

Special Convention & Full Board of Directors Meeting



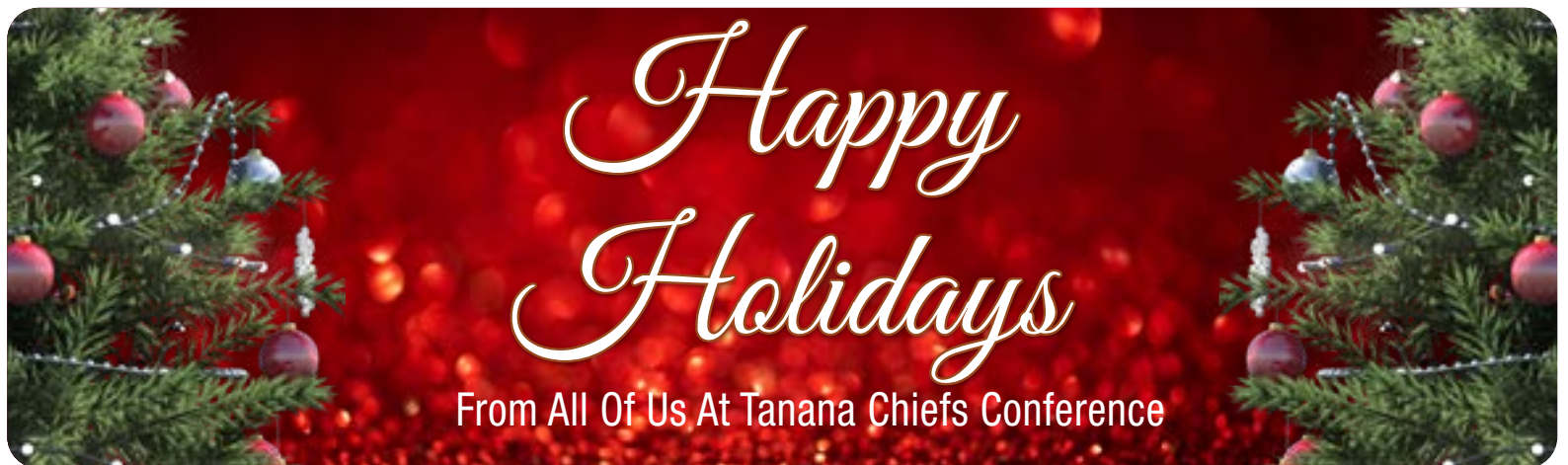
In November, Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) hosted a Special Full Board of Directors Meeting in Fairbanks. Due to the significant losses occurring throughout the region, TCC made the decision to condense the meeting down from its original three-day agenda. The one-day agenda allowed for community members to grieve, take time to heal, and attend services for those recently departed.

The final agenda included a panel to cover updates on TCC's Patient Travel and Housing Improvement Plan, a panel on the Pros and Cons of a Fish Hatchery on the Yukon River, a presentation on Food Sovereignty and Traditional Foods from Central Council of Tlingit and Haida, and a panel on Substance Use Treatment Programs and services offered.

During the substance abuse panel,

Rev. Dr. Anna Frank emphasized that much of the trauma that leads Alaska Natives into drug use can be attributed to the history of boarding schools that were run by Christian Missionaries in Alaska. A follow-up comment from Perry Ahsogeak, Fairbanks Native Association's behavioral health director, supported Dr. Frank's claims and called for people struggling with substance use issues to be able to heal and

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From All Of Us At Tanana Chiefs Conference

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Mission

Tanana Chiefs Conference provides a unified voice in advancing sovereign tribal governments through the promotion of physical and mental wellness, education, socioeconomic development, and culture of the Interior Alaska Native people.

Vision

Healthy, Strong, Unified Tribes



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Chief's Report



Dear Tribes and Tribal Members,

Last month, we lost an exceptional leader and a tireless advocate for our region - First Chief Wilmer Beetus of Hughes. Chief Beetus was an innovative leader who demonstrated tribal self-determination every day and his loss is felt throughout our region and our State. My thoughts and prayers remain with Chief Beetus's family, friends, and loved ones during this challenging time.

