Bringing the Aleutians East Borough, the AEB School District and Eastern Aleutian Tribes together by sharing common goals.

Sen. Dan Sullivan and Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Paul Zukunft visit King Cove & Cold Bay

U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan and Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Paul F. Zukunft visited King Cove and Cold Bay last week to take a look at completed and planned infrastructure projects. The visit was part of a tour, which began in Nome, continued to Shishmaref, King Cove, Cold Bay as well as a stop at the Coast Guard Cutter Healy operating in the Bering Sea.
Their trip in King Cove began after landing in the softball field across from the school in a Coast Guard helicopter. They were greeted by King Cove Mayor Henry Mack, Police Chief Robert Gould and Fire Chief Chris Babcock.

“I told them that the principal, Gary Lamar, would really like to say ‘hi’ to them,” said King Cove Mayor Henry Mack. “As we were walking in the door, Gary, the new teachers, and the third graders were walking by the gym. Boy, were they surprised! They spent some time and chatted.”

Next, they visited the hydro facility. A couple of months ago, King Cove’s new Waterfall Creek hydroelectric facility went online. It’s the community’s second run-of-the-river facility. The first hydro facility, Delta Creek, went online in 1994. Together, these two renewable energy sources are expected to produce about 75% of the city’s annual power demand of 4.5 megawatts.

“They were very impressed with the hydro facilities,” said Mayor Mack. “I told them that we’re going to have a dedication ceremony of our Waterfall Creek hydro facility in October. Senator Sullivan is hoping he can make it back here for that.”

"I've always advocated for an all-of-the-above energy policy, and these projects are proof that such a policy can work to provide for Alaska's energy needs,” Senator Sullivan said. “Seeing firsthand the ingenuity of the community is very inspiring and could be a model for other alternative energy programs across our state.”

Next, the group drove 12 of the 17.3-mile-long road to the northeast corner. King Cove community leaders and residents have been working for more than three decades to get a road connection built, which would extend from the remote community to the all-weather Cold Bay Airport through the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge. That road connection is vital for residents because when
medical emergencies occur, requiring medevacs to Anchorage hospitals, gale-force winds, stormy weather and dense fog often prevent travel from King Cove by air or sea.

"There is no substitute for being on the ground to see the needs firsthand and to hear about these issues from members of the communities impacted," said Senator Sullivan. "For years, the people of King Cove have been pleading with the Interior Department to be allowed to access their land in order to get necessary medical care. They've been told that protecting birds is more important than their health and safety. This is unconscionable. I look forward to continuing to work with the new Administration to get this done for the Aleut community and other residents of King Cove. The Commandant and I were both greatly moved by our warm welcome."

In January of this year, Senators Lisa Murkowski, Dan Sullivan and Congressman Don Young introduced identical bills (S. 101 and H.R. 218) in both chambers of Congress, mandating an equal value land transfer in exchange for construction of a short, single-lane, non-commercial gravel road linking the two communities. Last month, H.R. 218 passed with a vote of 248 to 179 during a hearing in Washington, D.C.

“Senator Sullivan said the road issue is a no brainer,” said Mayor Mack. “He said they (the Alaska Delegation) are going to do their darnedest to get the road built. The Senator and Commandant didn’t have time to drive all the way to the northeast corner, but we gave them a map so they could fly over the entire length of the road. Having them see the road is just fuel for the cause. It was a successful trip.”

Senator Sullivan and Coast Guard Commandant Zukunft also visited Cold Bay where they met with Cold Bay Acting Mayor Dailey Schaack and Administrator Angela Simpson.

“We met them at the Coast Guard hangar,” Acting Mayor Schaack said. “It was a fairly brief meeting. They were very nice, and it was a good visit.”

“That day, we had an additional Coast Guard crew working on a search and rescue case, so they learned more about the emergency needs out here,” said Cold Bay Administrator Angela Simpson. “We also discussed the road and how that would support our neighboring community.”
While Sen. Sullivan and Coast Guard Commandant Zukunft left to tour King Cove, their support staff stayed behind to tour Cold Bay and discuss the community’s needs.

“We spent quite a bit of time down at the dock, talking about safety issues,” Simpson said. “We briefly touched base on the status of our school building, as well as our clinic, and how they might be able to help there. It was a very positive visit.”

"Cold Bay Mayor Schaack and City Administrator Simpson were extremely gracious hosts,” Senator Sullivan said. “We left with a better understanding of the critical role Cold Bay plays as a medevac hub for surrounding communities.”

