

### Mission Statement

To increase access to health care for low income uninsured members of our community by using a volunteer network of providers working in a coordinated fashion to create a compassionate, respectful, equitable, accountable and efficient program of necessary services for those in need.

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### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Greetings!

Since our last newsletter, we at APA have continued to work through this new world of the Affordable Care Act and the one major thing we've learned is to expect the unexpected. Attempting to keep abreast of all the latest developments in Washington as well as in Alaska is challenging to say the least.

Our board of directors recently held its annual retreat and the topic was how will Anchorage Project Access evolve in the face of the possibility of Medicaid expansion in Alaska.

The following is a brief summarization of the retreat:

- Several of us contacted our sister Project Access organizations in states where Medicaid expansion is in existence. The majority of them developed new programs to assist the underserved and uninsured while continuing with their legacy Project Access programs
- Expanding the Case Management aspect of our care coordination to better assist our specialists
- Premium Assistance to those who cannot afford even the subsidized premiums of the Affordable Care Act
- Navigators—assist clients as they attempt to navigate the Affordable Care Act on the marketplace
- Communication facilitators—serve as a conduit of information about the changes taking place nationally and locally with our providers

The bottom line of the retreat was that no changes are being made at this time and the topics mentioned above are certainly not the end all. We are taking a "wait and see" approach to determine how we can be the most valuable to our neighbors most in need and continue to be of service to our volunteer network of providers. We all know there continues to be people who desperately need our services and your generosity remains their "last chance."

Once again, I thank you for all you've done in the past and continue to do on behalf of the most vulnerable in our community.

### HERE'S HOW YOU'VE HELPED

At an emergency room visit at Alaska Regional Hospital I was diagnosed with a kidney stone that eventually passed with medication. During the hospital exam it was revealed I had a large abdominal arterial aneurysm. Because I had no insurance, I brought all the money I had saved with me to cover costs associated with this event and paid the significant charges. I'm a pay-as-you-go type of person, but this took more than what I had saved for many years. Dr. Marbarger, his staff and the other wonderful professionals at ARH saved my life. I still have the ability to contribute to my community, my profession, my state and have a renewed willingness to do so. Through my many years as a coach I never knew exactly how my guidance would influence the people I worked with after they moved on and they continued in their life's journey. Perhaps the same is true about the people Project Access assists also.

With sincere appreciation and gratitude to all involved, I remain! APA Patient D.D.

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE (For the period January 2006—March 2015)

**2,965** Unique patients served

**12,095** Appointments scheduled by APA staff

**533** Volunteer healthcare providers and support agencies

**Over \$39 million** in total value of donated care (Jan 2006-Sep 2014)

**9:1**

Ratio of donated care to program costs

## WELCOME NEW APA BOARD MEMBERS

Jennifer Bundy-Cobb, The Wilson Agency LLC  
 David Cadogan MD, Alaska Regional Hospital Emergency Department  
 Mary Margaret Hillstrand DNP, ANP  
 Barbara Simpson Kraft, Davis Wright & Tremaine LLC

A special thank you to these individuals for their dedication and commitment to serving on the APA Board over the years.

Christine Chandler, ANP  
 Bob Stewart, Davis Wright & Tremaine LLC

## APA ELIGIBILITY SCREENING

As part of the eligibility process staff determine if patients qualify for other insurance or have other resources available to them. In 2014, 177 patients qualified for other insurance including the ACA Marketplace Exchange, Medicaid and employer sponsored insurance.

One patient stated, "Thanks for helping me understand that I have an opportunity to get affordable health insurance. Now I have insurance and can get the medical help I need that have done without for years."



Our 6th annual fundraiser Revolutions Spinning for Health Care was held on January 31, 2015 at the Anchorage 5th Avenue Mall and it proved to be a greater success than last year. This year we had 14 teams participate consisting of 72 riders and several new sponsors.

Many thanks to everyone who came out to make this event a huge success –We raised over \$60,000. THANK YOU!!

## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: KATHLEEN HOLLIS



Kathleen Hollis currently serves as the Director of Mission Services at Providence Alaska Medical Center where she has been employed since 1997. In her role at Providence, she is active in community outreach efforts that focus on strengthening the health of our community as well as hospital volunteer programs serving the patients, families and staff at the medical center. Her professional experience before joining Providence was centered on workforce development, especially for people with barriers to employment.

Kathleen is a general board member and is the chairperson for our Board Development Committee. This committee focuses on creating and maintaining a vibrant, diverse, and relevant membership to serve as an active board for Anchorage Project Access.

Kathleen earned her Masters of Arts in Human Resource Development through Wayland Baptist University and her baccalaureate in English from one of the State University of New York colleges. Her family includes husband, Ralph, three daughters, and four grandchildren in the Anchorage area and abroad.

Kathleen has always been a strong and consistent supporter of Anchorage Project Access.



## MT. HUNTINGTON AWARD RECIPIENT

### ALASKA FOOT & ANKLE SPECIALIST



The Mt. Huntington Award is an element of our recognition program to thank providers and their staff for their exceptional services. To view all previous recipients visit:

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