TCC's Special Convention was originally scheduled to take place November 1st-3rd. However, due to the multiple losses throughout our region during that time, TCC chose to reduce the meeting to one-day to be respectful of those who needed to take the time to grieve, heal and attend services.

Despite shortening the meeting to one day, TCC was still able to cover the topics identified as top priorities by our Tribal Leaders: Patient Housing and Travel, Substance Abuse Treatment and the Protection of Our Way of Life.

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that the Full Board of Directors unanimously voted for TCC to move forward with the purchase of a hotel and two plots of land in Fairbanks. This purchase will address a longstanding patient housing shortage and is a step towards resolving this issue for years to come. Additionally, TCC will be assessing the viability of utilizing the acquired land for potential elder housing in the future.

Last month, I was elected to serve a two-year term as Alaska Area Vice-President for the National Congress of American Indians. I am looking forward to broadening my service to our communities across the State in this new role and I am honored to be serving alongside newly-elected alternate vice-president Clinton Cook, continuing our strong partnership with Tlingit and Haida.

On November 10th, I testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in Bethel alongside other Tribal Leaders, asking Congress to uphold their trust responsibility to Alaskan Tribes. I hope that those in positions of power listened to the testimony of our Tribal Leaders, as we have been demanding action on this crisis for many years to no avail while also shouldering the burden of conservation.

Furthermore, I had the opportunity to testify before the Bureau of Land Management in Fairbanks, advocating for the implementation of a No Action Alternative for the Ambler Road Project. I was pleased to see many Fairbanks residents showing up to the meeting to voice their opposition to the project. I encourage those who were unable to attend to submit their written comments before December 22. More information on this can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

Finally, I am looking forward to the New Year and all that TCC will be accomplishing in the future. I hope that you spend your holiday surrounded by friends, family and loved ones.

Mahsi' Choo,
Brian Ridley, Chief/Chairman
Tanana Chiefs Conference



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recover in their home communities. "I am a boarding school student," he said, "I know what it's like to be taken away from my mother, to be taken away from my family, to be taken away from my village of Barrow and sent hundreds of miles away to a boarding school that had no idea who I was, where I was from. I missed important years of my life."

Opening the panel of fisheries, TCC welcomed Paul Williams Sr. of Beaver to provide an elder story and open us up in a traditional way. He recalled his childhood of living off the land, and discussed the need for unity around treating Native lands as sacred places. "As we begin to take back our land, we need to protect it, and keep each other

healthy and strong," he said.

Discussing the ongoing salmon crisis, TCC Chief/Chairman Brian Ridley underscored the Yukon and Kuskokwim salmon management as a prolonged battle with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and North Pacific Fishery Management Council.

"We will persist and do everything in our power to ensure our tribal voices are heard," Chief Ridley said. "If the state and feds actually managed fish and game and did their job, we would not be having these issues."

Chief Ridley also reinforced TCC's continued opposition to the Ambler Road project, citing the recently released Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement's (SEIS) findings of

potential wide ranging negative impacts of the proposed 211-mile private road.

TCC's Full Board of Directors unanimously authorized the Executive Board to provide final approval to purchase the Best Western Plus Hotel, located at 1255 TVSA Way (across from West Fred Meyer) and adjoining vacant Lots 5 & 6 of the TVSA Subdivision. On November 15th, during an Executive Board Special Meeting, the Directors unanimously approved a resolution to allow TCC to move forward with the purchase of the property. TCC hopes that the purchase of the hotel will assist with the current patient housing shortage in Fairbanks. The two vacant river front lots will be assessed to determine the viability of future potential elder housing. More information on the hotel will be provided at a later date.



Missed out on our Special Convention? You can watch the recorded livestream here:

<https://tinyurl.com/SpecialConvention23>



TCC Urges Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to Uphold their Trust Responsibility to Alaskan Tribes

Last month, Tribal leaders gathered in Bethel to provide testimony to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA), led by Vice-Chair Senator Lisa Murkowski. The field hearing was called in short order and is titled, "The Impact of the Historic Salmon Declines on the Health and Well-Being of Alaska Native Communities along Arctic, Yukon, and Kuskokwim Rivers."

