

**TELEPRACTICE
AD HOC COMMITTEE
UPDATE
FEBRUARY 2016**

**ALEX GIMARC, CHAIR
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Committee Members

- ▣ Alex Gimarc (Chair)
- ▣ Amy Simpson
- ▣ Anthony Cravalho
- ▣ Christine King
- ▣ Sandra Dehart-Mayor
- ▣ Don Enoch
- ▣ Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus
- ▣ Sam Jordan (DEED)
- ▣ Ernie Manzie (Family Center Services)
- ▣ Yuya Hisada (SESA)
- ▣ Susan Kaplan (UAA)
- ▣ Mark Williams (Providence)
- ▣ Matt Hirschfeld (SCF)
- ▣ Sarah Freeman (ANTHC)
- ▣ Christiann Stapf (DHSS)
- ▣ Staff:
- ▣ Rich Sanders
- ▣ Christie Reinhardt
- ▣ Britteny Howell

Primary Accomplishments

- ▣ Held two meetings since October Council meeting
 - Important to define purpose of the ad hoc committee and scope our work
 - Initially based on needs recommended from Early Intervention Committee
 - We believe that addressing potential barriers / opportunities is the best application of resources
 - The problem is how to do it

Primary Accomplishments

- ▣ First question is to define the players. Built a notional list of potential members / partners. These include:
 - Existing telehealth practitioners
 - Members of previous and current telehealth / telemedicine entities
 - ▣ Alaska Telehealth Advisory Council (disbanded)
 - ▣ Alaska Coalition for Telehealth & Telemedicine (newly forming)
 - ▣ Note that this does not include educational apps

Primary Accomplishments

- ▣ Little substantive yet. This is a remarkably sexy and popular field. So everyone wants to play. Scope creep is deadly.
- ▣ Given available resources, we believe our best course of action is to identify statutory / regulatory road blocks and suggest a series of quick / easy demonstration projects (wins).
 - Telehealth
 - Assessments
 - Education

Next Steps

- ▣ Develop specific Council ad hoc committee work plan
 - Define services related to Council priorities that can be provided by Telepractice
 - Identify and connect with other active groups
 - Develop a list of statutory / regulatory limitations
 - Develop a list of possible demonstration projects