that time. Since 1984 I have been involved in the political process for Alaska's direct-entry midwives and have given my time and support toward the effort that resulted in our licensure. In September of 1986 I started a practice in the Mat-Su Valley and worked there until February of 1988 when I returned to Fairbanks to join the practice I initially trained with. I have been practicing in Fairbanks since then and have contributed to many people's training, including 5 students who received licensing or NARM certification.

I continue to train midwives and have been the Director of the Alaska Family Health and Birth Center since 1993. For ten years, I worked alongside a family practice doctor. Since his retirement, I am in the process of hiring a physician to fill his place so that our clinic can continue to offer full family care.

I feel that my years of experience and diversity would be an asset to the Board of Licensure. It would be an honor to serve in this capacity.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

*Dana Brown* COM, CPM

Dana Brown

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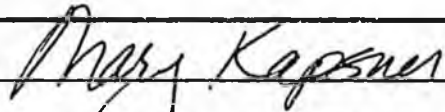
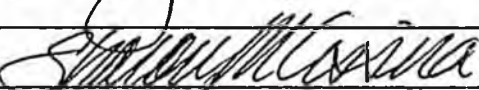
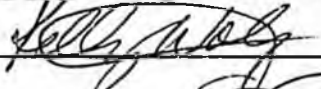
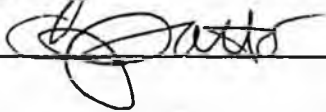
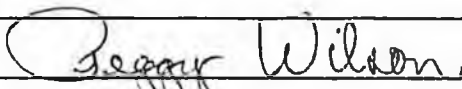
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Action date: 5/04/04

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**Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives**  
Ms. Dana L. Brown - Fairbanks  
Appointed: 1/19/2000 Reappointed: 4/30/2004  
Term Expires: 3/1/2008

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Please return to the Chief Clerk's office.

## SHARON K. EVANS

PO Box 67  
Palmer, AK 99645

### *Career Objective*

I have been involved with midwifery and midwifery politics in Alaska since 1984. I am keenly aware of the need for direct-entry midwives in the mainstream medical system so that families have a safe and cost-effective choice in the care they receive during the childbearing year. I am dedicated to the preservation of midwifery as I know it, to the apprenticeship model of education for midwives and to consumer protection for the Alaskan public.

### *Present Positions*

- Director of Policies Management for the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM), 2003 to present
- State of Alaska Licensing Board Member, Board of Certified Direct-Entry Midwives, 2001 to present
- Licensed as an Alaska Certified Direct-Entry Midwife, and currently employed by Mat-Su Midwifery in Wasilla, AK

### *Accomplishments*

- Director of Applications for the North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) from 1997 to 2003, which included the development and maintenance of the NARM master database.
- Co-author of "Practical Skills Guide for Midwifery" textbook, 1994, 3rd. Edition, 2001
- Co-author of "Starting an IV" video and handbook, 1996
- Development of NARM's Qualified Evaluator (QE) Committee Policies & Procedures and QE Handbook, 1997
- Writing of the skills for the NARM Skills Assessment Examination, 1996-1997

### *Past Volunteer Positions*

- State of Oregon, President of Oregon Midwifery Council (OMC), 1997-1998
- OMC Certification Board position, 1996-1998
- NARM Qualified Evaluator (QE) Committee Chair, 1995-1997
- President of Midwives Assn. of Alaska (MAA), 1992-1993
- Secretary/Treasurer of MAA, 1989-1992

### *Midwifery Career & Education*

- State of Alaska midwifery re-licensure, (CDM), 1999 to present
- NARM Certified Professional Midwife certification, (CPM), 1995 to present
- Mid-Oregon Midwifery Services (MOMS), Inc., (my practice) 1994-1998
- Oregon state midwifery license (LDEM.), 1994-1998
- Oregon Midwifery Council (OMC) certification, 1994-1998
- Alaska state midwifery license (CDM), 1992-1994
- New Mexico state midwifery license (LM), 1990-1998
- Midwives Assn. of Alaska (MAA) Registered Midwife, 1989 to present
- Peninsula Midwifery Services (my practice), 1989-1993
- Mat-Su Midwifery, (first with Dana Everson (now Brown), then my practice), 1986-1989
- Began practice as a primary midwife, in Alaska, 1985
- Advanced Midwifery Internship, Casa de Nacimiento in El Paso, TX, 1988
- Midwifery Apprenticeship, (with Shirley Davis and Dana Everson (now Brown), 1984-1986
- GED, 1985
- Hayward High School, 1964-1966

\*Certificates and letters of recommendation are available upon request. I have additional education and work experience in the field of Massage Therapy, Colonic Hydrotherapy Creative Healing, Reiki and other Natural Healing Arts.

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- Summer 1987      University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa  
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- 1988 to 1992      Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, Illinois  
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Professional Licensure

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- 1992-present      Alaska Optometric Association  
Secretary 1995-1997
- 1997-1999      Board of Directors-Gold Creek Child Care, Juneau, Alaska  
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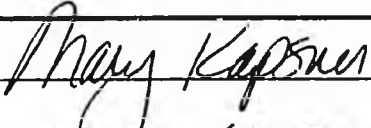

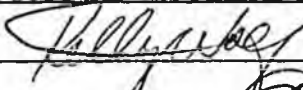
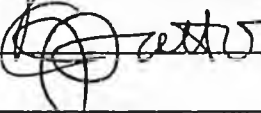
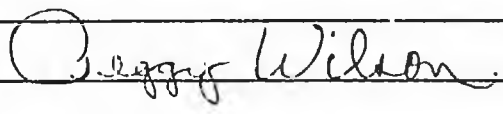
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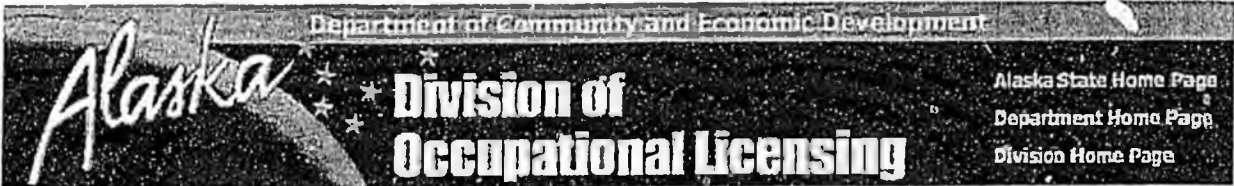
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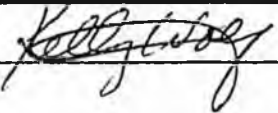
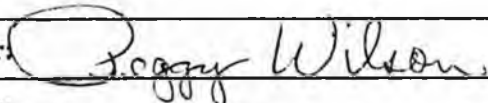
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Governor Tony Knowles  
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Dear Governor Knowles,

Enclosed is a copy of my resume, as I am applying for the board position now vacant on the Board of Dispensing Opticians. I have unique qualifications for this position as I have in excess of twenty -five years of experience in both fitting of contact lenses and training and testing of practitioners for the fitting of contact lenses.

