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Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium names Carrie Brown Director of the Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is pleased to welcome Carrie Brown as the new Director of the Healthy Alaska Natives Foundation.

Brown was born at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska and raised in Nenana, a village of 550 people located at the confluence of the Tanana and Nenana Rivers in Interior Alaska. Her cultural background is Koyukon Athabaskan, Inupiaq Eskimo and Irish.

A graduate of Nenana High School, Brown attended the University of Hawaii and Nagoya Gakuin University in Japan. In 1994, she graduated from Alaska Pacific University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management/International Business, with an emphasis in Pacific Rim Studies. Brown is a tribal member of the Native Village of Nenana and a shareholder of Doyon, Limited. She and her husband, Wil, have two children.

Brown comes to ANTHC with a great deal of experience with other Alaska Native, health care and non-profit organizations. From 2005 until August 2009, Brown served as Executive Director of the Alaska Native Arts Foundation, a charitable organization promoting and marketing Alaska Native art and artists.

Previously, she served as Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of the First Alaskans Institute, a non-profit organization that helps develop capacities of Alaska Native people and their communities to meet the social, economic and educational challenges of the future, while fostering positive relationships among all segments of society.

She has also worked for Alaska Village Initiatives, Providence Alaska Health Systems, and from 2000-2001, with AFHCAN here at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. She currently serves on the boards of the Foraker Group and Koahnic Broadcast Corporation, and in 2001, was recognized among the "Top 40 Under 40" by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce.

First on Brown's list is "getting on top of the Raven's Ball, because that's going to come up very quickly," she said. "I also want to learn more about the cancer care initiative — there are five priorities here [cancer care improvement, wellness and prevention, healthy village environments, a scholarship fund and elder care support], but that one seems to be rising to the top."

Ultimately, Brown's goal as the Director of HANF is "to raise the level of awareness about the foundation and how we as Alaska Natives can contribute toward our own wellness," she said. "I think the foundation is a great avenue for that."

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About the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is a non-profit health organization owned and managed by Alaska Native tribal governments and their regional health organizations. For more information, please visit www.anthc.org.