



ALASKA NATIVE HEALTH BOARD

# Alaska Native Health Board: Advocating Legislation for Tribal Health

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# Overview

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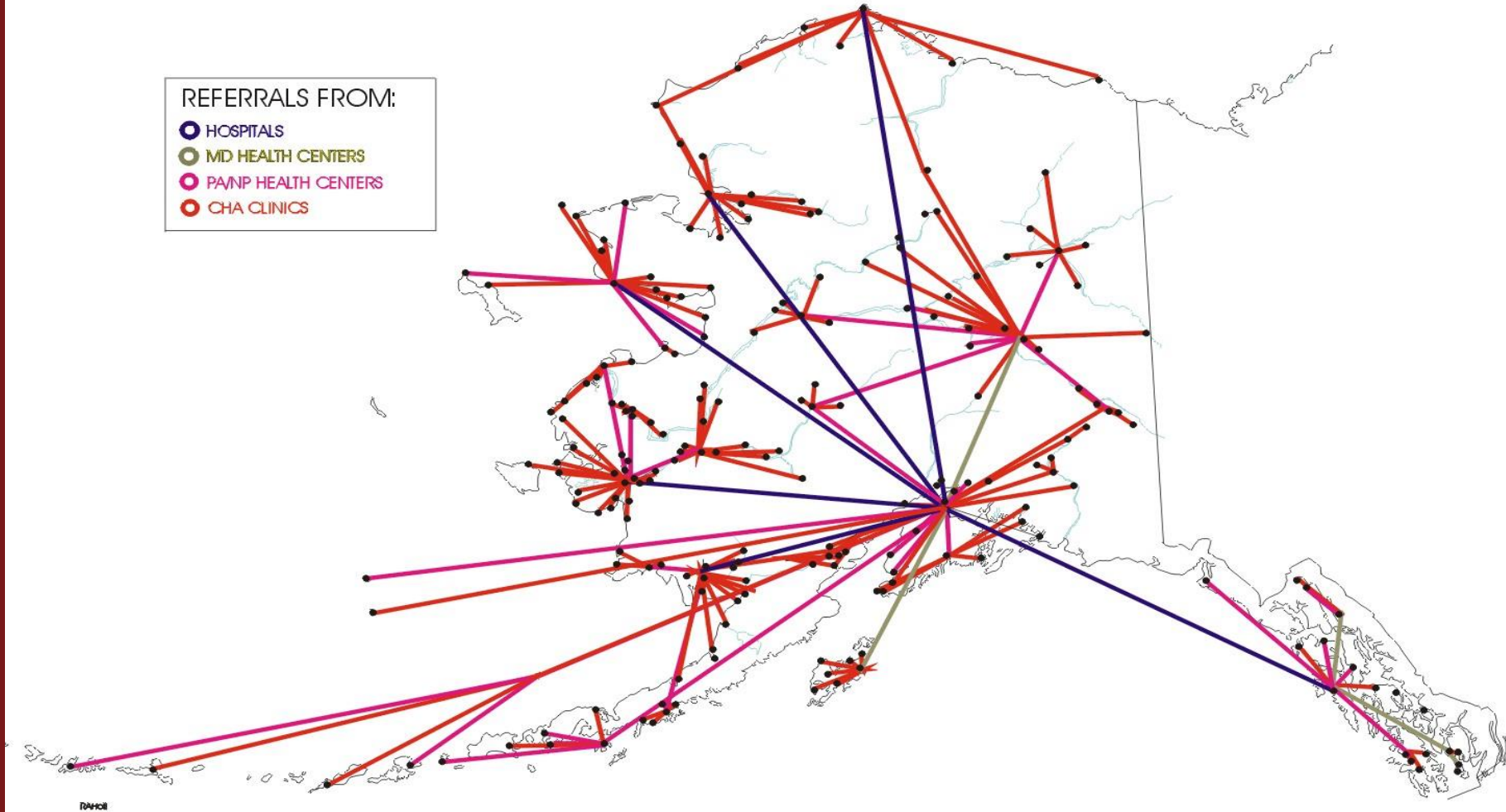
# Who is ANHB?