"The Tribes along the Yukon have completely shouldered all of the ramifications of the Salmon collapse yet they were not the cause of it," said Chief/Chairman Brian Ridley of Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) during his testimony, "As of today, prohibited species catch of salmon is over 130,000 salmon. While federal staff and NPFMC managers say it's only 1-3% of the catch – we know that every salmon counts. Trawlers throw away our fish and keep fishing, while our fisheries are closed, our smoke houses are empty and our people are criminals for catching just one fish. Our children have never handled salmon, our fisherman are depressed and the results are devastating our communities."

Chief Ridley insisted that the Congressional delegation and federal agencies uphold their trust responsibility to Alaskan Tribes, the purpose of which is

to provide for the "survival and welfare of Indian Tribes and people, "I am here to ask you, the SCIA, Congress and the Federal Government, to uphold the promise Congress made to our people during land claims. I am here to ask you to uphold your trust responsibility to our Tribal Governments and citizens as enshrined in Federal Indian Law.

Chief Ridley has several asks of the committee which included:

- Stop subsidizing the Pollock and cod industries, remove all support and authorization of the unsustainable USDA practice of purchasing tens of millions of dollars annually of 'surplus' pollock and cod trawled from the Bering Sea under the section 32 program.
- Stop minimizing the impact of trawlers and of bycatch, and long-term cumulative impacts. In any other harvest of fish and wildlife in the nature of 'bycatch' is called wanton waste.
- Amend and reauthorize the MSA to: adequately provide for Disaster Declaration and subsequent relief

for loss of subsistence fisheries.

- Add at least two Tribal seats to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.
- Relocate the National Marine Fisheries Service from the Department of Commerce to the Department of the Interior to center sustainability of fisheries ecosystems over economic interests of multi-billion dollar industrial commercial fishing corporations.
- Introduce legislation recognizing Alaska Native Tribal Hunting and Fishing Rights.

"If we made a mistake – it was trusting the State to manage a resource that we have managed for thousands of years. In the short 65 years – our fish are nearly going extinct. The bottom line is the only path forward is co-management or management by our native people. We are not trying to shut down trawl but get them to cut back and share in the conservation," Chief Ridley stated at the end his testimony.

TCC hopes that the SCIA, Congress and the Federal Government listen to the Tribal Leaders and subsistence fishers across the State who have been demanding action to protect our salmon resources. The time for action is now and **every salmon counts**.



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Tribal Leaders Voice Opposition for the Ambler Road at BLM Meeting in Fairbanks

On November 2nd, Tribal Leaders and community members spoke out against the Ambler Road Project and urged a no action alternative during the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) public meeting in Fairbanks. BLM is hosting a series of public meetings to seek input on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the Ambler Road project proposed by the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority.

"According to BLM's SEIS, all of the effects are adverse, substantial, unacceptable, and irreversible," said Chief/Chairman Brian Ridley of Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC), "It clearly and strongly supports the belief that choosing the No Action Alternative is in the best interest of Tribes, subsistence users, Alaskans, visitors, and the Nation."

Chief Ridley emphasized that many Fairbanks residents have opposed other mining projects that would haul minerals through the city, but those same residents have not been vocal about the Ambler Road's impacts which would cause more disruption.

"Because we are taking this testimony in Fairbanks—a community that has

rallied loudly against the idea of a Tribally-owned mine using the roads in our town—I would specifically mention that the Supplemental EIS estimates up to 168 truck trips per day or seven ore trucks per hour, nearly three times as high as what is proposed for the trucking route from Tetlin to Fairbanks," said Chief Ridley.

First Chief of Evansville, Frank Thompson said, "While the impacts of the proposed road are substantial and unacceptable, the indirect effects of at least four large scale mines, and perhaps up to a dozen other mines, will be disastrous and unsustainable for the region."

In 2021, TCC's Full Board of Directors, which consists of 42 member Tribes, passed [Full Board Resolution 2021-11](#) which directs TCC to protect the Koyukuk River and surrounding areas from the harmful impacts of the Ambler Road Project.

The comment period for the SEIS is open until Friday, December 22nd. Comments can be submitted online at the BLM website: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/57323/530>

ASK BLM TO CHOOSE THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE.



