

Thursday, February 9th, 2017
**Assessing and Improving Village-level Financial, Management and
Technical Capacity**

**A Workshop sponsored jointly by:
The U.S. Arctic Research Commission's Arctic Rural Water and Sanitation and Arctic Renewable
Energy Working Groups**

February 9th – (KAHTNU 1), Dena'ina Center, 600 W. Seventh Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501

Other AFE-associated sessions of interest: Thursday, 3:30-4:45 PM, Tubughnenq' 5. "A Holistic Approach to Sustainable Northern Communities"

The AFE agenda can be found: [here](#)

Workshop objectives:

- Improved knowledge about the processes available/needed to *assess* local capacity;
- Improved knowledge of capacity development and technical assistance needed to achieve sustainable water systems and renewable energy projects;
 - Development of community-based standards for capacity improvement; and
- Input and progress on *holistic* capacity development approaches that include community-based approaches and the establishment of a network of practitioners.

Session 1: Setting the stage (defining capacity and historical efforts to assess/improve capacity)

9:00- 10:15 A.M.

9:00-9:10	Welcome, Announcements and Introductions
9:10-9:15	Setting the stage/defining terms (<i>C. Rosa, USARC</i>)
9:15-9:40	Overview of past capacity assessment and improvement efforts that accompanied rural water and sanitation and renewable energy projects (<i>R. Eleazer, RUBA Program/ADEC, B. Reeve, Kotzebue, AK</i>)
9:55-10:15	Case Studies: RE: Health and infrastructure in the context of remote communities in the Arctic (<i>G. Holdmann, ACEP</i>) W&S: Capacity development efforts in the YK region (<i>T. Bobo, YKHC</i>)

Session 2: Assessment of village-level capacity: current approaches

10:30 A.M. - 11:45 P.M.

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| 10:30-10:45. | AVEC capacity assessment approach (<i>F. Button, AVEC</i>) |
| 10:45- 11:00 | Fuel Oil Loan capacity assessment approach (<i>J. Sullivan, DCCED</i>) |
| 11:00- 11:15 | O&M Best Practices Scoring List (<i>C. Bohan, ADEC</i>) |
| 11:15- 11:45 | Community insight panel (moderated forum) (<i>D. Weinard, Ipnatchiaq Electric Company, Deering, AK; B. Reeve, Kotzebue, AK; R. White, YKHC, Bethel, AK; T. Bobo, YKHC, Bethel, AK</i>) |

Session 3: Work Session: Capacity Improvement Efforts and Development of a Holistic Community Capacity Improvement Plan: ALL previous session attendees invited to attend and participate

2:00-3:15 P.M.

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| 2:00 - 2:15 | Capacity building programs: The “Pinga” app, ANEEE and ARENA Programs (<i>P. Foster Wilder, REAP, G. Holdmann, ACEP</i>) |
| 2:15 - 2:30 | First Alaskans Institute leadership development programs (<i>L. Medicine Crow, FAI</i>) |
| 2:30 - 3:15 | Moderated Discussion: What would ideal holistic community capacity look like? |

(Please note: for those who are interested, there is an additional, non-workshop related session on holistic approaches to building projects that will be held from 3:30-4:45 PM titled: “A Holistic Approach to Sustainable Northern Communities”)