FedEx Plane Makes Emergency Landing at the Cold Bay Airport

The community of Cold Bay certainly had its hands full last week. The same day that Senator Sullivan and Coast Guard Commandant Zukunft visited the city, a FedEx Boeing 777 made an emergency landing at the airport after experiencing mechanical issues.

“FedEx flight 31, en route from Oakland, California to Narita, Japan, diverted to Cold Bay, Alaska on August 22nd,” said company spokesman Chris Allen.
“The pilot made a precautionary emergency landing because of an oil pressure indication issue.”
Cold Bay Acting Mayor Dailey Schaack said the plane landed at approximately 9:20 a.m.
DOT employees in Cold Bay were staged nearby at the airport with the department’s fire truck, in case it was needed.

“We were there for about 20 minutes,” said DOT equipment operator Paul Schaack. “The FedEx aircraft landed without incident, so we put the fire truck back in the barn.”

At that point, Aleutian Services Inc. of Cold Bay, a freight transportation company, assisted FedEx with aircraft security, providing tools, parts and rides while the three crew members, the captain and two first officers, remained in town. The crew stayed overnight at the Barefoot Inn. The following day, two FedEx maintenance employees flew into Cold Bay from Anchorage to work on the engine. After repairs were completed, the crew departed Cold Bay the following evening.

AEB Community Leaders, Residents Provide Feedback during AMHS Reform Project Meeting

Residents, state and community leaders weighed in recently on how the Alaska Marine Highway System can better serve the needs of Alaskans during a recent meeting on the AMHS Reform Project. The forum, hosted by the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC), and the Southeast Conference, was held in Anchorage and was available to participants via teleconference on August 18th. Several community leaders and residents from the
Aleutians East Borough and Unalaska shared comments during the meeting.

The AMHS Reform project was kicked off last year. Part of the goal is to develop an overall strategic operational and business plan to provide financially sustainable ferry service that meets the needs of Alaskans. Community leaders and residents were eager to provide comments, with the impacts of the Tustumena summer cancellations still fresh in their minds.

“We’ve got to have some kind of a backup plan if the Tustumena goes down again for three to four months at a time at the beginning of the spring or summer,” said Unalaska Mayor Frank Kelty. “I think some priority should be given to the residents in the region who only have a few months of service.”

“I agree with Mayor Kelty in regard to a backup plan for this area out here,” said Aleutians East Borough Mayor Stanley Mack. “We’ve been fighting since the beginning, when the first ferry came out here, to get more service. There has to be more effort put into scheduling and reservations for this area. We’d also like to be able to connect to Anchorage.”

Cold Bay resident Candace Nielsen said her town as well as other Borough communities suffered a huge hit as a result of the Tustumena cancellations.

“As everyone knows, the weather isn’t the greatest out here,” she said. “The planes don’t always fly. People count on the ferry. The marine highway system has become an important connection in the summertime for all the residents trying to travel, especially coming into Cold Bay, the hub. Not having it creates a huge missing link and leaves people hanging. We have to come up with a better system.”

Ernie Weiss, AEB Resources Director, expressed his gratitude to the legislature for funding the Tustumena replacement vessel in the FY ’17 capital budget.

“We already have a design,” he said. “Let’s get it out to bid as soon as possible. That would be really important to people in our region.”

Captain John Falvey, General Manager of the Alaska Marine Highway, said he and others in his department are working through the issues with obtaining waivers associated with the Buy...
America requirements for parts not available in the U.S. He said he and his team are driving ahead with a best value type of procurement for the design and construction.

“We are working on this as hard as we can to try to get some kind of RFP out by mid-winter 2018,” Falvey said.

Part of the AMHS reform project includes soliciting ideas on how to increase ridership and revenue.

SWAMC Executive Director Doug Griffin said everyone participating in the ferry reform project is looking forward to coming up with a sustainable system for transportation that’s reliable and affordable.

“The marine highway system is such a vital part of our transportation system,” he said. “Transportation and distance are two big obstacles that we deal with every day. There really isn’t much in the way of other alternatives in our region. We hope to come out of this process with a solid plan going forward that will provide for our economic diversification.”

Rep. Louise Stutes of District 32 suggested that part of the resolution for the ferry system reform project should be forward funding.

“I am a huge champion of forward funding our ferries because I think that will alleviate a lot of angst on the part of residents,” she said. “It will allow us to focus on some of the real issues rather than it always being, how are we going to afford this and are we going to be funded?”

