

# United States Arctic Research Commission's 104<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Anchorage and Nome, AK

August 24-26, 2015

**Monday, August 24th, 2015 (Endeavor Room, Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage, AK)**

- 9:00-10:00 A.M.**      **Meeting convenes: Welcome/Commission business**  
9:00-9:10      Welcome and announcements  
9:10-9:15      Approval of 103<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes  
9:15-9:30      Chair and Commissioner reports  
9:30-9:45      Staff reports  
9:45-10:00      Other/miscellaneous
- 10:00-10:15 A.M.**      **Break**
- 10:15-12:00 A.M.**      **Mental and Behavioral Health Session**  
Commissioner/Advisor introductions  
Session Introduction (*V. Davidson, Commissioner, AK Department of Health and Social Services*)  
Prior USARC efforts in the area of Mental and Behavioral Health: A Summary of USARC's 2009 Behavioral Health Workshop (*C. Rosa, USARC*)  
**Subject Matter Presentations (15 minutes each)**  
MatSu's Comprehensive Community Health Assessment (*E. Ripley/M. Kimberling, MatSu Health Foundation*)  
AMHA's Mental Health Comprehensive Needs Assessment (*M. Baldwin, Alaska Mental Health Trust*)  
The Rising Sun Project (*R. Delgado, NIMH*)  
ANTHC's Tribal Behavioral Health Program (*L. Baez/X. Owens, ANTHC Village-based Mental Health System*)  
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association's Mental and Behavioral Health Program (*C. Chipp, APIA*)
- 12:00-1:00 P.M.**      **Lunch**
- 1:00-1:45 P.M.**      **Discussion/development of USARCs role in area of mental/behavioral health**
- 1:45-2:00 P.M.**      **Chairman's summary of focus session**
- 2:00 P.M.**      **Adjourn**

**Tuesday, August 25th, 2015 (Nome Miniconvention Center, Nome, Alaska)**

- 8:30-10:00 A.M.**      **Local Welcome and Overview Presentations**  
8:30-8:40      Welcome and introduction of USARC Commissioners/Advisors  
8:40-9:00      Presentation on USARC 2015-16 Goals Report (*F. Ulmer, USARC Chair*)  
9:00-9:20      ARCUS Overview (*R. Rich, ARCUS*)  
9:20-9:40      Kawerak Research Overview (*R. Fosdick, Kawerak*)  
9:40-10:00      The Bering Sea Alliance and local economic and sustainable infrastructure development (*E. Anagick, Bering Sea Alliance*)
- 10:00- 10:30 A.M.**      **Break**
- 10:30-11:30 A.M.**      **Mental and Behavioral Health (Local Research)**  
10:30-11:00      Mental and behavioral health program at NSRH (*R. Droby and L. Johnson, Norton Sound Regional Hospital Behavioral Health*)

- 11:00-11:20 Mental health, wellness and suicide prevention in Western Alaska (*L. Wexler, UMASS Amherst*)
- 11:20-11:30 Discussion
- 11:30-12:00 P.M. Public Comment Session**
- 12:00 P.M. Adjourn**
- 5:30-7:00 P.M. Reception at Old St. Joseph's Church**

<b>Wednesday, August 26th, 2015 (Nome Miniconvention Center, Nome, Alaska)</b>
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- 8:30-8:45 A.M. Welcome and introduction of USARC Commissioners/Advisor**
- 8:45-10:00 A.M. Local Science Session** (15 minutes each with 5 minutes for questions)
- 8:45-9:05 Local MAP-supported Science (*G. Sheffield, Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program, UAF*)
- 9:05-9:25 Update on the Eskimo Walrus Commission, co-management research needs and the Inuit Circumpolar Council (*V. Metcalf, Eskimo Walrus Commission*)
- 9:25-9:45 Update on the Nanuuq Commission and co-management research needs (*J. Omelak, Alaska Nanuuq Commission*)
- 9:45-10:00 UAF's Reindeer Research Program (*G. Finstad, UAF*)
- 10:00-10:30 Break**
- 10:30-12:00 A.M. Federal Agency Research Session** (15 minutes each)
- 10:30-10:50 AK Climate Science Center Research in the Western Arctic (*S. Gray, AK Climate Science Center*)
- 10:50-11:10 Western Alaska Landscape Conservation Cooperative Program Overview (*K. Murphy, WALCC*)
- 11:10-11:30 National Park Service research on the Seward Peninsula (*J. Lawler, NPS*)
- 11:30-11:45 USFWS's Pacific Walrus Mark-Recapture Program (*J. MacCracken, USFWS*)
- 11:45-12:00 Korean research activities in Nome region (*Y. K. Lee, Korea Polar Research Institute*)
- 12:00-1:30 P.M. Lunch**
- 1:30-3:00 P.M. Renewable Energy Session** (15 minutes each)
- 1:30-1:45 Local renewables Representative presentation (*J. Brown/R. Bensin, Bering Straits Native Corporation*)
- 1:45-2:00 ACEP ideas for local research (*M. Mueller-Stoffels, ACEP/UAF*)
- 2:00-2:15 Alaska Energy Authority ideas for local research (*D. Lockard, AEA*)
- 2:15-2:30 Rural Energy Initiative at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (*M. Black, ANTHC*)
- 2:30-3:00 Discussion
- 3:00- 3:30 P.M. Break**
- 3:30-4:50 P.M. Local Research Session** (15 minutes each with 5 minutes for questions)
- 3:30-3:50 Climate Change in the Bering Strait Region (*M. Brubaker, ANTHC*)
- 3:50-4:10 USCG/D17 waterways initiatives (*K. Stitz, USCG*)
- 4:10-4:30 Port development/coastal erosion in the Bering Strait region (*L. Cordova, COE*)
- 4:30-4:50 Overview of Recent Subsistence Research and Findings in Arctic Alaska (*N. Braem/J. Simon, Division of Subsistence, ADF&G*)
- 4:50-5:00 P.M. Discussion/closing remarks** (*F. Ulmer, USARC Chair*)
- 5:00 P.M. Adjourn**