Representative Mike Prax Visits the Edgar Nollner Health Center

In November, Representative Mike Prax of District 3 of the Alaska House of Representatives, toured the Edgar Nollner Health Center (ENHC) and met with staff members in Galena. He made the visit seeking a better understanding of our health services and how they function, so that he can better represent District 3's rural areas. He was impressed by the services available at ENHC and the clinic's overall atmosphere. Representative Prax also visited the Tribe and the School District. He will continue visiting rural communities in District 3 in the coming weeks.



Coping with Holiday Grief

By Roxanne Frank, Substance Abuse Prevention Program Manager

Holidays can be very difficult for people who have experienced death of a loved one. Memories are a constant reminder of the loss in our lives. It can be painful and overwhelming, particularly in the first year after a death. I found out, as we grieve, it is important to acknowledge that the first holiday season will be painful and it may sometimes feel like you will not get through the pain.

I dealt with the loss of my father, Richard Frank, who died in 2012, and my brother, Parker Frank, who died in 2021, both of whom I miss dearly. After they passed, I felt like the holidays didn't matter; I did not feel the same about Christmas as I did before. I felt excited and would look forward to preparing/decorating my house, playing Christmas music, looking at all the Christmas lights, watching Hallmark Christmas movies or for the men *Die Hard*, and the joyful stuff like "It's The Most Wonderful Time of Year." It did not feel all that wonderful or exciting—I barely put up the tree to decorate and I didn't even feel like shopping. Eventually, I did get the tree up and decorate, but it felt just routine—there was no meaning for me. I had to decorate for my children and for my niece and nephew's sake to make sure they had a Holiday. My children helped me through the Holidays. Remember, you're not the only one grieving—your children are grieving too. Pay attention to the children and find ways to help them get through the holiday, and if they want to talk about the loved one they lost, let them talk about the person and listen.

As you try to cope, remember these tips during the holidays:

- **Set realistic expectations for yourself.** Do what feels right. It's up to you which activities, traditions or events you can handle. On the other hand, if the activities are good distractions that bring joyful feelings and good memories, just enjoy that time.
- **Don't feel guilty about having fun.** Accept your feelings. I had to accept and acknowledge my feelings during that time. I felt sad from time-to-time. I did shed a lot of tears, but I also laughed at the memories of my brother who always makes me laugh, of helping my father hooking up dogs as a young girl sometimes yelling at me to hurry up, or of going for a boat ride with both my parents and siblings.
- **Get in touch with your feelings and emotions.** Acknowledge what you're feeling. Talk with someone about what you're feeling—this will help you process what you're going through. Do get help. It is okay to reach out. When my father died, I found out I was going through depression and decided I needed to get help, so I reached out to a counselor. I had to talk out what I was feeling and identify what I was going through.
- **Talk to loved ones about their memories.** When I travel to the village, I love to listen to the stories people share with me about when my dad worked on the Yutana Barge Line, and all the dances they had on the Yukon River or other stories. Family and friends told me funny stories about my brother. Those were the fond memories of my father and brother. To me, hearing these stories was their way of honoring my father or brother. What I'm saying is—cherish those fond memories. If you want to honor your loved one, you can share a story about your loved one. We all had a special relationship with our loved ones or family, and the people in the community will miss the person in their own way.
- **Take care of yourself.** I had to remember to take care of myself. It is important get rest and eat healthy. It's important to take care of yourself so you will be there for your family and others. My advice is to stay away from alcohol to self-medicate your emotions—this does not help at all. It is all about taking care of yourself.
- **Allow others to help.** We do need help to get us through this time. Remember your children or grandchildren are grieving too.
- **Light a candle for your loved one.** Make a Christmas decoration in memory of your loved one. Create an ice lantern that holds a candle in memory of them. You can find ideas on the internet.
- **If you know someone is going through a difficult time, help them out.** Just do things that will help or visit with them. Be supportive in some way. Please don't offer alcohol—this is not helpful.

Make this Christmas one of remembering the good times and celebrating the lives of your loved ones. May the true meaning of the holiday season fill your heart and home—joy and many blessings.