Robert Venables, Executive Director of the Southeast Conference, highlighted the importance of the ferry system to the tourism industry, which has to plan far out in advance.

“Those riders pay for so much of the system’s costs,” he said. “However, with the demise of the budget and the aging fleet, reliability has just about disappeared. But we understand we have to find a balance with regard to residents who use the system.”
Sarah Leonard, President & CEO of the Alaska Tourism Industry Association said she echoes the statement about finding a balance. She said she’s very supportive of solutions that communities and residents come up with. She also provided statistics about the importance of tourism to the marine highway system and to the communities it serves.

“Those traveling by ferry in the summer of 2016 stayed in the state on average almost 14 nights, which is longer than any other market,” she said. “They’re spending more time in these communities and spending more money. It’s a special way for ferry visitors to share in Alaska culture. We need to brainstorm about how we can make the system more reliable for residents and tourism businesses.”

To help move forward with the ferry system’s overall strategy and business plan, the Southeast Conference is working with the Elliott Bay Design Group and the McDowell Group. The McDowell Group has conducted the vast majority of the system’s revenue analysis as well as studies on the AMHS. The Elliott Bay Design Group has a great deal of experience with other ferry systems. A steering committee is also helping to guide the findings and review them.

Jim Calvin, the managing principal with the McDowell Group and the firm’s senior economic analyst, said it’s important to think outside of the box as well as to examine in detail what’s generating revenue right now.

“How might we be able to generate partnerships with tribal entities and with communities?” he asked. “How might a transportation improvement district structure be used to generate revenue for the system? What would the impacts be to changes in the rate structure? What would the benefits be if the marine highway system is taken out of its current role as a line agency and moved into a public corporation model that’s more independent and that can work directly with labor unions? There are a dozen or so public corporations. Alaska Railroad is one. AIDEA and the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation are two others.”

John Waterhouse, Chief Concept Engineer with the Elliott Bay Design Group, said as they looked at the public corporation model, they seized upon two examples. One was the British Columbia ferry system.
“They have one shareholder, which is the BC government,” he said. “There is an arm’s length relationship where theoretically, the BC government corporation is an independent business. They’ve been very successful in going out to the commercial market and borrowing money to recapitalize their fleet.”

The other example is the ferry system servicing Scotland. Waterhouse said Scotland is very similar to Alaska in that it has small communities located on islands.

“The Scottish government has said it’s in their best interest to keep those communities viable,” Waterhouse said. “It’s a public-private corporation model. The operations of the ferries are basically bid out to a corporation every ten years. The service provider receives an annual stipend from the Scottish government. They are incentivized to find ways to reduce costs to increase their revenue streams and provide a return to their shareholders, which are, by the way, the citizens of Scotland.”

Venables said currently, they’re in the process of reaching out to legislators regarding the project.

“We’re very aware that this might be a long haul,” he said. “I think legislative changes might happen incrementally. We’re working on sending a letter to the Senate Transportation Chair as well as Co-Chairs of the House, to ask for guidance on how to network with their colleagues before the legislative session. I think that’s our best chance to get their attention. We’re going to try to get recommendations to see where the incremental bread crumb trails can lead us.”

Shirley Marquardt, the Director of Boards and Commissions with the Governor’s Office, suggested several ways to get the word out, such as crafting opinion pieces about the AMHS reform project.
“Get on talk shows and explain the link between education, culture and transportation so by the time you get to Juneau, it has a fair amount of information behind it,” she said. “Have chambers write one sentence about why this is important to them.”

In the meantime, Venables said they’re still raising funds to carry this work forward and are traveling to as many conferences as possible to get the word out. He also suggested that Alaskans visit their website so they can provide their recommendations.

“We want to encourage stakeholders to stay involved all along the way,” he said, “so we’re directing them to our website. The more feedback we get, the better.”

Anyone who would like to submit comments, can go to:

www.amhsreform.com
Mary Tesche Hired as Assistant Borough Administrator

The Borough recently hired Mary Tesche as the Assistant Borough Administrator, the position previously held by AEB Administrator Anne Bailey. Tesche’s first day will be Sept. 5th.

“I’m excited to go out to the communities, learn more about the projects and meet with Aleutians East Borough Assembly members and residents,” she said.

For the past four years, Tesche has served as the Assistant Administrator for the City of Akutan. She has assisted with the operations of several projects, including geothermal.

“I was closely involved with the planning and logistics of the geothermal project throughout the last four years,” she said.

Tesche also worked on the USDA grant for the city’s dam impoundment project.