I currently sit on the Board of Directors of the National Contact Lens Examiners (NCLE). This body has written the test that the Board of Dispensing Opticians uses to determine the proficiency of its applicants. I believe I can benefit the citizens of Alaska and the Board of Dispensing Opticians with both my expertise in writing and test administration along with my experience at serving on many national board positions for opticians. Currently the contact lens practical exam given by the Alaska Board of Dispensing Opticians lacks both integrity and consistency. It is in desperate need of reevaluation for the board to do its job to the best of its ability. I would like to work with the board to achieve this goal.

Please consider my application for this position.

Sincerely,  
  
Larry E. Harper

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From The Opticians Association of Alaska

Larry started in the optical industry in late 1970. He worked in both retail and wholesale positions for the next two years with "The Spectacle Shoppe" and "Precision Optical". He then went to work for Physicians Optical which had just prior been purchased by Western Optical out of Seattle. There he studied Contact Lens Fitting as well as becoming involved with a new organization at the time, "The Alaska Association of Dispensing Opticians" which later became the "Opticians Association of Alaska". In 1972-73 Larry became deeply involved with the passing of legislation that eventually lead to state licensure of Opticians in 1973. During his time with Physicians Optical, Larry became the manager of the Contact Lens Division, then went on to become Operations Manager for the company's three stores.

In 1977 Larry went out on his own and opened "Touch of Glass...an Optical Boutique". At that time Larry put together a number of newly released video equipment to form a system called "The True-View System". This was the first of it's kind in the United States. It was a system which allowed clients to try on several frame selections while being taped and then with the aid of their old eyewear replay the video to make a selection objectively. He and his store were the subject of an article by Ralph Drew in Optical Management.

Larry sold his store to Western Optical Corp. in Jan 1979. He assumed the position of General Manager for the Alaska stores of Western and spent the next fifteen years working as both General Manager and Vice President of the Alaska stores for Western Optical.

During his last tenure with Western, Larry became involved more and more with the Alaska Association and State Licensing Board where he became President (3 times) and Chairman respectively. He then caught the eye of our national association where he was elected to the Board of Directors and after about 5 years as a Board member started through the chairs which eventually lead to his presidency during the 1992-93 term.

After leaving the executive Board of the OAA Larry was appointed to a term on the Board of Directors of the National Contact Lens Examiners(NCLE) on which he is still currently serving his last three year term.

Larry currently is serving his last year as a director of the board for the Opticians Association of Alaska where he has assisted two presidents with their Government Affairs program.

Larry was also brought back to the Opticians Association of America Board of Directors for a one year term and to serve as Chairman of the Structural Re-organization Committee which is tasked with developing a structure based on several studies that have been done regarding OAA's relationship to it's members. As you can see Larry's comitment to Opticianry spans over 28 years and is still evident today as witnessed by his continued involvement on both a local and national basis.

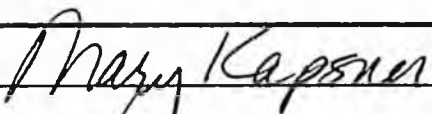
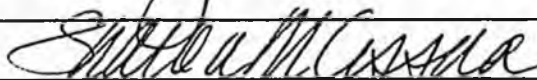
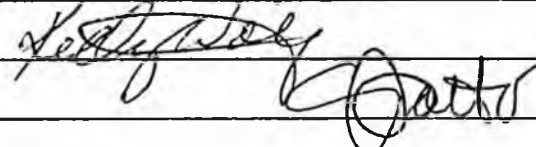
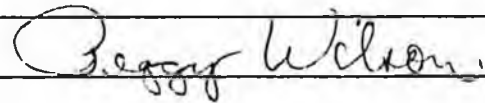
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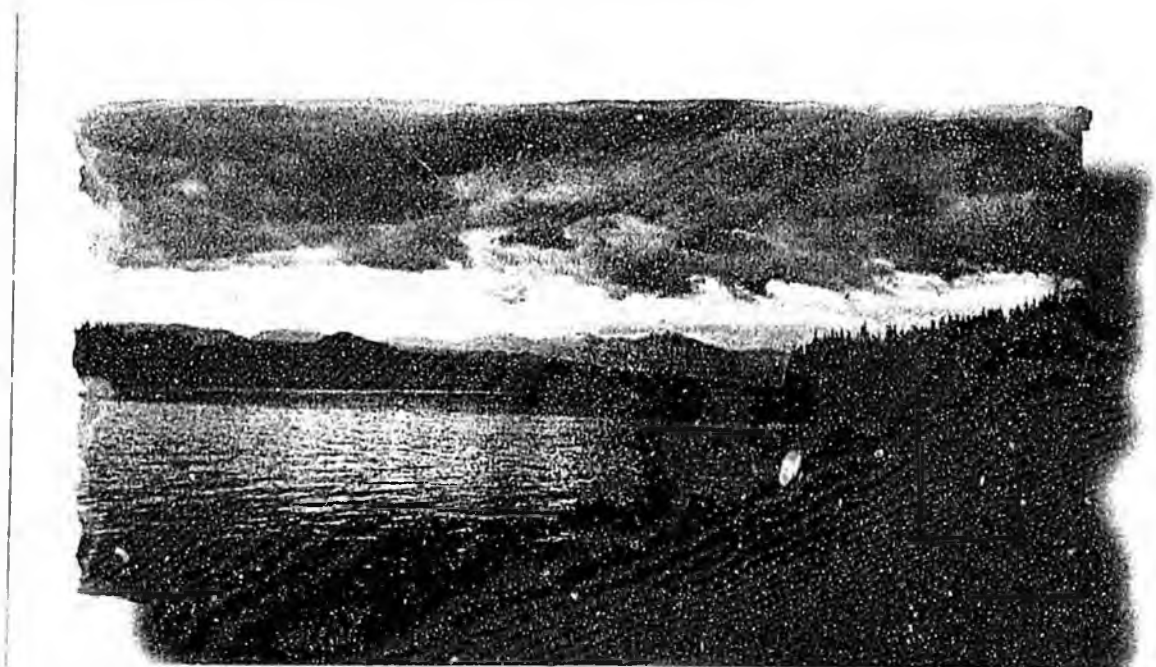
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### Wrangell Community Services

