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**ANTHC names new Chief Workforce Officer and
Chief Strategic Planning and Quality Officer**

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) recently named Deborah Smith Chief Strategic Planning and Quality Officer and Leissa Wright its Chief Workforce Officer.

Smith leads the Quality Integration and Planning department, which works to achieve high-quality health care, reliable data analysis and improved overall quality across the organization. Wright oversees Human Resources, Alaska Native employment initiatives, Employee Health, Education, Development, Training and Leadership Development in their initiatives.

“Leissa and Deborah have extensive experience helping diverse organizations meet their goals” said Don Kashevaroff, ANTHC CEO. “Their experience and broad knowledge of health services are a significant benefit to our team.”

Smith joined ANTHC in May 2010 as Interim Chief Strategic Planning and Quality Officer. She has more than 25 years of health care experience in quality, operations, finance, strategic planning, business development, project management, marketing, and team building. Her education includes a PhD in Health Services Management, University of Charleston, Charleston WV; Master of Science in Human Resource Management, Bluefield State College, Bluefield, WV; Bachelor of Arts, University of Charleston, Charleston, WV; Associate of Science in Radiology, Kanawha Valley Hospital and Herbert Thomas Hospital, Charleston, WV; and Certified Master Black Belt and Master Change Facilitator, GE Healthcare.

Wright joined ANTHC in October 2010 and has provided HR leadership for Fortune 500 corporations and other diverse organizations, such as Providence Health System, Sanjel Corporation, Royal Caribbean International Cruise Lines, BP, ARCO, AMOCO, Alyeska Pipeline Service Company and the State of Alaska. Wright has her Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) certification and has served as a *Society for Human Resource Management* national committee member. She also served as a past member of the Municipality of Anchorage personnel review committee for two mayors.

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.