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- **Vision:** ANHB is the unified voice of the Alaska Tribal Health System and the advocacy leader for the health of Alaska Native people.
- **Mission:** To promote the spiritual, physical, mental, social, and cultural well-being and pride of Alaska Native people.
- Advocacy organization for the Alaska Tribal Health System
- 28 member organizations who serve the 229 Tribes in Alaska and 180,000 AN/AIs throughout the state.

# Typical Referral Patterns

- REFERRALS FROM:
- HOSPITALS
  - MID HEALTH CENTERS
  - PAINP HEALTH CENTERS
  - CHA CLINICS





# Goal of Advocacy

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The **goals** of advocacy are to facilitate change and the development of new areas of policy, in order to tackle unmet needs or deal with emerging needs in a given community.

- Setting Goals or Priorities

**Players:**

Lawmakers

Policymakers

Stakeholders

**Areas to Advocate:**

Legislation

Budget

Policy

**Levels of Advocacy:**

Federal

State

Municipal

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# State Level

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- Legislature
  - Senate and House of Representatives
  - Bush Caucus
    - Senate: Sen. Lyman Hoffman, Sen. Donny Olson
    - House: Rep. Bryce Edgmon, Rep. CJ McCormick, Rep. Neal Foster, Rep. Josiah Patkotak
- Legislation
  - Legislator Bills
  - Committee Bills
  - Governor's Bills
- Committees
- Oversight/Audit

# State Budget

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- Operating Budget
  - Grant funding
  - Medicaid budget and related funding
  - Departmental and Program funding
- Capital Budget
  - Infrastructure
  - Workforce and Training
  - Specific Projects/CAPSYS
- Subcommittee Process
- Legislative Directives



# ANHB State Priorities



Rural Water &  
Sanitation  
Infrastructure

Strengthen  
Medicaid Services  
and Coverage

Public Health

Behavioral Health

Pharmacy

Health Workforce and  
Housing

Tobacco Cessation &  
Prevention & Youth  
Marijuana Prevention

Long-Term Service &  
Supports

Rural Electrification



# Federal Level

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- Alaska Congressional Delegation
  - Senator Lisa Murkowski
  - Senator Dan Sullivan
  - Representative Mary Peltola
- Other members of Congress
- Legislation
- Congressional Committees
  - Oversight
  - Bill Hearings
  - Mark Up

# Federal Budget

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- President's Budget
  - Starts about two years in advance
  - Tribes provide input through the IHS Budget Formulation Process
  - OMB Aggregates Departmental Budget Recommendations
  - February or March President's Proposed Budget is released
- Congressional Appropriations
  - Appropriations Committees
    - 12 Subcommittees
  - Starts in House of Representatives
  - Negotiated with Senate