If you need to talk to someone, please contact your local Behavioral Health Aide. You can also call:

TCC Behavioral Health

1-800-478-7822

Roxanne Frank

1-800-478-6822 ext. 3581

The Careline

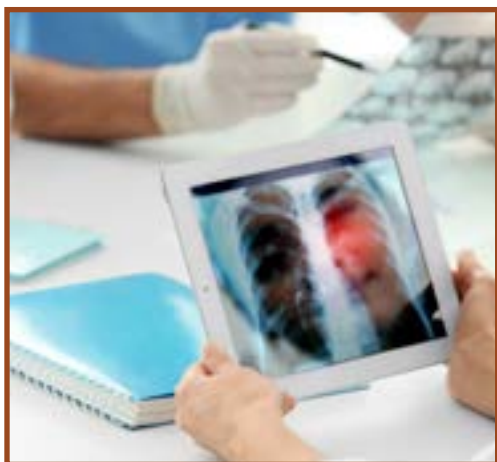
1-877-266-4357

"At the rising sun and at its going down, we remember them. At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them. At the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them. At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer, we remember them. At the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of the autumn, we remember them. At the beginning of the year and when it ends, we remember them. As long as we live, they too will live, for they are now a part of us as we remember them."

– Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer

New Options at TCC for Lung Cancer Screening

Lung cancer is the second most common form of cancer in Alaskan Natives and the leading cause of cancer deaths worldwide. Eighty percent of lung cancers are caused by smoking. Due to the fact that Alaska Natives smoke at twice the rate of white populations in the state, we are at a higher risk for developing lung cancer. The best way to prevent lung cancer is by not smoking at all. However, if you do smoke, TCC has a new low-dose CT scan (a type of x-ray) which may help to identify lung cancer earlier. If you are a current smoker or have quit within the last 15 years and are between the ages of 50 and 80, please speak with your primary care provider. They can help determine if you are eligible for lung cancer screening with a low-dose CT scan of your lungs.



TCC Congratulates this Year's Behavioral Health Aide Forum Winners

Join us in congratulating the recipients of this year's Behavioral Health Aide (BHA) Forum awards.



Ann Neglaska, Kaltag BHA, received the Shining Star Award

The Shining Star award is given to a BHA/P that has worked for 5 or more years and demonstrates excellence in their role by continuously delivering exceptional Client care, has somehow improved the behavioral healthcare delivery system in their community and demonstrates the balance between work and personal life.



Cesa Agnes, Huslia BHA, received the Super Star Award

The Super Star award is given to a BHA/P that has had an outstanding accomplishment that has made a substantial impact in the community and/or Client care. A successful candidate will have demonstrated exceptional service that has somehow impacted the behavioral health outcomes for an individual or the overall community.



Jessica Goff, LCSW, received the In Appreciation Award

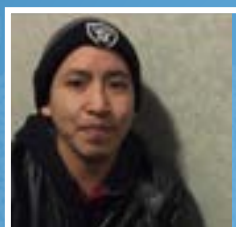
This award is presented in memoriam to the BHA/P/Provider that is no longer working in the role, has retired, left the BHA job, passed on and who provided a vital community service.

Mahsi' Choo to all of our amazing Behavioral Health Aides for your commitment to the well-being of our communities!

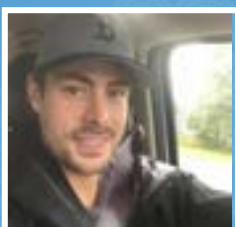
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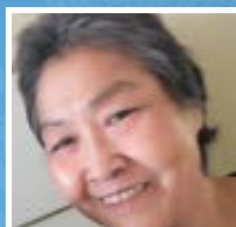
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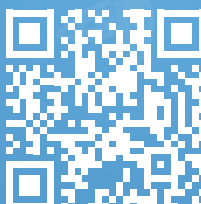


