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ANTHC Names New Chief Information Officer

ANCHORAGE, AK – The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium has named A. Stewart Ferguson, Ph.D. as the Chief Information Officer. He will be responsible for setting the direction for Health Information and Technology, serving as the primary liaison with customers including ANTHC business units, other support services, and Alaska Tribal Health System organizations, as well as, other leadership roles.

“Dr. Ferguson has decades of experience in health care and the vision to lead the Health Information and Technology Division,” said Don Kashevaroff. “He has been instrumental in efforts to expand health care to rural Alaskan communities. His knowledge of health care issues and management experience will be a great asset to ANTHC. His commitment and broad knowledge of health services will be a significant benefit to our team. We look forward to welcoming him to his new position.”

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Ferguson has been with Alaska Federal Health Care Access Network (AFHCAN) since its inception in 1998 and had key roles in product/software development, assessment, evaluation and research. The AFHCAN systems have been deployed to 250 remote sites in Alaska. AFHCAN is one of the largest telemedicine projects in the world and allows health care professionals to view data and respond to health cases using a standard PC workstation remotely from villages across Alaska where travel is expensive and challenging. Additionally, he has been involved in many aspects of telehealth outside Alaska, including participation at meetings sponsored by the Arctic Council, and as an invited speaker at multiple international conferences on telehealth issues.

Dr. Ferguson has over twenty years of progressive computer and research experience in academic, industrial, biomedical and business environments. He was the owner/partner of two consulting firms specializing in custom software development, database design, and integrated network installation. Currently, he serves as Vice President of the American Telemedicine Association, and is a founding member and past-Chairman of the Board for the Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center providing support to telehealth systems in eight states and the Pacific Islands. He holds M.S. and Ph.D. degrees both in Biomedical Engineering, and B.S. degrees in both Mathematics and Electrical Engineering.

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About the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is a not-for-profit tribal health organization managed by Alaska Native tribal governments and their regional health organizations. We provide statewide services in specialty medical care; construction of water, sanitation and health facilities; community health and research; information technology and professional recruiting. For more information, please visit www.anthc.org.