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SITKA COMMISSION ON HEALTH NEEDS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
Regular Commission Meeting  
February 19, 2008 noon  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room

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**Minutes**

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Members Present: Cliff Tincher, Stephen Warren, Kelly Ferguson and Pat Alexander  
Absent: Christy Anderson

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Willow Griffin resigned from the Board. Commission vacancy has been advertised.

**REPORTS**

Chair – none

SEARHC update – Integrated systems for billing, admin & medical is being incorporated.

SCH – none

**OLD BUSINESS –**

Alaska Community Foundation – The HNC doesn't have a role in the Alaska Community Foundation. Pat attended independently of any organization.

**Health Care Reform – Presidential Election**

Can the HNC have a role? C&B Clerk responded to this question with: Yes, if the HNC approves a motion to take a position. She also stated that the HNC should not advocate against anything that the Assembly does not support.

The intention of the HNC is to create an unbiased fact / information sheet to distribute to the public. Cliff will be the lead on this project. Several possibilities were discussed: possible taped forum, public forum with party candidates and medical field and brochures outlining the facts in regards to health reform. Stephen mentioned that Dr. Chelius gave a presentation on single party payor. Cliff will contact him as a possible resource. Early fall projected timeline. Would like full coverage through meetings, television & paper products.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Rating of Non –Profit Grants – The HNC will not be participating next year.

**NEXT REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING -**

March 18<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor SEARHC Board Room (If available otherwise at SCH)

Sincerely,

Linda Speerstra  
Contractual Secretary