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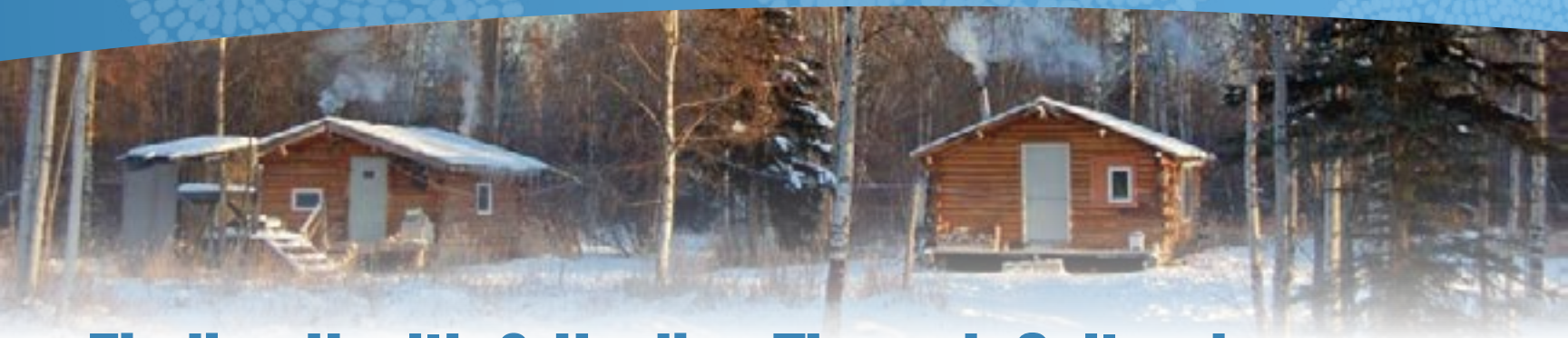
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84711 or visit

<https://dps.alaska.gov/ast/tips>



Call the Alaska State Troopers at 907-451-5100, Fairbanks Police Department at 907-450-6500 or TCC Public Safety at 907-452-8251 ext.3269. Visit www.tananachiefs.org/missing for more information.



Finding Health & Healing Through Cultural Practices

Old Minto Family Recovery Camp

The Old Minto Family Recovery Camp is owned and operated by Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) and is a traditional alternative to substance abuse treatment—a place to begin healing in a traditional setting.

For many Alaska Natives today, alcohol and drug use became a toxic way of coping with a loss of traditional Native values, cultural patterns, identities, relationships, and unresolved trauma.

By using Native culture and traditional values as our foundation, our goal is to help people help themselves as they heal from trauma, choose healthy lifestyles and overcome substance use. Our intent is to provide families and individuals with the skills that will help them live healthy and substance free lifestyles within their own communities.

Who is Eligible?

The program is designed for Alaska Native families, but **we welcome all individuals**. We encourage self-referrals and accept referrals from the Office of Children Services, Probation/Parole, Mental Health/Alcohol Programs, Tribal Courts, FASAP, public defenders, and the court system.

How to Apply:

- Visit <https://www.tananachiefs.org/services/omfrc/> and complete the enrollment application.
- When you are done filling out the application, fax it to 907-459-3835. Please list everything that you are faxing on the cover page. **You must call 907-452-8251 ext. 3097 (Chelsea Hadley) or ext. 3010 (Virginia Sweetsir)**

to confirm that we received the fax. If you are planning to attend treatment with a spouse and/or child(ren), please inform us so that we can complete the other requirements and make arrangements.

- All family members attending the program must have a physical exam done within the last 3 months. The physical must be completed and signed by a medical doctor or a physician assistant; it cannot be completed by a Community Health Aide.

If you have any questions about this process, contact the Old Minto Recovery Camp team by calling 907-452-8251 ext. 3800 or email OMFRCAdmin@tananachiefs.org

Gateway to Recovery Made More Accessible with Extended Hours, Eligibility

On October 25th of this year, Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) assumed management of Gateway to Recovery, formerly operated under Fairbanks Native Association (FNA) as FNA Detox. In order to ensure that the detox program remains accessible for those who need it, TCC expanded operating hours for the inpatient withdrawal management program and it is now accessible 24 hours a day, year-round.

The newly extended hours offer Alaska Native, American Indian, and non-Native Alaska residents ages 18 and older a safe and supportive environment to withdraw with medical monitoring.

Gateway to Recovery's mission is to help patients safely and comfortably withdraw from alcohol, opioids, and stimulants such as methamphetamines. They also provide referrals for continued care and in a safe and supportive environment. GTR can help patients meet treatment program requirements by performing behavioral health assessments, medical clearances, referrals, and completing applications.

If you think GTR can help meet your needs, call (907) 328-7822 to speak with one of our medical staff.

