

Alaska Alliance for Community Engagement- Climate and Health (AK ACE-CH) First Annual Meeting

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“Our own Elders told us when we were growing up that the world was going to change and then go back to the way it was a long time ago before the kassaq (Europeans/ Euro-Americans) came. They saw the kassaq coming and knew our Yup’ik way of life was going to change with it. Then they said, when the animals start to come down to the sea; when animals of the land like the moose and wolf, when they start to move towards the coast like they are now, the world is going to go back to the way it was. And when the moose walk into the sea it will return to the way that it was when our ancestors were living their yuu’yaraq (Yup’ik way of life).”

— Paul Nukusuk, Hooper Bay

GOALS OF THE AK ACE-CH

- Prioritize Indigenous knowledge, attitudes and beliefs about climate change and its impacts on health and well-being in Alaska.
- Co-produce new measures and strategies to assess multi-level climate and health risk and resilience factors in rural Alaska Native communities.
- Implement Indigenous-led interventions to build adaptive capacity and holistic well-being in rural Alaska Native communities.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Establish a statewide and regional community-engaged partnership network.
- Develop our AK Alliance agreement and work plan.
- Develop themes and assign working group teams.

BY THE END OF THE MEETING

- Partners should understand the goals of the project.
- Partners should understand each other’s strengths and interests.
- Partners should begin to understand their role in the alliance (understand how AK ACE-CH and partners’ own “jobs” are mutually beneficial).
- We should have a preliminary list of
 1. shared interests,
 2. existing projects/data,
 3. research/ knowledge gaps,
 4. preliminary ideas of projects that could fill those gaps.
- The alliance should have clear, feasible next steps.

8:30 AM

Breakfast

- UAA Creekside Eatery- Meal tickets will be provided

9:00 AM

Welcome and Opening Prayer

- Brief round table introductions
 - Name, affiliation, climate change connection
 - How has climate change impacted you on a personal level?

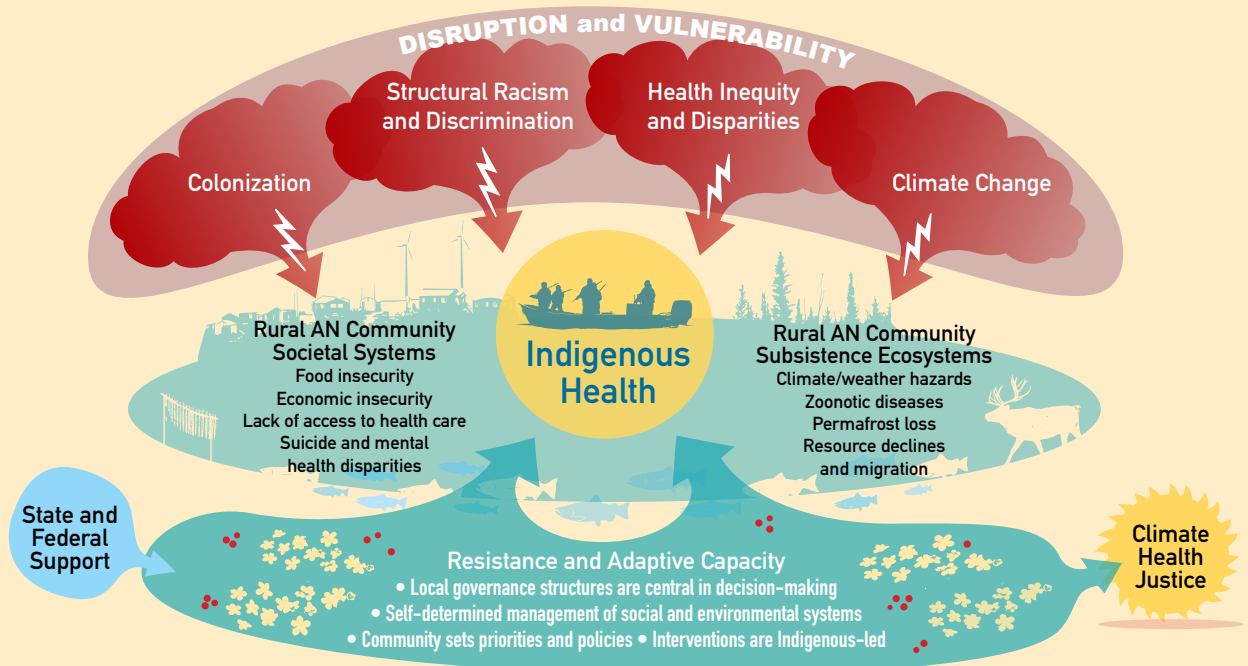
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AK ACE-CH Overview: Karsten Hueffer and Stacy Rasmus (MPIs)

What is the AK ACE-Climate and Health Framework?