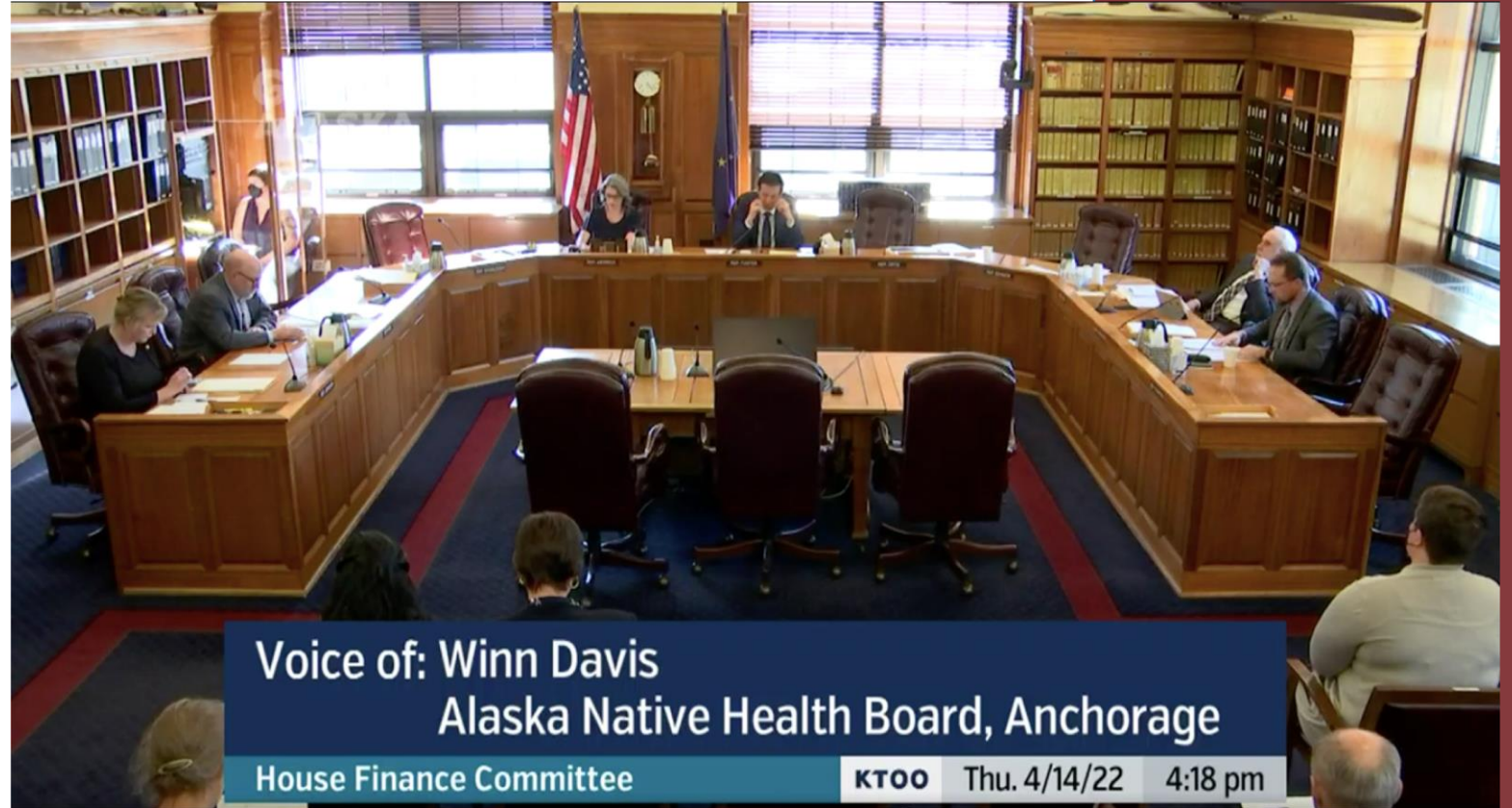
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- Title VI – Expand and Strengthen Tribal Self-Governance
- Meet the Trust Responsibility to Tribal Nations
- Advanced Appropriations for Indian Health Service
- Move Contract Support Costs to Mandatory Appropriations
- Public Health
- Healthcare Workforce & Housing
- Rural Water and Sanitation Infrastructure
- Health Facilities
- Medicaid and Medicare Services
- Behavioral Health
- Rural Health Care, Data Reporting and Measure Alignment
- Information Technology Infrastructure
- Special Diabetes Program for Indians
- Federal Communications Commission Rural Health Care Funding
- Protecting Access to Services for Veterans
- Pharmacy

# Advocacy Tools

- Testimony
  - Invited
  - Public
  - Written
- Fly-Ins and Office Visits
- Networks
- Communications
  - Letters
  - White Papers
  - Formal Reports/Studies
- Media Engagement







# Thank You

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