
HONORING AND LEARNING FROM OUR HEALTH POLICY ELDERS

*A CONVERSATION WITH ALASKANS WHO WERE HEALTH
LEADERS DURING THE 1960s, 1970s & 1980s*

OCTOBER 1, 2014
DENA'INA CENTER, ANCHORAGE

PARTICIPANTS

Invited Alaskans who worked in leadership positions in Alaska's health care and public health sectors during the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s will participate in the conversation. Members of the Alaska Health Care Commission may sit in and ask questions. This session is open to the public, who are invited to attend and listen, but public testimony will not be taken at this event.

PURPOSE

The Alaska Health Care Commission is sponsoring an initiative to provide a picture of population health status and health care delivery and financing in Alaska today — in the historical context of how health conditions and health care systems have evolved in the 60 years since the Parran Report was published, and the 30 years since the last statewide health plan was produced by Alaska's Health Systems Agencies.

The resulting report will document and celebrate achievements in improving the health of and increasing access to quality health care for Alaskans over more than half a century; and also offer some perspectives on future challenges. The intent of the report is to provide an informational and education resource to help health professionals, policy makers, the media, and the interested public better understand health and health care in Alaska.

In Alaska we value and honor our Elders, and would like to take the opportunity of this initiative to capture some oral history from the folks who were part of making history. Written reports do not always convey the richness of the culture and values within which events transpire. But the culture and values live within oral history and conversation. We're hoping to gather some nuggets of wisdom by listening to personal accounts from former leaders, including different perspectives and various viewpoints.

SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

7:30 am	Gathering, Visiting, and Breakfast (<i>provided</i>)
8:00	Welcome and Introductions
8:30	Background, Purpose, Instructions
9:00	Small Group Discussions: 3 Breakout Groups – 1960s, 1970s, 1980s

10:00	Break
10:15	Full Group: Sharing and Responding to Small Group Reports
11:45	Concluding Remarks
12:00 noon	Lunch (<i>provided</i>) and Informal Conversation
1:00 pm	Adjourn

INSTRUCTIONS (FOR INVITED ELDERS ONLY; NOT FOR GENERAL PUBLIC)

RSVP

- By September 15, 2014
- E-mail Deb Erickson at deborah.erickson@alaska.gov
- If you plan to attend, please include your first and second choice decade for the small group discussion.

PREPARATION

- Please DO NOT do any research to prepare for this conversation — what we're most interested in is hearing your personal recollections, reflections and perspectives.
- Decide in which of the three small group discussions you would most like to participate.
- Identify two or three answers to these questions:
 - From your perspective,
 - What were the significant health and/or health care delivery issues of the day?
 - What was informing the solutions?
- Interested in learning more about the "Health & Health Care in Alaska 2014" Initiative? Please visit the web page: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/ahcc/Pages/HealthCareAlaska2014.aspx>
- Interested in learning more about the Alaska Health Care Commission? Please visit our website: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/ahcc/Pages/default.aspx>

CONVERSATION GROUND RULES

- The session will be facilitated to ensure everyone has an opportunity to participate and share
- During the conversation, there will be no:
 - Voting or prioritizing of the issues that will come up
 - Criticizing or arguing about differing perspectives
- During the conversation, there will be listening and honoring the memories and values shared
- The session will be recorded by a videographer