#### Agency Overview

Wrangell Community Services (WCS) is a 501(3) C, not-for-profit corporation, and is an authorized Community Mental Health Facility in the State of Alaska. This agency, under the direction of Mark Walker, has been in operation for 15 years. The agency is presently one of Wrangell's top employers with 60 full- and part-time employees.



WCS provides services to Wrangell, Prince of Wales Island, and Metlakatla. Programs include: remote medical general practice clinics, school counseling programs, Alaska Native Education programs, remote community family support workers, as well as services for the elderly and the developmentally disabled. Many of these programs utilize non-state funding sources.

Crossings Wilderness Expeditions for Youth was created in 2001. The program was developed with a multitude of funding sources. The program's local support base included contributions from individuals, Wrangell Medical Center, the Lions Club, Wrangell Volunteer Firefighters Association, Wrangell Police Department, the Nolan Foundation, Wrangell Chamber of Commerce, and Wrangell Public Schools. The initial equipment purchase utilized local funds, and was in excess of \$75,000. CWEY has become a source of pride for the people of Wrangell. We have grown from three employees serving sixteen children to a staff of twenty with our projected participation for 2004 at over eighty children. As well, the program is receiving national attention through our innovative approach to staffing and program development.

### What Is Wilderness Therapy?

Therapeutic Wilderness Programs differ from traditional wilderness programs in that they emphasize group therapy and a therapeutic process facilitated by guides in the field. The basic premise behind these programs is that the wilderness presents an environment that cannot be manipulated. Through the use of positive peer pressure, retrospective group discussions, and the building of traditional wilderness skills, adolescents begin to understand through metaphor the skills and behaviors that are necessary to lead productive lives in society.



Therapeutic wilderness programs are sometimes referred to as Outdoor Education or Wilderness Therapy. Students quickly learn how cooperation, accountability for behaviors, and a strong work ethic can create a positive group environment where they can develop self-esteem and obtain greater self-knowledge. The natural environment lacks the negative stimulus associated with today's high speed pop culture. This environment creates a new context for participants to explore and practice new and refined behaviors. Teenagers with behavioral and emotional problems begin to explore their relationships with others and their issues with authority, peers, and family members. Positive peer pressure replaces negative peer pressure. The group encourages defiant individual teens to participate in the necessary activities for an outdoor wilderness experience.

Many troubled adolescents make significant progress during a relatively short time span in wilderness programs. The cost of these short-term programs is relatively low when compared with longer-term residential therapeutic facilities or boarding schools. The average program lasts four to eight weeks.

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Wilderness programs differ dramatically from boot camps in that the primary facilitator of change is the wilderness itself. Nature serves as the ultimate teacher, unable to be manipulated or conned by a defiant, angry adolescent. Such an environment by necessity requires certain behaviors and actions. Teens quickly learn how cooperating with their peers results in a significantly more positive experience than when they refuse to participate in certain activities, such as fire building, food preparation, and camp set-up. Although there is strong leadership in such programs, there is no "drill sergeant" demanding children participate in pointless activities. All activities relate to living in the wilderness and making the experience as rewarding as possible. While boot camps tend to be more punitive and jail-like in nature, the wilderness therapy program is liberating and fulfilling as the child learns he or she has the ability to learn new skills and cooperate within a group.

Risk management is a primary concern in any quality wilderness program. By keeping risk at a manageable level, wilderness programs create a physical environment where dramatic changes can take place, while keeping the participant as safe, if not safer, than they would be in their home and school environment. Any quality wilderness program will have support of a "base camp" that has the ability to contact field personnel. An Emergency Response Team is ready to respond at a moment's notice should any child become ill or injured. It should be noted that the rates of injury in qualified wilderness programs are extremely low.

By providing a safe yet dramatic environment where participants can develop positive behavioral changes, the wilderness experience accelerates the therapeutic process and gives students a powerful foundation on which to build a more positive, productive life.



## Crossings Wilderness Expeditions for Youth

### **Crossings Wilderness Expeditions for Youth Program Description**

CWEY offers young men and women ages 13 -18 years, the opportunity to participate in a 6-week wilderness expedition in Alaska. Each group, comprised of 6-12 individuals, completes a canoe and mountaineering expedition. These trips are the backdrop for a program of intense personal development. We provide the opportunity for youth to uncover and develop constructive personal competencies and team skills on their way to fulfilling graduation requirements of the program.



CWEY has a high field staff to participant ratio. Groups run at a maximum ratio of 1 staff for every 3 participants. Higher risk activities (either emotional or physical) run at a 1:2 ratio. This far exceeds the industry standard where you can find field ratios as high as 1:5.

Our program provides more therapy and psycho-education than other wilderness programs; however, we still maintain a culture of joy, wonder, play and fun. We believe it is all right to have fun while *exploring inner regions in the outer world*. The Crossings program is designed to fill the gap in the range of available treatment between weekly counseling sessions and long-term residential or inpatient treatment programs. Our goal is to help adolescents work through their resistance to accepting the need for continued treatment and to give them a boost toward maturity.

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The CWEY program has a very different approach to field staffing. Traditionally wilderness programs rotate staff in and out every eight days. We believe that this creates an emotional distance between the group and the new staff members. At CWEY, staff stays with the same group for 46 days. True relationships between staff and participants are developed through shared hardships, victories and setbacks. Through these mentor relationships, we can maximize our counseling encounters and mutual trust inevitability develops.