“I assisted with the grant paperwork and submitted the grant application,” she said. “That amounted to a little more than one million dollars for that project.”

Other projects include the $700,000 grant from the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation through the Teacher, Health Professional and Public Safety Program. That grant helped pay for construction of a 2,200-square foot duplex to provide housing for the community’s VPSO and nurse.

“That was the first grant project that I worked on, starting with the application process all the way through receiving the grant award, construction and close out,” she said.

In addition, Tesche was involved with acquiring modular housing units for the airport property on Akun. The City bought some of the units previously used as a work camp during construction of Akutan’s airport several years ago. The units were later converted into housing for the airport manager as well as Surf’s Inn, a bunkhouse that includes a kitchen/bath facility for airport
passengers unable to travel to Akutan or Dutch Harbor because of poor weather.

“That was a pretty big project, which was city-funded,” she said.

Prior to working for the City of Akutan, Tesche worked for RMA Consulting as the company’s planning and logistics coordinator for 2 ½ years. RMA was the lead project manager for several of Akutan’s large-scale infrastructure projects. One of them included the repair and replacement of the aging hydro system, part of the Town Creek Project.

“It resulted in a state-of-the-art hydro plant that’s connected to the city’s diesel generators,” she said.

Tesche said her involvement with the city’s operations make her ideally suited for the Assistant Borough Administrator position.

“I did everything from purchasing supplies to working on grant applications and legislative requests,” she said. “So it was a natural progression to go from the City of Akutan’s operations to that of the Borough,” she said. “The opportunity presented itself, and I’m excited to work for the Aleutians East Borough. I’m also happy that I’ll continue to work with Akutan folks on some of the projects but in a different capacity. Building on the relationships that I’ve already established will be helpful.”

Tesche is looking forward to working on the Borough’s many projects.

“Traveling to the AEB communities and seeing firsthand the projects the Borough is involved with will help me to gain a better understanding of them and how they impact the residents,” she said. “I’m interested to learn more about who’s benefiting from these projects and what we can do to improve the lives of residents living there.”

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**City of Akutan Hires Sandra Fletcher as Assistant City Administrator**

The City of Akutan recently hired Sandra Fletcher as the Assistant City Administrator, filling the position left vacant by Mary Tesche. Fletcher’s first day was August 21st.

“I am really excited to come to work for the City of Akutan,” said Fletcher.

Fletcher said she was inspired to apply for the job because it provides her with a connection to her
family’s past. Her grandparents and her father lived and worked in Unalaska, Akutan’s neighbor to the south.

“My grandfather, John Fletcher, became the first mayor in Unalaska on April 7, 1942. About two months later, Unalaska was bombed by the Japanese,” she said. “My father graduated from high school in Unalaska, and was part of the first graduating class. So there’s quite a bit of history there.”

Fletcher’s work experience includes working for state and local government for nearly two decades. Before coming on board with the City of Akutan, Fletcher worked for the State of Alaska for four years. She served as an OSHA Safety Enforcement officer. That position took her to various locations throughout the state. However, traveling to the Aleutians was not part of her assignments.

“All my life, I’ve wanted to have a connection with this area,” she said. “I finally have that link through this job.”

In addition to the OSHA enforcement officer position, Fletcher also served as a Discrimination Investigator for the State of Alaska for several years. Prior to that, she worked for Municipal Light & Power, the utility company associated with the Municipality of Anchorage, for about seven years. In addition, she was employed with the City of Seward, initially as a truck driver who hauled snow.

“Then they found out about my offices skills and background, so they brought me on full-time as the Assistant to the Public Works Director,” she said. “While doing administrative work, I completed ordinances, agendas, worked on water and sewer grants, things of which I will be doing in this job. So it fits well with my background.”

Fletcher also worked in construction for about ten years before working for the City of Seward.

“I have a pretty strong construction background and understand the processes quite a bit,” she said. “I think that will be a good asset for the City of Akutan when dealing with projects.”

Fletcher said she was struck by the number of projects Akutan is involved with.
“For a community of this size, I am very impressed with how progressive the city is in going after these types of projects,” she said. “That sends a loud message to me about the direction we’re going in, and I’m excited about that. I’m really happy to be part of this team.”

Fletcher says working with Mary Tesche for a week helped her acclimate to her new position and to Akutan’s many projects.

