



Denali Commission
Primary Care Assessment
Statewide, Alaska



On January 21, 2000, the Denali Commission passed a formal resolution identifying primary “health care facilities and services” as their second major theme or area of focus for improving infrastructure and promoting economic development in rural Alaska.

The Commission’s first step on this issue was to fund the development of a statewide database and prioritization methodology to; 1) document the overall unmet need, and 2) provide a consensus system for allocating resources to systematically address these needs on a statewide basis.

A project Steering Committee was formed and included representatives from the following organizations:

- Denali Commission
- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Indian Health Service
- State of Alaska Department of Health and Human
Services

“DOWL led this project which resulted in a new statewide program with a reoccurring funding stream of approximately \$40 million per year.”

Jay A. Farmwald, P.E.
Manager, Project Management
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DOWL, under our existing term contract with ANTHC, assisted the Steering Committee with the following:

- Establish Baseline Facility and Program Standards
- Review Existing Data Sources
- Collect Additional Data
- Develop Database
- Develop Prioritization Methodology
- Design and Develop Applications For Accessing and Analyzing Data
- Prepare Documentation

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