The average age of CWEY staff is 34. All guides are professionals who have dedicated themselves to the field of wilderness therapy. Staff members are trained in advanced wilderness first aid; river, ocean and lake canoe instructor level certification; Wilderness Emergency Response; river rescue; addiction treatment training; youth counseling crisis management training and sexual abuse training. We attract the very best in the field. This is in part due to the exciting work environment that we operate in, that being Alaska, but also because we provide remuneration and benefits that reflect our staff's high skill level and unique talents. We want staff that has a large portfolio of life skills to draw from.



Counseling concentrates on identified treatment goals: resolving conflicts, discussing strong feelings, processing solutions as issues come up, helping young people to see their own and others' behavior objectively, gaining a sense of control over their behavior, and finding sources of self-confidence. We also apply the lessons of current experience to life "back home," sharing and working to resolve the frustrations, fears, angers, and perceived inadequacies that have led to their problems. All of the programs are supervised by a Masters Level Counselor.

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### CWEY Risk Management



Risk Management is a crucial part of the CWEY program. We view risk management as a living organism that is constantly evolving and changing as staff change, new trip locations are utilized, or management makeup evolves with new strengths and weaknesses. Our risk management program has been professionally developed and we are now in the final stage of implementation.

WE are very proud of our safety statistics. In our three years of operations, we have had only one reportable accident. This was in 2003 and involved a young woman who twisted her ankle while crossing a creek. She was sent home to recover for six days; however, she was able to return to the program and eventually graduated with her group.

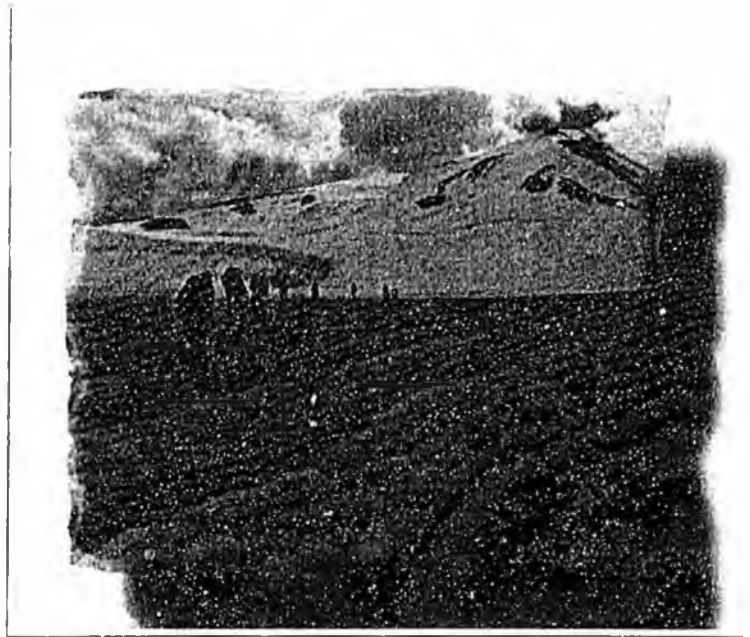
We believe that prevention of accidents and illness starts with the guides. CWEY has one of the toughest prerequisites list for guides in the industry. Our guides must have over 300 field days of previous guiding experience. As well, all of our guides must have a proven history in the wilderness therapy field. This means that they need previous experience guiding similar clients in other organizations. We do not take guides who are "trying" the field out to see if they like it. These two factors mean that we get older, more mature staff that we are proud to bring into our small community. CWEY is the industry leader in the area of guide compensation. Although this can be a burden to the budget, we have found that we need less management because we have great guides.

The next area of importance is staff training. Each year Crossings completes 28 days of staff training (industry average is 7 days). This includes courses and testing in the following areas: USCG Captain's course, crisis intervention, counseling skills, canoe instructor certification, risk management, mountaineering, wilderness first aid, drug and alcohol counseling, wilderness travel skills, and search and rescue training.

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We also provide staff with funding for continuing education for the various certifications that we expect they maintain.

Equipment is a crucial component of our risk management program. In Alaska we must have the right gear in order to be safe and comfortable in our somewhat temperamental climate. At CWEY, all the gear that a participant needs for the program is provided for them. We ask each participant to bring rubber boots and underwear, but we can even provide these if it is a problem. By ensuring that each participant has top quality gear, we can remove gear failure from the risk equation. The right gear at the right time is crucial to being warm and comfortable in our Alaskan wilds.



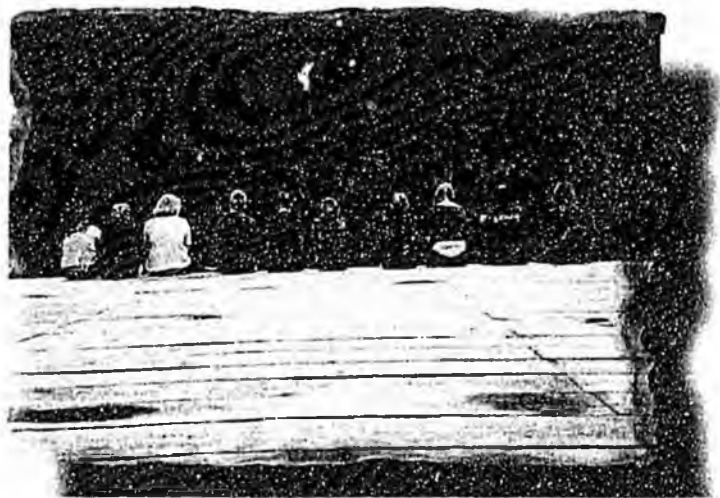
Another aspect of risk management is safety equipment. All CWEY programs carry a satellite phone, EPIRP, advance wilderness first aid kit, vhf radios, flares and GPS equipment. This equipment is no replacement for common sense and caution, but it adds a safety net to all our activities.

Management is the final risk management component. With well-trained managers, and a clear plan for dealing with the various situations that arise, we effectively support the field staff. Each spring we run a full situation drill that is evaluated by an outside observer. From this drill, we are better prepared to respond to the variety of situations that arise. On our risk management team we have our four managers, physician sponsor, professional risk manager, insurance broker and legal counsel. All of these individuals work together to insure that CWEY is prepared, proactive and aware of the risks inherent to wilderness therapy.