“She’s been fantastic in getting me caught up to speed,” she said. “I know I can’t fill her shoes, but I’m sure going to try.”
Cold Bay EMS 2017 Silver Salmon Derby
Schedule of Events

**Friday September 1st**
7:00 PM - Silver Salmon Derby Kick-Off Community Center
For Sale: Derby Packets, Tickets for Duck Race, 4-wheeler, Main Raffle &
Kids Raffle
Meal: BBQ Pork Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Corn on the Cob, Pie
— Biggest Berry Contest Sponed by Bearfoot Inn —

**Monday September 4th**
Fishing from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
10:00 am Breakfast @ Creek
1:00 pm - Duck Race at Russell Creek Crossing
4:00 pm - Prime-Rib BBQ & Awards Ceremony @ Creek

Kids Play Area and Tent Activities Each Day

**Saturday September 2nd**
Fishing from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Lunch 12:00 - 2:00 pm
(Soup & Sandwich & Cupcake)
7:00 pm Tug-O-War & Bonfire to Follow *
(Sponsored by Candace Nielsen & Paul Schaack)
* - Weather Dependent

**Sunday September 3rd**
Fishing from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
10:00 am - Walk to Russell Creek *
(Meet Candace at Community Center to Join)
Lunch 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
(Grilled Burgers and Dogs & Chips & Cookie)
1:00 pm - Raft Race at the Hatchery (Sponsored by Alan & Letty Ellis)
  Polar Bear Jump to follow Raft Race

**Prices for Packets:**
(Includes Agenda and Fishing Rules):
  Adult Derby Packets (16 years +) - $25.00
  Kids Derby Packets (15 years & Under) - $15.00

**Event Prices:**
  4 Wheeler Raffle Tickets - $50.00 per Ticket
  Card Raffle for Pen-Air Ticket - $20.00 per Ticket
  Duck Race Ticket - $5.00 per Ticket
  Raffle - $5.00 per Ticket
  Derby Sweatshirts - $35.00 each
  Meals at Creek - $10.00 each
NOTICE OF OFFICES TO BE FILLED

The regular election for the Aleutians East Borough will be held October 3, 2017. Declaration of Candidacy must be filed with the Borough Clerk in Sand Point or with an Assistant Borough Clerk beginning August 21 through September 1, 2017.

THE FOLLOWING SEATS ARE OPEN:

ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH MAYOR............THREE (3) YEAR TERM

ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH ASSEMBLY:

SEAT A........................................THREE (3) YEAR TERM
SEAT F........................................THREE (3) YEAR TERM

ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH SCHOOL BOARD:

SEAT C........................................THREE (3) YEAR TERM
SEAT D........................................THREE (3) YEAR TERM

DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE BOROUGH CLERK’S OFFICE IN SAND POINT OR FROM THE FOLLOWING BOROUGH ASSISTANT CLERKS:

KING COVE CITY OFFICE......................KIMBERLY NEWMAN
AKUTAN CITY OFFICE........................AMANDA TCHERIPANOFF
FALSE PASS CITY OFFICE.....................CHRIS EMRICH
COLD BAY CITY OFFICE.....................ANGELA SIMPSON
NELSON LAGOON............................NANETTE JOHNSON

COMPLETED NOTARIZED FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED IN PERSON BY THE CLERK OR ASSISTANT CLERK. FAXED COPIES OF SIGNED DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS OFFICIAL NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE.

QUALIFICATIONS OF MAYOR, ASSEMBLY AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: MAYOR, ASSEMBLY AND SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR OF THE ALEUTIANS EAST BOROUGH AND SHALL HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT WITHIN THE BOROUGH FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR PRIOR TO HOLDING OFFICE.

ALL CANDIDATES MUST FILE A COMPLETED PUBLIC OFFICIAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

NO DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY MAY BE ACCEPTED, CORRECTED, AMENDED OR WITHDRAWN AFTER 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.

Tina Anderson, Borough Clerk
Eastern Aleutian Tribes
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Jennifer Harrison, CEO
August 2017

Services

• **Adak - Upcoming Services:**
  - September 27 – October 4\(^{th}\) – Jennifer Harrison (CEO) for visit and community potluck

• **Akutan - Upcoming Services:**
  - October 17 – 25\(^{th}\) – David Modde (BH Clinician)

• **Cold Bay - Upcoming Services:**
  - October 7 – 9\(^{th}\) – David Modde (BH Clinician)
  - October 25 – November 1\(^{st}\) – Dr. Michael Costa, Shonna Wheeler (DHAT), and Gaby Costa (Dental Assistant)

