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ANTHC names Helgesen its new CEO

The Board of Directors of the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) announced this week that Mr. Roald Helgesen will join ANTHC as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Helgesen has been the President and CEO of the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) since November 2007 and he serves as a member of the Alaska Tribal Health Directors, the Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association, and on the board of Healing Hands Foundation. He has previously served as the CEO of the Dirne Community Health Center, and has held a number of executive positions at SEARHC and for the State of Washington. Early in his career, he also provided direct services as an emergency medical technician.

"We are pleased to have Mr. Helgesen joining the Consortium," ANTHC Chairman and President Andy Teuber stated. "Roald has been working on behalf of Alaska Native People in health care for years and has demonstrated his commitment and considerable success in achieving quality outcomes. The Consortium Board is confident Mr. Helgesen is well suited to this position and to this organization. We look forward to having him join us in delivering the best in available health care services and support to Native people across Alaska."

"It's a great honor to be named ANTHC's new CEO," Helgesen said. "It's humbling for me that the leadership at ANTHC have placed their confidence in me. I look forward to working with the wonderful people at ANTHC and the Alaska Native Medical Center who have chosen to commit themselves to the service of Alaska's Native People."

Helgesen grew up in Sitka and is an enrolled tribal member with Sitka Tribe of Alaska and Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Alaska Anchorage with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Earning his Master of Science degree in Health Care Administration from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, he also earned the department award for excellence in graduate education. Mr. Helgesen is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the Healthcare Financial Management Association.

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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.anthctoday.org.

About the SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium

The SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) is made up of 18 Tribes and Tribal communities from across Southeast Alaska. SEARHC provides medical, behavioral health, dental, and health promotion services for Native people and other partners in our communities. For more information, please visit www.searhc.org.