Inpatient Services

Evidence-Based Practices:

- Alcohol Withdrawal
- Stimulant Withdrawal
- Opioid Withdrawal
- Medication for Opioid Use Disorder starts:

- Buprenorphine (Suboxone)
- Long-Acting Naltrexone (Vivitrol)

Additional Services:

- Behavioral Health Assessments
- Primary Care Clinic Coordination & Follow-Up
- Treatment Program Referrals
- Applications Assistance
- Behavioral Health Referrals

National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention

Last month, Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) leadership attended the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Annual Convention in New Orleans. This year's Convention included several important elections including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Area Vice-Presidents and alternate Area Vice-Presidents.

During the Alaska Caucus, Chief Brian Ridley was elected to serve as the Alaska Area Vice-President for NCAI alongside Tlingit & Haida Vice President Clinton Cook who was elected as alternate. In their new roles, they will serve a two-year term on NCAI's Executive Committee, which is charged with advancing the mission of NCAI to protect and advance tribal sovereignty by representing the issues and priorities of tribal nations throughout the country.

In addition to this, several individuals were newly elected to the NCAI Executive Board:

- President: Mark Macarro, Chairman of Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians
- Vice-President: President Brian Weeden, Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
- Secretary: Nickolaus D. Lewis, Lummi Nation councilmember
- Treasurer: David Woerz, Chickasaw Nation Legislator

During the Convention, TCC submitted two resolutions:

- Resolution NO-23-004: Promoting Access to Pharmacy Services at Tribal Health Organizations
- Resolution NO-23-005: Supporting Tribal Consultation in the Drug Enforcement Administration Rulemaking Process

All resolutions were approved and adopted by the subcommittees and the general assembly. To review the full list of resolutions visit <https://www.ncai.org/resolutions>.



TCC Congratulates Tanana on IHS Land Transfer

On October 27, Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) leadership, which included Chief/Chairman Brian Ridley, Vice-President Sharon Hildebrand, and Secretary/Treasurer Charlie Wright, traveled to Tanana to participate in the Annual Shareholders meeting alongside First Chief Julie Roberts-Hyslop, Second Chief Curtis Sommer, and the local community. The Native Village of Tanana recently achieved a successful negotiation with the Indian Health Services (IHS) for the transfer of land back to the Tribe. This land will be designated for the future construction of a new clinic for the community.

TCC gifted the Tribe with a framed

photo of the 1915 meeting between the Tanana Chiefs and Judge Wickersham. "I hope that when you look at this image that you are reminded of how far we have come as Native people and the strength that we have when we work together," said Vice-President Hildebrand, "We are proud to see your Tribe exercise its tribal sovereignty and working toward goals that will benefit the people in your community. I hope you enjoy this gift and are able to find a good spot to display it in your new clinic."

Tanana is developing plans for the construction process.



Do You Have Medicaid?

Don't Miss This Letter!

Medicaid Renewal Letters

Medicaid renewal has started the annual renewal process, and the Division of Public Assistance will be reaching out to households to verify information to renew medicaid coverage.

Questions?

Contact Alternate Resources at
[907-451-6682 ext. 3100](tel:907-451-6682)



Traveling to Alaska Native Medical Center and Need Assistance?

The ANMC-TCC Patient Advocates work closely with the medical teams at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) to ensure TCC patients receive clear communication about their care, excellent patient experiences, safe discharge plans, and access to support if concerns arise while at ANMC.

Please reach out to our ANMC-TCC Patient Advocates if needed.

April Johnson

ANMC-TCC Patient Advocate

907-687-9193

Lucy Frank

Lead ANMC-TCC Patient Advocate

907-378-8002

December Head Start News

Continuous Staff Development

In October, Head Start brought all of our employees to Fairbanks for an in-person training from the 13th to the 17th. We provided additional training on various skills related to social emotional growth and handling difficult behaviors. It was a very busy but fun week, and it's always wonderful to see our village staff face-to-face.

Celebrating the Winter Holidays

In October, Head Start provided pumpkins to each of our enrolled families for Halloween. In November, we were able to provide turkeys for Thanksgiving dinners to all enrolled families and staff in Head Start. We're very happy to say that in December, we will be able to provide ham dinners for Christmas for all enrolled families and staff as well.