• **False Pass – Upcoming Services:**
  - August 28 – September 1\(^{st}\) – Dr. Lesniak (Optometrist) and Grace (Optician)
  - September 11 – 13\(^{th}\) – Dr. Leoncio (SCF Village Doc)
  - September 18 – 25\(^{th}\) - Dr. Michael Costa, Shonna Wheeler (DHAT), and Gabby Costa (Dental Assistant)
  - October 9 – 13\(^{th}\) – David Modde (BH Clinician)

• **King Cove - Upcoming Services:**
  - Today until October 11\(^{th}\) – George Kirchner (BH Clinician)
  - August 28 – October 25\(^{th}\) - Shonna Wheeler (DHAT)
  - September 11 – October 10\(^{th}\) – Dr. Michael Costa and Gabby Costa (Dental Assistant)
  - September 11- 14\(^{th}\) – Rita Kittoe (Public Health Nurse)
  - September 18 – 22\(^{nd}\) – Dr. Saunders (SCF Village Doc)
  - September 18 – 22\(^{nd}\) – Dr. Humphreys (SCF Optometrist) with Geri (Optician)
  - October 2 – 6\(^{th}\) – Dr. Saunders (SCF Village Doc) and Case Manager
  - October 26 – November 15\(^{th}\) – David Modde (BH Clinician)
• **Nelson Lagoon - Upcoming Services:**
  - September 14 – 16th - Dr. Leoncio (SCF Village Doc)
  - October 2 – 7th – David Modde (BH Clinician)

• **Sand Point - Upcoming Services:**
  - September 11 – 22nd – Dr. Millie Lyerly (SCF Dentist)
  - September 11 – 15th – Ariel Berg (SCF Family Health Resources)
  - September 18 – October 2nd – David Modde (BH Clinician)
  - September 28 – 30th – Rita Kittoe (Public Health Nurse)
  - October 19 – 26th – Jennifer Harrison (CEO)
  - October 20th – Health Fair (12:00pm – 3:30pm)

• **Whittier - Upcoming Services**
  - September 1st – Dr. Koff (Dentist)
  - September 20 – 22nd – Jennifer Harrison (CEO)

**People**

• **Welcome:**
  - George Kurchner, BH Clinician, signed a long-term itinerant contract and started August 14th. He will be focusing most of his time in King Cove while we recruit for the vacant position.
  - Melinda Johnson, CHA/CMS in Sand Point, will be starting on September 5th.

• **Open Positions:**
  - Behavioral Health and Wellness Manager – Travel to sites (25%-50%)
  - Community Health Aides* – Nelson Lagoon, Adak, and recruiting for traveling CHAPs
  - Community Health Aide (CHA)/ CHR* – Akutan and recruiting for traveling CHAPs
  - Compliance/Risk Manager
  - Dental Hygienist(s) – Travel to sites (100%)
  - Mental Health Clinician – King Cove
  - Nurse Practitioner (NP)/Physician Assistant (PA) – Adak, Akutan, Cold Bay, King Cove, Sand Point, and recruiting for traveling NP/PA
  - Physician – Recruiting for residents and traveling Physicians (King Cove and Sand Point)
  - Senior Grants Accountant - Anchorage

*Note: No experience necessary. Training will be provided.

• **Transitions:**
  - Robin Medina-Gould transitioned from Special Projects/Grants Manager based in Anchorage to King Cove Clinic Manager on August 21st
  - Rachael Yatchmeneff transitioned from Intern to intermittent Administration Assistant/CIC on August 29th
• Events

On July 28, 2017, the King Cove Clinic hosted a successful community potluck. We discussed nutritional guidelines, Healthy Travel Passport, introduced our new DHAT Shonna Wheeler, and awarded the “EAT Partner of the Year” award to Guy and Wanda Pere of Eider Air. For dessert, we sang Happy Birthday to Edgar Smith, Operations Director, and facilitated a pie making contest. The winner of the pie making contest was Raymond Kochuten, with his fabulous moss berry pie.
On August 17, 2017, the Anesia Kudrin Memorial Clinic in Akutan hosted a community **potluck**. Dr. Ubedei did a presentation on the structure of the eye and eye diseases and Terri Douglas (NP) discussed the Healthy Passport Program. I encouraged community members to apply for the vacant Community Health Aide/Community Health Representative position. I forgot to take pictures during the potluck. However, I was able to visit the famous hot springs during this visit to Akutan, so here are some cool pictures from my hike.

This is the first Hot Spring as you walk up the creek. This Hot Spring started to really bubble while I was there and turned into a small geyser.

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