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This May we are undergoing a complete certification review by the Association of Experiential Education. Once completed we hope to become accredited by this industry leading organization. The accreditation is a crown jewel for any wilderness program and we will be the first Alaska-based program to attain this sought after certification. This will conclude three years of dedicated effort to meet these high standards. Our participants, their families and referring professionals will have the comfort of knowing that CWEY meets the highest industry standard for risk management and programming integrity.

### Does Wilderness Therapy Work?



In a recent study of 858 adolescents participating in wilderness therapy programs, there was a significant reduction in behavioral and emotional symptoms as a result of this type of treatment.

In a report authored by Keith C. Russell, assistant professor and leader of the Outdoor Behavioral Healthcare Research Cooperative in the University of Idaho-Wilderness Research Center, describes results of a nationwide study of participants in OBH programs in 2000. The study assessed at-risk adolescents, the majority of whom were males, ages 12-19, after an average of 38 days in treatment using the Youth Outcome Questionnaire (Y-OQ®). The Y-OQ is designed to measure treatment progress by assessing behavioral dysfunction, interpersonal distress, and social problems to reflect the adolescent's well being. The questionnaire was administered at admission and discharge from treatment to adolescent clients and their parents to gather perceptions as to the client's baseline behavior and change following the treatment program.

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Eighty-three percent of parents perceived their children's clinical symptoms as improved as a result of treatment, and discharge scores were on average close to scores obtained from normal populations of adolescents. Statistically significant improvement was shown in behavioral dysfunction, interpersonal relations, and critical items, such as suicidal behavior. The findings confirm the idea that wilderness therapy treatment can improve behavior, reconcile family relations and help address the more serious underlying issues in adolescent's lives that may drive problem behavior.

Clients perceived their symptoms at admission as less severe than did their parents (70.67 compared to 100.19 for parents), but discharge scores were similar (client discharge scores were 47.55 and parents 48.55). Russell suggests that the differences in parent and client assessments at admission could be a result of adolescents' denial, not fully realizing or admitting the consequences of their past behaviors, but arriving at a clearer and more accurate assessment after treatment. He says, "the majority of clients entering wilderness therapy treatment do not want to be there and initially are extremely resistant to the process. They often believe there is no problem with their behaviors."

Phase two of the study will analyze data from three-, six-, and 12- month follow-up assessments of the same clients. "Continuing the research will help determine how long, and to what degree the positive results of treatment are maintained," said Russell, "and we also will examine how wilderness therapy treatment outcomes are affected by the kind of aftercare services utilized."



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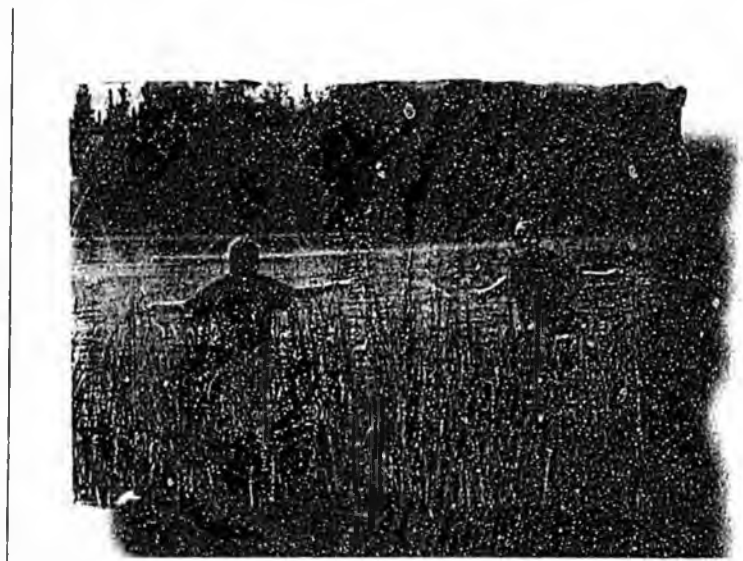
### Does CWEY Work?

Crossings Wilderness Expeditions is a "turn-around" type of program, designed to change the attitudes and self-esteem of participants. Virtually all of our participants will return home or go on to other programs less angry, frustrated, and blaming adults for their problems.

Our expectations for graduates are to:

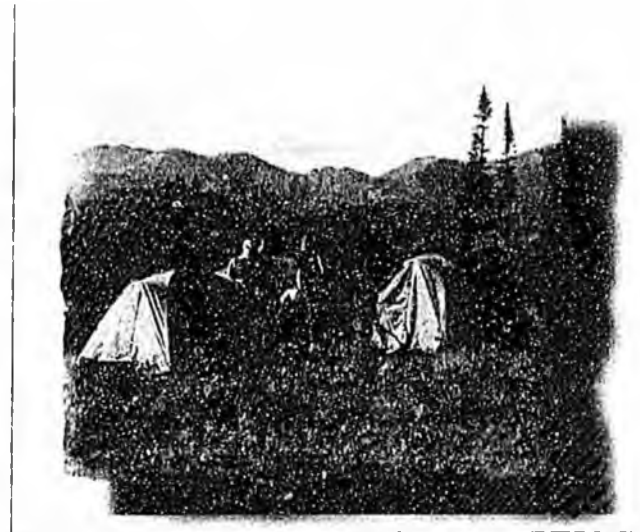
- Stop denying they have problems
- Be a positive active member of their family
- Comply with family rules regarding such things as curfew and friends
- Attend school regularly and work at their level of ability
- Quit any existing drug abuse and accept the help they need to stay clean and sober
- Accept responsibility for their own behavior and work to achieve their life goals
- Seek out a positive mentor in their community

In 2003, Crossings had a 96% graduation rate. The program operated at 88% capacity and for the first time ever we had to turn participants away from certain programs. The program had over 2700 backcountry user days and is now the single largest recreational user of the national forest in the Wrangell District.



## Crossings Wilderness Expeditions for Youth

Crossings has three years of data to draw from and so far results are very positive. With this available data we are able to determine that 95% of families surveyed reported a marked improvement in their child's behavior directly after returning home from the program. 86% reported that changes were sustained past the six month anniversary and 77% note sustained results after the one-year anniversary.



Of note in our study is a diversion from out of state treatment programs. 53% of families reported that they had as a treatment option reviewed materials from residential programs. Only 7% of graduate's families reported that their child went onto residential treatment. CWEY is having a dramatic impact on reducing the number of youth leaving the state for long-term residential care.

