



**QUARTERLY TELECONFERENCE  
ROOM 2,  
ALASKA NATIVE TRIBAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM (ANTHC)\*  
ANCHORAGE  
JANUARY 25, 2008  
10:30 – 11:30 A.M.**

**Toll Free Number: 1-866-316-1519    Participant Code: 723725**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

Jo Dawson, Alaska DEED Child Nutrition Services  
Susannah Morgan, Food Bank of Alaska  
Shawn Powers, Food Bank of Alaska  
Rick Briscoe, Juneau Youth Services  
Linda Swarner, Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, Inc.  
Lance Johnson, Nome Community Center  
Chris Scott, New Hope on the Last Frontier  
Capt. Jessica Elgert, Salvation Army McKinnell Shelter  
Dana Paperman, Seward Senior Center  
Irene Lee, St. Francis House/Catholic Social Services  
George Briggs, The Glory Hole  
AnnaBell Stevens, United Way of Anchorage  
Andrea Thistle, Valley Open Bible Fellowship  
Robin Hall, Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.

The meeting was called to order by Linda Swarner, president. Members introduced themselves and then the meeting was turned over to Kerri Burrows, Alaska Food Coalition manager.

Kerri reviewed the Annual Meeting agenda. The meeting will start later in the morning on Monday for those who want to take the early morning flight in instead of coming in on Sunday night. For those that come in on Sunday, the early Monday time can be used to set up meeting with legislators. ALL attendees (unless you are a state employee) should

be setting up meetings with their legislators. Merri Mike Adams, Food Bank of Alaska, will start us off with a presentation on fundraising for anti-hunger agencies. After this presentation, the coalition will provide lunch. Following lunch, the coalition will have its business meeting where elections for FY09 officers will take place and the proposed goals of the coalition will be discussed.

The afternoon (3-5 p.m.) is allotted for visits with legislators.

On Tuesday, *School Breakfast with Policymakers* will begin the day. This event will be held in the Fahrenkamp Room at the capitol, not at Catholic Community Services.

While on the hill, the rest of the morning is reserved for floor introductions and visits with legislators if you haven't already done so. Members are on their own for lunch on Tuesday and will reconvene at Catholic Community Services at 1 p.m. for a Legislative Question and Answer session with Sen. Johnny Ellis and Rep. Gabrielle Ledoux. Following the session, the members will gather for a legislative debrief and a look at the future of our advocacy efforts.

Dana Paperman asked if another copy of the agenda can be sent and Kerri noted and will send out. She also noted that the agenda is on the website [www.alaskafood.org](http://www.alaskafood.org).

Kerri then reviewed the election process and announced that we have no one running in the secretary position. After going over the basic duties of the jobs, Dana Paperman offered to move her nomination to secretary instead of vice-president. With no other issues regarding the election, Kerri turn the meeting over to Shawn Powers, who gave a presentation on speaking with your legislators.

Shawn started his presentation by stressing the importance of setting a meeting to speak with your legislator. The reason we have our annual meetings in Juneau is to get closer to the legislative process. Please take advantage of this time to get out the message about hunger, your organization's mission and the goals of the Alaska Food Coalition.

Shawn noted some important things to do when meeting a legislator:

1. Meet with the legislator that serves your district. They like to hear from constituents.
2. The legislators are normal folks, just like you and me. The people in their office are very friendly. George Briggs noted that he will have some interaction with the governor before the meeting and will try and get some mention about the Tuesday event. Anna Bell Stevens also noted that she will be in Juneau before the AFC meeting and will start "knocking down doors" about the events.
3. Dress the part. Business attire is appropriate.
4. Don't be discouraged if you only get to a talk to a staff member. They have lots of influence over the legislators and do much of the "behind the scenes" work.
5. Tag teaming is okay. Several members spoke up about having some apprehension. Shawn and Kerri will work to pair people up for visits.
6. Send a thank you letter. Make your personal visit just the start of the conversation, not the end.

In regards to our particular ask this year, Shawn discussed some basic facts about the School Breakfast Initiative, what we want and how to combat commonly asked questions. The handouts can be found by clicking [here](#).

With no more questions, the floor was turned back over to Kerri for a reminder that Hunger Awareness Monday will be in September and will be the entire month instead of just a day as it was previously in June. We will be sending out information regarding this as we get it from America's Second Harvest.

With no more business to discuss, Linda Swarner adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.