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ANTHC names new behavioral health director

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) recently named Laura Báez Director of Behavioral Health for its Division of Community Health Services.

Báez will oversee initiatives to promote behavioral health capacity development and service enhancements through the Alaska Tribal Health system. This work includes the Behavioral Health Aide program, prevention, intervention and post-vention initiatives such as substance abuse prevention and capacity building, suicide and crisis response, and domestic violence prevention. Báez will also serve as a behavioral health liaison to various regional organizations, state and federal agencies.

“Laura brings a tremendous wealth of knowledge about behavioral health and the Alaska Tribal Health system to ANTHC,” said Dr. Jay Butler, Senior Director of the Division of Community Health Services. “Her experience and broad knowledge of health services and Alaska Native issues are a significant benefit to our team.”

Prior to joining ANTHC, Báez worked at the Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation for 15 years, serving most recently as Behavioral Health Administrator. Prior to moving to Bethel, Baez worked in a variety of behavioral health settings in Dallas, Texas. She has more than 19 years experience in urban and rural behavioral health, including outpatient, inpatient, residential, school-based and hospital emergency, as well extensive experience serving child, adolescent, adult and developmentally disabled populations. She also served as the Chair of the Alaska Tribal Behavioral Health Director Committee for two years and managed a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) child and adolescent six-year System of Care implementation grant in the Yukon Kuskokwim region.

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About the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

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