For 2004 CWEY is going to participate in the University of Idaho-Wilderness Research Center's study. Although this program has a high user fee attached to it, we believe that we have a responsibility to our constituents, community and funding agencies to ensure that we are effective as compared to other national programs. We will be the only program from Alaska participating in this study.

### **Financial Implications of CWEY Programming to the State of Alaska**

It is important to note that the state directly benefits from the diversion of children from costly residential placements in the lower 48. The average stay in a residential placement is one year. The average cost is \$90,000. Crossings cost is \$19,500 for six weeks. Every child that stays in state saves the Medicaid system \$70,500. Further savings are realized when you consider that we receive no reimbursement for children to travel to our programs. We pay all associated travel and escort cost from our program budget.

## Crossings Wilderness Expeditions for Youth

If CWEY diverts 25 children from leaving the state in a year, the savings to the state is \$1,762,500. When you calculate in an average cost of travel and accommodations for participant and escort at \$6,500 you have an additional cost of \$162,500. Combined you have a savings of \$1,925,000.

When you consider that the state is saving money and that Medicaid dollars are infused back into the Alaskan economy, the merits of our high quality, well-managed wilderness therapy program is apparent.

### **The Future**

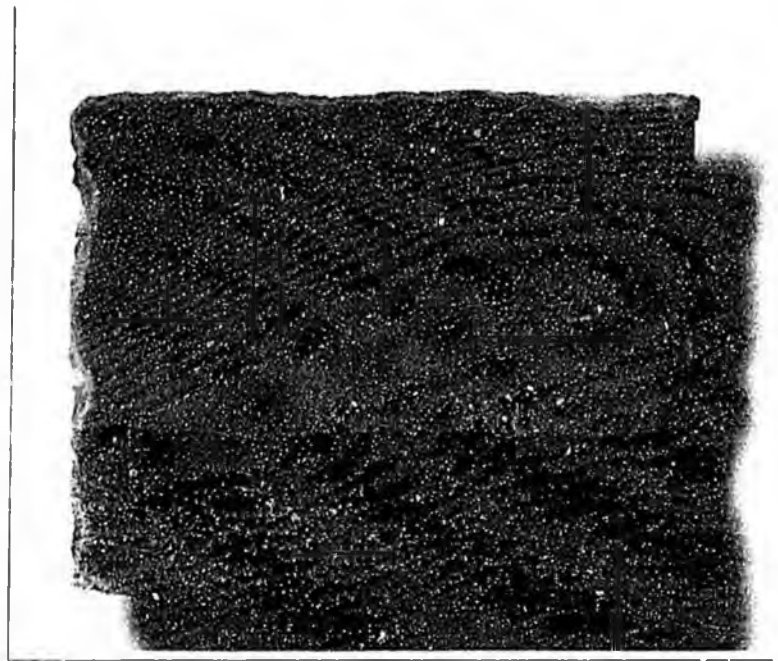
CWEY is always looking at ways of improving its services; to this end we are presently involved with RP Web Development. RP is designing and looking at the implementation of a new web access point that will allow past participants to continue with their personal development via the Internet. This would be the first program of its kind and we believe that it will be a model that will be repeated by other programs across the nation.

The site will allow participants to log on and complete various mental health projects, participate in a supervised chat room, have direct access to a therapist, participate in live web events, and utilize a web based resource area for everything from educational materials, to job finding resources.

The hook for the kids is that they will be able to earn rewards for participating in the program. Mountaingear.com has expressed interest in sponsoring the rewards program for participants. This is going to be capital-intensive project and we are presently attempting to secure funding from private sector sources We hope to implement a pilot project for our 2004 season.

## Crossings Wilderness Expeditions for Youth

On the horizon is the launching of the Crossings Foundation. This not-for-profit foundation will raise funds for participants who presently cannot afford to attend. Major fundraisers are being designed and the Board is in place. As soon as the last of the legal details are worked out, the Crossings Foundation will start fund raising. No longer will a child be denied services due to monetary or eligibility constraints. The Crossings Foundation marks a pivotal moment in the programs development. It will become the stepping-stone to accepting children from throughout the Lower 48.



## Crossings Wilderness Expeditions for Youth

### Conclusions

CWEY is Alaska's only true Wilderness Therapy program. Since its inception, it has developed in a manner that has set it apart from other programs, in terms of program design, staffing, risk management, and therapeutic emphasis. The program has been recognized for excellence in program development and delivery, but also, for ensuring that we are a positive addition to the national wilderness therapy delivery model.

Wilderness therapy is becoming an accepted model for dealing with youth with mental health issues. A well-run program can have a significant impact on participants, with long-term effect on children's lives.



Wrangell Community Services is a dynamic organization dedicated to the development of quality programs for all Alaskans. The state is ready for home grown programs that meet the diverse cultural needs of our children.

With the diversion of children from long-term residential programs the state can realize significant savings, and keep valuable funds in the local economy.

We are proud of CWEY and it has become a bright economic light in a community that has felt the down turn in the nation's economy.

Thank you for reviewing our material and please feel free to contact us regarding the program.



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January 29, 2004

# CITY of WRANGELL, ALASKA

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Representative Peggy Wilson  
 State Capitol  
 Room 104  
 Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Wilson:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the community of Wrangell in full support of Wrangell Community Services mental health programs. The facility and its services are critical to not only the social health of our community, but with approximately 60 employees, is one of our largest employers. They target key areas of need within our community, including youth services through their innovative and effective Crossings program.

Crossings is a journey of discovery and growth. It is a wilderness expedition for young men and women 13-18 years of age. The expeditions are a backdrop for intense personal development. The program is an alternative to sending kids out-of-state for mental health programming. The program is designed to benefit young men and women who may be abusing substances, dealing with low self-esteem or having trouble in school, hanging with the wrong crowd or be struggling with depression.

The City supports Crossings efforts and their work with our youth. We encourage the State to assist programs like this. It will benefit our communities, our citizens and our youth.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Prunella  
 City Manager



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Steve Prysunka, Director  
Crossings Wilderness Expeditions for Youth  
P.O. Box 1615  
Wrangell, AK 99929

Dear Steve:

Thank you for your update on the Crossings Program at the last City Council meeting.