- Centers Indigenous Health, Focuses on Climate Resilience, Defines Climate Health Justice

Climate Change & Syndemic Impacts on Health in Rural Alaska Native Communities



9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Panel Discussion with AK ACE-CH Team: Where at the Intersections of Climate Change and Indigenous Health Do We Find Ourselves?

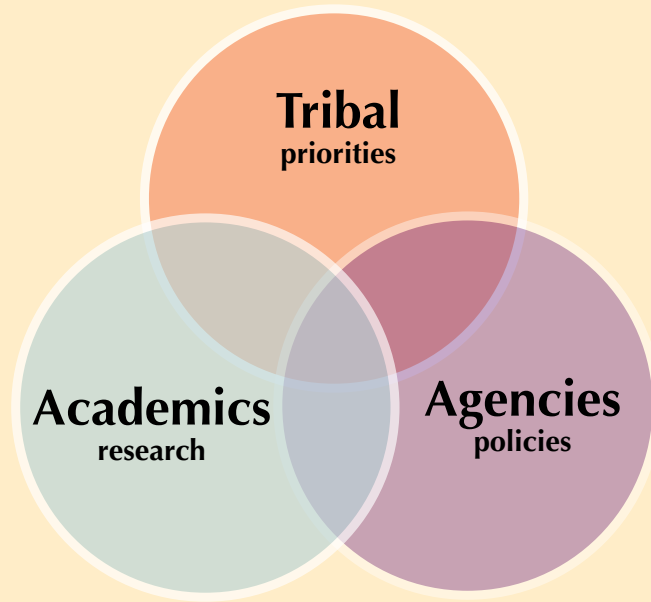
- Mental health, youth well-being and climate change: William Charles, Simeon John, Victor Joseph, Stacy Rasmus
- Food systems, health of harvest and climate change: Todd Brinkman
- Healthy fish, healthy people: Morag Clinton
- Health benefits of subsistence foods and way of life: Andrea Bersamin, Elizabeth Parry
- Going upstream, zoonotic disease prevention: Karsten Hueffer

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Break

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Alliance Interactive Round table : Where at the Intersections of Climate Change and Health Do You Find Yourself?



12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch Break

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1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Alliance Round table Continues & Concludes: Where Does It All Come Together?

2:30 PM - 2:45 PM

Break

2:45 PM - 4:00 PM

Alliance Exercise: Measuring Climate Change and Health with Elizabeth Parry

- Break out activity to begin operationalizing indicators for a climate change and health vulnerability index

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Reflections and Review for Day 2

DAY 2 — Wednesday, July 26, 2023

8:30 AM

Breakfast

- UAA Creekside Eatery- Meal tickets will be provided

9:00 AM

Welcome and Opening Prayer

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Alliance Round table: Setting the Course Towards Climate Justice

- Prioritizing resources, programs, interventions or tools on a path towards climate justice. What is actionable?
- Data Round Up: How do we know if our efforts are making a difference? What climate and health data is already available? What other measures do we need?

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Develop Alliance Agreements and Work plan

- Plans for community engagement and assessment of climate change and health impacts in two regions of Alaska, Interior and Yukon- Kuskokwim.
- Plans for an intervention pilot in three rural Alaska Native communities.
- Plans for continuing the Alliance and setting the next annual AK ACE-CH meeting.
- Agreements: What is my role and what is my “job” to do in the Alliance?

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

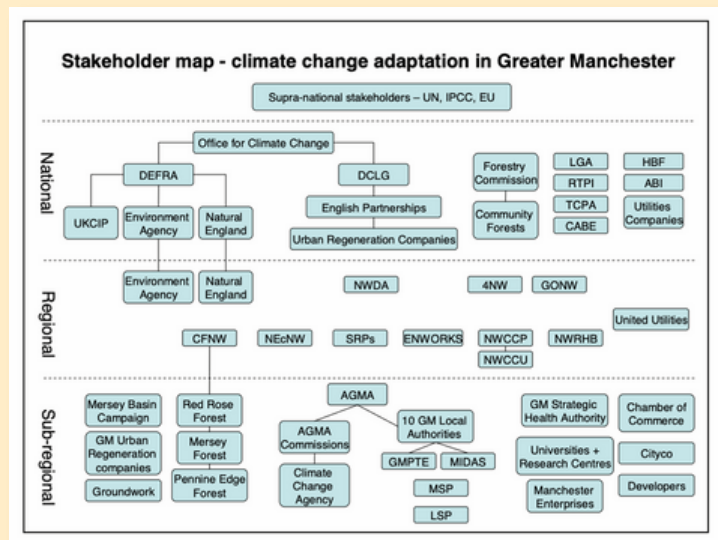
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Mapping Activity: Building the AK Alliance

- Network Map Examples for AK Alliance Visualization



2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Next steps: AK Alliance Action Cross-Walk

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Final thoughts and reflections

- Adjourn, safe travels home.



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