

Advancing Our Community Steering Committee
February 1, 2006

12:30-1:30 pm

In attendance: Tom Clarke, Bob George, Chris Bauman, Steve Bradshaw, Louise Brady, John Rausch, Michael Lande, Matthew Turner

The committee reviewed the draft resolution (attached) and agreed to move forward with it. Next steps are to get some of the information missing. The committee agreed to giving budget numbers for agencies funded by the grant in 2006. We will ask for a count employees and the general operating budget from these agencies.

Bob will contact Betty Elliason Child Care Center. Chris will contact some of the others. They will email AOC Facilitators with the numbers.

It was agreed that Matthew would write a cover letter for the resolution and send it to the Health Commission on Health Needs and Social Services. It was noted that we are not seeking an endorsement from the commission, merely keeping them abreast of our actions, and looking for a member of the Assembly that might sponsor this resolution.

The committee had a brief dialogue the structure of AOC and the Steering Committee. It was agreed to look into restructuring the Steering Committee into two committees: a Flexible Funding Committee comprised of representatives from agencies that contribute funds to the flexible fund, and a Steering Committee comprised of AOC members willing to make a commitment to engage in the overall wellbeing and direction of Advancing Our Community.

Matthew will email the Steering Committee members the relevant Steering Committee guidelines from the old AOY Handbook.

ADVANCING OUR COMMUNITY

Sitka, Alaska 99835

Resolution 2006- ____

WHEREAS, Advancing Our Community (AOC) is a coalition of more than thirty (30) non-profit and government agencies delivering human services to the residents of Sitka, Alaska, and

WHEREAS, AOC is dedicated to the mission of promoting positive development of Sitka's population, with a particular emphasis on strong, healthy, educated families, free of drug and alcohol abuse and domestic violence, and

WHEREAS, AOC recognizes that the health, well-being, and success of Sitka's residents is dependent on the continued availability of human services to individuals and their families, and

WHEREAS, non-profit human service agencies require adequate financial support from the City and Borough of Sitka in order to implement their programs, and to provide required matching funds to pull outside human service funds into the community of Sitka from federal, state, and private funding sources, and

WHEREAS, in the City and Borough of Sitka's FY 2006 General Funding allocation for non-profits, human service agencies by far serve and impact the largest number of Sitka's residents, and

WHEREAS, Sitka's human service agencies not only promote a healthy community through direct services, but also economic development by contributing ___#___ of employees to Sitka's workforce payroll and consumer population as well as contributing ___#___ amount of dollars through budgets and local spending built on funds derived almost entirely from sources outside the City and Borough of Sitka;

WHEREAS, while AOC recognizes the value all of Sitka's non-profits bring to our community, human service agencies by far serve the most Sitka residents, and positively impact the largest spectrum of the population.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Advancing Our Community requests that the City and Borough of Sitka establish a fixed allocation of at least 60% of General Fund Grants be dedicated to qualified Human Service Agencies, and not to decrease the amount beyond a minimum of \$150,000 per annum.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Advancing Our Community firmly believes that this fixed allocation will help provide a more stable funding base for Sitka's human service agencies, and provide the municipal recognition and support essential to bringing outside federal, state, and private funds to the community of Sitka which will directly raise the quality of life for all Sitkans.

This Resolution was considered and passed at a duly convened meeting of Advancing Our Community Coalition on the ____ day of _____, 2006.

Votes:

For

Against

Abstain

CERTIFIED: _____

For and on Behalf of AOC