I had the good fortune to be in the audience when you made your initial report to the City Council several years ago when Fern Neimeyer was Mayor.

Your presentation at that time was dynamic and filled with potential promise. It was a pleasure to have an update from your organization and see not only the promise fulfilled, but exceeded.

In reviewing the material that you are sharing with the Alaskan Medicaid Medicare Committee, I would like to express support of the congruence of the message of purpose that you have so finely articulated and what both you and your staff genuinely achieve. Your investment of energies is greatly appreciated. The youth of this community and of this State are Alaska's greatest natural resource.

Please keep our council and community updated as you expand your program.

Respectfully,

*Valery McCandless, serving as Mayor*  
Valery McCandless,  
serving as Mayor

**OVERVIEW:  
DFYS  
TRANSITION  
TO  
OCS**

## Child Protection and Permanency

Child Welfare Services focus on protection of children at risk of abuse or neglect and finding permanent homes for those who cannot be maintained in their own families. These services are managed regionally and delivered out of 28 local offices throughout Alaska

To meet the mission, Child Protective Services screens and investigates reports of harm, places children who may not be safe in their own homes with relatives or foster families. Permanency planning services include family preservation and support, reunification, foster care, adoption and guardianship. The OCS also provides services that prepare youth who are in custody to achieve success at the age of independence. In addition, OCS recruits, trains, and licenses foster and adoptive families and provides behavioral rehabilitation services for youth who need mental health settings.

### Organizational information:

- Child Welfare Services has a budget of 101.5 million dollars and approximately 50% of this is funded with federal funds. The major funding sources are Title IVE, Medicaid, Social Services Block Grant and TANF.
- There are 363 workers in the four regions; of this there are 200 child protection workers, 52 supervisors, 8 mental health professionals, 70 clerks, and 33 positions providing management and administration.
- From July 2003 thru December 2003, employee turnover rate =13%; employee vacancy rate was 7.5%.
- There are 28 Residential Care grants, 28 Family Preservation and Support grants, 17 Alaska Children's Trust grants, 8 Child Advocacy Center grants.
- The Federal Government accepted Alaska's Program Improvement Plan in September 2003. The Plan addresses issues where Alaska did not achieve substantial conformity during the June 2002, Federal Child and Family Services Review.
- Alaska is still struggling to meet national standards:
  - Repeat Maltreatment: (National Standard is 6.1% or less)  
Alaska: FFY '01 -25.4%  
FFY '03 - 17.6% (shows improvement)
  - Child Abuse and Neglect in Foster Care: (National Standard is .57 or less)  
Alaska: FFY '01 - 2%  
FFY '03 - 2.07%
  - Children in Care less than 12 mo. w/no more than 2 placemt settings: (Nat'l Std = 86.7%)  
Alaska: FFY '01 - 75.8%  
FfY '03 - 74%

Children reunified within 12 months of removal from home (Nat'l Std=76.2%)  
Alaska: FFY '01 – 62.4%  
FFY' 03 – 59.3%

Children adopted within 24 months of entry into care (Nat'l Std = 32%)  
Alaska: FFY ' 01 – 20.9%  
FFY '03 - 23.9% (shows improvement)

- First Quarter PIP Accomplishments --Safety

Revised Policy and Procedure to improve timeliness of investigations;

Enhanced Advanced Risk Assessment Training;

Structured Decision Making now being utilized as a decision making tool in opening in home cases;

Enhanced training on identification and documentation of substance abuse/addiction studies related to child protection - Training on protecting children in substance-abusing families to be conducted in **Spring of 2004**.

Judicial Training on substance abuse, with an emphasis on child welfare cases, occurred on October 15, 2003.

Research to evaluate effectiveness of family preservation services is underway.

Improved data entry to accurately reflect incidents of repeat maltreatment.

Children's Services Managers have conducted review of current employee work schedules and staffing patterns in relation to caseload.

Improved data integrity for differentiating between licensing complaints and child protection allegations in alternate caregiver homes

Begun work on statewide foster home recruitment and retention plan

- Ist Quarter PIP Accomplishments--Permanency

Developed and implemented revised curriculum for Foster and Adoptive Core Training via distance delivery

Changes made to adoption training curriculum to review 1) what concurrent planning is, 2) how concurrent and case planning are done and new P&P.

Clarified existing Policy and Procedure regarding documentation of compelling reasons and trained supervisors.

Trained supervisors on use of reunification assessments through SDM

New policies and procedures were developed and implemented.

Supervisors were trained in the new procedures; line workers received training in the updated procedures during TONE

Advanced Adoption training curriculum has been revised to incorporate the changes. Implemented a statewide contract for post adoption AFPTC is currently in the process of curriculum development and services are scheduled to begin January of 2004.

Implemented Permanent Families contract with Fairbanks Counseling and Adoption and Catholic Social Services

Work has begun on development of dual licensure process for foster and adoptive families

Developed youth advisory board (YAB) to help identify service gaps and improve service delivery

Through the Tribal-State Independent Living committee, develop and implement a prioritized work-plan for meeting the transition needs of native youth in state custody

Training for workers, foster parents and service providers on Understanding Adolescence and Transition Case Planning

Create a statewide network of local experts on assessing life skills, creating transition plans and accessing IL funds

Implemented INGENS statewide for relative searches

Regional clerk to providing notices to case conferences and court hearings.

- First Quarter PIP Accomplishments- Well-Being

Synchronized adoption/guardianship home studies with establishment of concurrent planning goal

Policy has changed to require that home studies will be requested when a concurrent planning goal of adoption or guardianship is created.

The Quality Assurance System for field case reviews has been developed and is in the initial implementation stage.

- Other Activities that are not part of the PIP

ORCA, the automated case management system is due to be fully implemented in August 2004.

Repeat Maltreatment Study completed during the week of January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Rasmuson Foundation agrees to fund the Family to Family Foster Care Reform Initiative.

Three days of Strategic Planning In January 2004 included stakeholders from all over the state.

Tribal –State Collaboration Group continues to meet quarterly to address ICWA issues.

Recruitment and Retention Committee meeting regularly to address workforce issues.

Improving the quality of supervision and emphasis on accountability

Aggressive Federal Refinancing

- Need for Staff Resources to improve outcomes:

New staff needed to implement the Quality Assurance requirements of the PIP and to be able to do regular review of cases.