Assessment Highlights

In November of 2022, we assessed all of our Head Start children in many areas including their developing language skills. That first assessment showed that 26.98% of our children were scoring below what we would expect to see for their ages in language skills, while 69.84% were meeting and 3.17% were exceeding these

developmental expectations. In the spring, after months of hard work on the parts of the children, families and Head Start educators, only 6.3% of our kids scored below where we'd expect to see them for their ages, 75.5% were meeting these goals and 8.2% were exceeding them!

Enroll Your Child in Head Start Today!

There are still spots available in the classrooms! If you have a child under the age of 4 that you'd like to enroll, **please contact Waverly Neal at 907-452-8251 or 800-478-6822 ext. 3998 for more information.**

Sign Up for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library

TCC Head Start has teamed up with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library! Every month, enrolled children from the ages of birth to 5 will get a free age-appropriate book! Reading together is a wonderful way to build a lifelong love for reading with children and to promote family time. If you do not have a local Head Start educator, **please contact Waverly Neal at 907-452- 8251 or 800-478-6822 ext. 3998 for ways to sign up.**



Robert and Rowan in Nenana Early Head Start enjoying story time



Happy Halloween from the Northway Head Start!



Cecelia and Gary in Tanana



Head Start - Tok's got a new doctor! Dr. Riley, specializing in baby dolls.

HEAD START IS HIRING!

- **Family Visitors:** Allakaket, Grayling, Holy Cross, Huslia, & Tok
- **Preschool Assistant Teachers:** Nenana, Northway, Tanacross, & Tok
- **Infant/Toddler Teachers:** Nenana
- **Substitute Teachers:** Nenana, Nulato, & Tok
- **Preschool Lead Teacher:** Nulato

Please visit our website at www.tananachiefs.org/careers to see what's open in your area or call Kristi Walmsley at 907-452-8251 or 800-478-6822, ext. 3015.



Do You Have Your Alaska Real ID Card? Deadline extended to May 7, 2025

For more information on REAL ID, visit www.dhs.gov/real-id



The Shelbornes join McGrath Head Start for Moose Soup

The Council Newsletter

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New Vacancies

Fairbanks	Medical Prior Authorization Specialist
Fairbanks	CMA/LPN Care Coordinator - Psychiatry
Fairbanks	Physician - Urgent
Fairbanks	Hospitality Support Staff
Fairbanks	Perioperative Nurse I-ASC
Fairbanks	Sobering Center Technician I
Fairbanks	Team Lead - Cancer Care & Infusion Center (CCIC)
Fairbanks	Physician - Primary Care
Fairbanks	Purchasing Agent
Fairbanks	Service Desk Technician
Fairbanks	Tribal Protective Services Program Manager
Fairbanks	Behavioral Health Clinical Associate I
Fairbanks	Emergency Medicine Clinical Trainer
Fairbanks	ENHC Administrative Assistant I
Fairbanks	Travel Coordinator
Fairbanks	Behavioral Health Clinician II
Fairbanks	Paul Williams House Program Manager
Fairbanks	Residential Care Coordinator I - Graf
Fairbanks	Grant Writer
Fairbanks	Patient Transport Specialist
Fairbanks	Administrative Assistant II - Medical Services
Fairbanks	Travel Coordinator
Fairbanks	Education Coordinator
Fairbanks	Environmental Services Technician II
Fairbanks	Urgent Care RN Advanced
Tok	Physician Assistant - Upper Tanana Health Center
Tok	Nurse Practitioner - Upper Tanana Health Center

STOP THE AMBLER ROAD!

Provide your comments to the
Bureau of Land Management on
the Supplemental SEIS and ask
for the No Action Alternative!

Submit your
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DECEMBER 22, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

**DEC
25-26**

TCC Offices Closed
December 25-26, 2023

**JAN
1**

TCC Offices Closed
January 1, 2024

**JAN
15**

TCC Offices Closed
January 15, 2024

**JAN
24-25**

TCC Executive Board Meeting
January 24-25, 2024 • Fairbanks, AK

**FEB
5-9**

2nd Annual Traditional Healing Gathering
February 5-9, 2024 • Fairbanks, AK
More details to come

JOBS LISTED WERE OPEN AS OF NOVEMBER 28, 2023