



CENTRAL COUNCIL
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GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Rob Sanderson Jr. Appointed to the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council



Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (Central Council) is pleased to announce the recent appointment of 2nd Vice President Rob Sanderson Jr. to the rural seat on the Statewide Suicide Prevention Council. The council consists of 17 members, 12 of which are appointed by the Governor for a four-year term. Rob is one of three appointments recently made and joins former Central Council President and current Juneau Delegate William Martin on the council.

“I am very excited Governor Walker has recognized the hard work and tireless dedication of Rob,” said President Richard Peterson. “Rob’s commitment to assuring a better life for our people is a personal mission he has taken very public. He is very deserving of this appointment and will do an outstanding job.”

The Statewide Suicide Prevention Council serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature to improve health and wellness throughout the state by reducing suicide and its effect on individuals, families, and communities. The council works to broaden the public's awareness of suicide and the risk factors related to suicide, enhances suicide prevention services and programs throughout the state, and develops healthy communities through comprehensive, collaborative, community-based, and faith-based approaches.

In addition, the council develops and implements a statewide suicide prevention plan, strengthens existing and builds new partnerships between public and private entities that will advance suicide prevention efforts in the state. The council annually presents its findings and recommendations in a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Statewide Suicide Prevention Council:

- Rob Sanderson Jr.
- Linda Sheridan
- Kathryn Casello
- Meghan Crow
- Cynthia Erickson
- Sharon Fishel
- Barbara Franks
- Berta Gardner
- Fred Glenn
- Alana Humphrey
- Anna MacKinnon
- William Martin
- Brenda Moore
- Benjamin Nageak
- Lowell Sage, Jr.
- Geran Tarr
- Albert Wall

“It is an honor and a privilege to serve our people,” said Rob. “Suicide in our rural communities must be addressed and is a top priority of mine. We must be able to recognize the signs and engage in courageous conversations if we are going to reduce the high rate of suicide and help our communities heal.”

For Rob Sanderson Jr.’s full biography, please visit: www.ccthita.org/government/council/directory.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Public Safety Manager Appointed to State Board of Parole

Central Council is pleased to share Public Safety Manager Jason Wilson was recently appointed by Governor Walker to the State Board of Parole to complete the remaining term following a vacancy on the board. Jason is only the second Alaska Native to be appointed to the board. His appointment will be reviewed for confirmation by the Alaska State Legislature during their 2016 session. Please join us in congratulating Jason on his accomplishment and for stepping up to fill this very important position!



The State Board of Parole consists of five members appointed by the Governor. Appointments are made with due regard for representation of the ethnic, racial, gender and cultural populations of the state. The function of the board is to authorize discretionary parole releases, establish conditions of parole, issue arrest warrants, revoke parole for cause, and also conduct clemency investigations through a hearing process.

For Jason Wilson’s full biography, please visit: www.ccthita.org/government/administration.

Public Hearing on Child Care and Development Block Grant Application

Central Council's Child Care department (www.ccthita.org/services/family/childcare) will conduct a public hearing regarding its 2016-2018 Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) application on December 9, 2015 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall in Juneau, Alaska.

The Child Care department provides services to reduce joblessness by increasing the availability, affordability, and quality of child care in Southeast Alaska communities as part of the Public Law 102-477 consolidated plan. Additional information on Child Care services or the requirements of the plan are available upon request.

For those who reside outside of Juneau and would like to provide public comment, please submit by November 30, 2015:

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Baseline Water Quality Testing Completed on Stikine and Taku Rivers

Early in November, Native Lands and Resources' Environmental Specialist Jennifer Hanlon, along with consultant Cathy Needham (Kai Environmental Consulting Services), travelled to the Stikine and Taku rivers to collect water samples for baseline water quality testing. Chris Hatton, Environmental



Technician for Wrangell Cooperative Association (Stikine), and Bernadine DeAsis, Environmental Technician for Douglas Indian Association (Taku), also participated in the collection of water samples.

The baseline water quality testing is part of a three-year study funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The study will look at the levels of heavy metals and other toxic substances on the Stikine, Taku, and Unuk, which are the proposed locations of several large-scale mines in British Columbia. The project goal is to produce comprehensive, statistically valid, and scientifically defensible baseline water quality data to help inform regulatory agencies on impacts from upstream development and to aid in management of these rivers to protect downstream communities.

Data collected from the water quality testing will be shared with the State of Alaska, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, regulatory agencies in British Columbia, and made available to the public.

Site visits to both rivers will continue on a monthly basis as weather and time permit. Logistics for the Unuk River are still in the works, but trips will commence as soon as possible.

SAVE THE DATES

Holiday Informational Fair

Central Council has teamed up with Sealaska and other Native entities again to hold a Holiday Information Fair in Juneau on December 10, 2015 at the Centennial Hall.

The fair is a great opportunity for tribal citizens and shareholders to obtain information on programs and services from Central Council, Sealaska, Tlingit-Haida Regional Housing Authority, Sealaska Heritage Institute, and SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium. Other highlights will include Native Artist vendor tables, door prizes, dance group performances, and children's activities including photos with Santa.



Join us to learn more about services available from Central Council's departments and programs:

- Business & Economic Development
- Child Care
- Employment & Training
- Higher Education
- Native Lands & Resources
- Program Compliance (Enrollment)
- Second Chance Re-entry
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
- Tribal Family & Youth Services
- Tribal Child Support
- Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation

Facebook Event Page: www.facebook.com/events/1672874549621518/

In the spirit of collaboration to better serve our tribal citizens, we look forward to providing information on Central Council's programs and services!

Executive Council Meeting

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

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|  Richard J. Peterson President |  William Micklin 1st Vice President |  Rob Sanderson Jr. 2nd Vice President |  Lowell Halverson 3rd Vice President |
|  Julene Edemitan 4th Vice President |  Marvin Adams 5th Vice President |  Jacqueline Fara 6th Vice President |  Marina Anderson Youth Representative |

Date: December 17-18, 2015
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: Edward K. Thomas Building
9097 Glacier Highway
Juneau, Alaska

A meeting of the Executive Council will take place December 17-18, 2015 in Juneau, Alaska. Time has been set aside on December 17th for public testimony. Delegates and tribal citizens are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please contact:
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A meeting of the Executive Council will take place December 17-18, 2015 at the Edward K. Thomas building in Juneau, AK. All Delegates, council members, and tribal citizens are welcome to attend. Time has been set aside on the agenda for public testimony starting at 9:00 AM on December 17th. To review the final agenda or minutes from past Executive Council meetings, please visit: www.ccthita.org/council/meetings.

Agenda items include: President's Report, Chief Operating Officer's Report, Chief Financial Officer's Report, Historic Site Consultation (Sealaska), Program Compliance Report, 2016 Executive Council Meeting Schedule, and Emerging Leader Update.