Support staff needed to help workers with tasks that do not require a professional (transportation, data entry, supervise visitation, relative searches)

Need frontline staff to respond to investigations in a timely manner.

Need to frontline staff who can help parents achieve their case plan requirements.

Need frontline staff to expedite adoptions and guardianships for children who cannot return home.

Need to lower caseloads

Need a structured independent living program for youth who are aging out of care.

Need quality supervisors who can mentor and train new workers.




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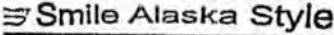

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## Vision:

*Stronger Families, Safer Children*

## OCS Basics

Prevention and Well-Being

- ◆ **Family Nutrition Services:** Grantees provide services to pregnant and post-partum women with children up to age 5. Includes nutrition education, training, breastfeeding support, obesity and chronic disease prevention, and provision of appropriate supplemental foods.
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## OCS Basics (cont'd)


Protection and Permanency

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  - Family preservation
  - Out of home placement
  - Reunification, adoption, guardianship,
  - Behavioral rehab services,
  - Recruitment and licensing of foster and adoptive homes
  - Independent living services for youth
  - Research, Evaluation, Quality Assurance
  - Federal Financing

## Budget

The FY2004 OCS operating budget is \$137.2 million. Approximately 32% (\$52.5) is funded with state General Fund and the remaining 68% (\$84.6) is funded with federal and other funding sources.

**FY2004 OCS Budget Summary by Program**



<p>◆ 10% Child Protection</p> <p>◆ 7% WIC</p> <p>◆ 8% Healthy Families</p> <p>◆ 75% Infant Learning Program</p>	<p>\$100.6 of the OCS budget, 47.2% is OCF and 52.8% is Federal and other.</p> <p>\$26.1 of the WIC budget, 0.3% is OCF and 99.7% is Federal and other.</p> <p>\$2.3 of the HF budget, 100% is Federal funds.</p> <p>\$7.7 of the ILP budget, 38.9% is OCF and 61.1% is Federal and other.</p>
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### **Federal Review of the Child Protection Program**

In June of 2002, the Federal government completed the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) in Alaska. The CFSR consisted of the following activities:

- A Statewide Self-Assessment
- State Data Profile that measured 6 outcomes
- Onsite Review of 50 cases and interviews with stakeholders

Focus of Review was to determine state performance in the areas of

- safety
- permanency
- well-being

### **Program Improvement Plan(PIP)**

Alaska's plan was approved on September 1, 2003, and will be in effect until August 31, 2005. Alaska needs to make progress toward improvement or risk losing federal dollars in the future.

Highlights of the PIP:

#### Safety

- Activities that reduce repeat maltreatment and the maltreatment of children by foster care providers;
- Activities that focus efforts on responding to all reports of harm according to timeliness set in policy;

### **Program Improvement Plan (Cont'd)**

#### Permanency

- Activities that address case planning to increase the number of children reunified within 12 months of removal from home;
- Facilitation of visits between parents and their children;
- Clarify policy on visits between worker & child and worker & parents;
- Activities focused on increasing the number of children who are adopted within 24 months of entry into care;
- Increase the stability of placement for those children in custody;
- Improvement in the assessments of children and families to assure that they receive needed services;

### **Program Improvement Plan (cont'd)**

#### Well-Being:

- Support Foster Parents in their efforts to care for children in their care;
- Assure that children in care are receiving all health, mental health, dental, educational services that meet their needs;
- Assure that children who live in their own homes are receiving appropriate health care.

#### Systems Improvement:


- The development of ORCA to improve accountability and performance;
- The development of a comprehensive Quality Assurance (QA) program.
- Improve the array of services available to families.

### **Other Efforts In Progress**

The first progress report was submitted on December 30, 2003. It reflected Alaska's progress in achieving the benchmarks for improvement. (See Attachment)

#### Other initiatives directed at improving the system:

- Task Force to address recruitment and retention of staff;
- Repeat Maltreatment Study completed;
- OCS Strategic Planning Process completed;
- Rasmuson Foundation funded the implementation of Family to Family Foster Care Reform Initiative;
- Renewed focus on accountability and measurement of performance;
- Quality Assurance Reviews will include stakeholders;
- Cross training among all OCS programs;
- Focus on helping tribal organizations with prevention efforts;



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For the record my name is Tom Cherian, Acting Director of DFYS. With me Joanne Gibbens, Program Administrator, in charge of program development and administration and Myra Casey, Field Administrator, in charge of DFYS field operations.

Madam Chair, there are two parts to our overview.

- First an overview of DFYS programs and field operations
- An overview of the review conducted by the Federal government and the findings.

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First I would start with the mission. The mission of the Division of Family and Youth Services is... to protect children by preventing and remedying repeated abuse, neglect, and the exploitation of children.

## **Vision:**

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 **Smile Alaska Style**



DFYS is organized in four regions, has 29 field offices and 399 employees.

The Northern Regional Office is located in Fairbanks and is responsible for Fairbanks, Nome, Kotzebue, Barrow, and surrounding town and villages.

The South-central Regional Office located in Mat-Su and is responsible for the Mat-Su Valley, the Kenai Peninsula, Bethel, Valdez, Kodiak, Dillingham, the Aleutian Islands, and surrounding areas.

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In FY2002 DFYS received 15,462 reports of harm and there were 11,142 children involved in these reports.

There were 4 major types of reports of harms. 60% or 9,349 reports of harm was due to neglect, 23% or 3,517 reports of harm was due to physical abuse, 10% or 1,519 reports of harm was due to sexual abuse, and 7% or 1,064 reports of harm was due to mental injury. In addition, there were 13 reports of harm due to abandonment.

In FY02, DFYS workers investigated 12,916 or 92.5% of the legitimate reports of harm. Legitimate meaning that meet the statutory meaning abuse or neglect.

At the end of January there were 2,288 children placed in the custody of DFYS. Of this 1,933 children placed outside their home and the remaining 355 children continued to stay in their own homes under the supervision of DFYS.

There were 1,062 licensed foster homes as of December 2002. We are short of foster homes and continuing our efforts to recruit more foster homes.

We have 47 licensed residential care facilities statewide.

## **OCS Basics (cont'd)**

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