

City of Gustavus, Alaska

RESOLUTION 2009-21

TO SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IN GUSTAVUS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN ACCESSIBLE PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE FOR ALL PERSONS IN THIS SERVICE AREA, INCLUDING LOW INCOME PERSONS WITHOUT MEDICAL INSURANCE;

TO SUPPORT ALASKA ISLAND COMMUNITY SERVICES (AICS) AS THE ENTITY TO IMPLEMENT THESE SERVICES AND ASSUME OPERATION OF THE GUSTAVUS COMMUNITY CLINIC; AND

TO SUPPORT FEDERAL SECTION 330 FUNDING BE GRANTED TO AICS TO PERMIT OPERATION OF THIS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER (CHC) IN CONFORMITY WITH BUREAU OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE (BPHC) PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS.

WHEREAS, the target population of Gustavus Alaska and the Glacier Bay area suffer from extreme geographic isolation and limited transportation options, making out-of-town primary medical care impractical and dangerous; and

WHEREAS, the 13.5% of the target population live below Alaska adjusted federal poverty level, limiting their access to health care, and 20% are both uninsured and live below 200% of Alaska adjusted poverty level; and

WHEREAS, significant health disparities exist among the target population and severe access barriers to medical care prevail in Gustavus, but there is no program in place to reduce health disparities, increase access or address the needs of low-income, uninsured persons; and

WHEREAS, the nonprofit Gustavus Community Clinic maintains its current limited operations only through a subsidy from the City of Gustavus and lacks any independent funds to subsidize services to low-income uninsured persons; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gustavus and the Clinic lack the capacity to provide medical services to persons without the ability to pay full fee, and lack capacity to support medical services in a manner consistent with the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Gustavus Community Clinic is the sole health care provider, and the clinic lacks the resources to provide services required by the community, including our aging population with chronic conditions; and

WHEREAS, no behavioral health services, oral health services or pharmacy services are delivered in the service area; and

WHEREAS, no case management or enabling services are available to patients in the service area; and

WHEREAS, the people of Gustavus have met in public meetings as part of a comprehensive planning process, and expressed united support for this Community Health Center (CHC) resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has met publicly with Alaska Island Community Services staff, and supports AICS as the entity to provide CHC services to Gustavus; and

WHEREAS, Alaska Island Community Services has a proven, successful record of managing Community Health Center services in remote communities with similar needs and demographics as Gustavus; and

WHEREAS, the Gustavus Clinic Board of Directors will cede site control of the clinic facilities to AICS for purposes of establishing a Health Center, will have authority to ensure responsiveness of services from AICS and fully supports this resolution;

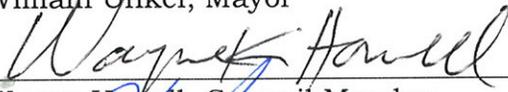
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Gustavus City Council, in an effort to improve health services for persons in the Gustavus service area, provide access to services by overcoming physical and financial barriers to care, and ensure universal primary care regardless of race, residence or ability to pay, hereby requests Alaska Island Community Services to initiate an application for federal funding from Health, Resources and Service Administration (HRSA.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Gustavus City Council requests that HRSA give positive consideration to the application by Alaska Island Community Services for Section 330 funding to establish a New Access Point-Satellite Health Center in Gustavus to serve the population of the Gustavus service area including Bartlett Cove and the Glacier Bay area.

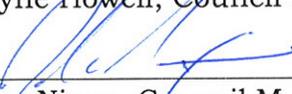
PASSED and APPROVED by the Gustavus City Council, 13th of August, 2009.



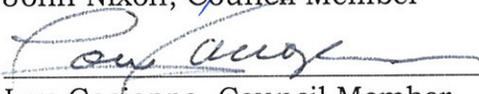
William Unkel, Mayor



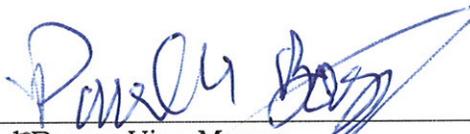
Wayne Howell, Council Member



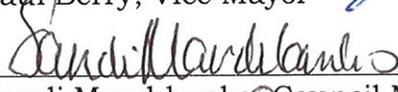
John Nixon, Council Member



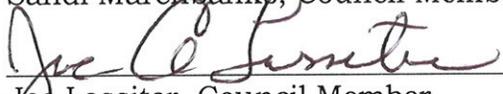
Lou Cacioppo, Council Member



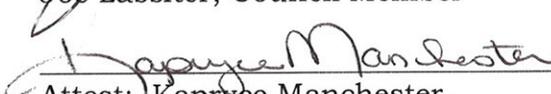
Paul Berry, Vice Mayor



Sandi Marchbanks, Council Member



Joe Lassiter, Council Member



Attest: Kapryce Manchester,
City Clerk