

Monthly Updates 2009

January

Center for Climate and Health (CCH) is established, with a mission to “identify health impacts associated with climate change and to develop strategies that protect community health.”

Mike Brubaker and John Warren are established as co-directors, representing the two ANTHC partner divisions in the center, Community Health Services (Brubaker) and Environmental Health and Engineering (Warren). Site visit to Kotzebue is performed to begin discussions with Maniilaq and the Northwest Arctic Borough. CCH participates in collaboration retreat with University of Alaska, Anchorage.

February

CCH participates at the Alaska Forum on the Environment. Presentation: *Contaminants and Climate Change Impacts in Chukotka, Russia* (Mike Brubaker). CCH members participate in efforts to develop Alaska’s Climate Change Strategy (J. Berner, J. Warren, J. Smith, M. Brubaker, M. Bradley, and S. Weaver). CCH and UAF hold workshop: *Adapting to Climate Change in Rural Communities - Exploring a UAF and ANTHC Collaborative Approach*.

March

CCH develops “Climate and Health Measure, Rural Alaska” (CAHMRA) for use during community surveys. CCH formalizes partnership with Maniilaq Association, the Northwest Arctic Borough, the North Slope Borough and the Alaska Center for Climate Policy and Assessment (ACCAP) at UAF. Local partnerships with the City of Point Hope and Native Village of Point Hope follow.

April

CCH co-hosts the first Northwest Arctic Climate Change Teleconference on April 28th, entitled *Community, Climate Change and Health in the Northwest Arctic*, with Mike Brubaker of ANTHC’s Center for Climate and Health. CCH performs a Climate Change Survey in Point Hope.

May

CCH co-hosts the Northwest Arctic Climate Change Teleconference on May 21, entitled *Weather Resources in the Northwest Arctic*, with a presentation by Harry Lind and John Lingaas of the National Weather Service.

June

CCH completes a Climate and Health Bulletin entitled: *Climate Change Effects on Traditional Inupiaq Storage Cellars*. CCH co-hosts the Northwest Arctic Climate Change Teleconference on June 30, entitled *Baseline Community Erosion Assessments in the Northwest Arctic*, with Bruce Sexauer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



July

CCH completes a Climate and Health Bulletin entitled: *Source Water Challenges from Changes to an Arctic Lake*, based on the work in Point Hope. A site visit of Kivalina was performed during the week of July 27th. CCH staff featured in USACE film:

<http://www.army.mil/media/amp/?bcpid=6981683001&bctid=35796143001>

August

CCH develops Climate and Health website, a portal for information on the Center's activities (<http://www.anthc.org/chs/ces/climate/index.cfm>) including a climate and health resource library and an interactive Google map for documenting climate impacts across Alaska.

September

CCH co-hosts the Northwest Arctic Climate Change Teleconference on September 29, entitled *Subsistence Harvest Monitoring Activities in the Northwest Arctic* with James Magdanz, of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Subsistence Division.

October

CCH publishes the assessment report, *Climate Change and Health Impacts, Point Hope, Alaska* (Draft Final) and distributes the report for public comment. This is the first community focused, climate change health impact assessment ever performed in Alaska.

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