



THEA AGNEW BEMBEN PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2002-present *Principal*
Agnew: :Beck Consulting, LLC
Co-own and manage community planning and development firm
- 1996-2002 *Sole Proprietor*
Grant writing, health and human services planning, public participation

REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

- 2008 *Project Manager*
Anchorage Community Land Trust
Jewel Jones, ACLT, 907.748.5848
Develop business plan for multi-disciplinary arts and culture center to be located in Mountain View; conduct public participation and neighborhood planning process to confirm planning priorities; develop ACLT website; develop fundraising strategy and proposals.
- 2007-present *Business Planning Technical Assistant*
Alaska Housing Trust Pilot Projects
Nancy Burke, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, 907.269.7961
Developed business plan template; assisted affordable housing providers with analyzing current operations and developing sustainable funding plan
- 2007-present *Project Manager*
Beneficiary Projects Initiative
Todd Steele, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, 907.743.1200
Manage team of technical assistance providers to assist grantees with development and evaluation of consumer-run programs to serve AMHTA beneficiaries
- 2007-2008 *Project Manager*
Yupit Piciryarait Cultural Center and Museum Native Archive : : Vivian Korthuis, Association of Village Council Presidents, 907.543.7300
Provide external program evaluation to measure the overall outcome of the Yupit Piciryarait Cultural Center and Museum Native Archive project, funded by the US Department of Education
- 2007-2008 *Project Manager*
Southwest Alaska Vocational + Education Center : : Eldon Davidson, 907.246.4600
Completed business plan to define sustainable operations for SAVEC

- 2006-2008 *Project Manager*
Beringia Museum of Culture + Science : : Loretta Bullard, Kawerak Inc. 907.443.4340; Completed business plan for museum facility; developed operation budget and financial projections; developed capital funding strategy; assisted with funding proposal development
- 2005-2006 *Rural Technical Assistance Provider*
Denali Commission Domestic Violence Facilities Program : : Dennis McMillian, The Foraker Group, 907.743.1200
Provided business planning training and on and off-site assistance to six rural sites to prepare facility business plans for domestic violence facilities
- 2005-present *Project Manager*
Grant Research and Proposal Development Contract : : Jeff Jessee, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (AMHTA), 907.269.7963
Provide oversight and strategic direction to assist AMHTA beneficiary-serving organizations with grant research and proposal development
- 2004-2007 *Project Manager*
Alaska Rural Telehealth Network Project : : Randall Burns, Alaska Small Hospital Performance Improvement Network, 907.646.1444
Provide oversight and strategic direction to secure \$5.4 million in capital funds to create a teleradiology network to serve rural healthcare facilities.
- 2004 *Project Manager*
Bristol Bay Family Resource Partnership : : Brenda Akelkok, Bristol Bay Native Association, 907.842.5257; Facilitated collaborative efforts to coordinate service delivery between health and social services organizations in Bristol Bay
- 2003-2004 *Project Manager*
Early Learning Opportunities Village Planning : : Brenda Akelkok, Bristol Bay Native Association, 907.842.5257; Designed process, performed needs assessment and facilitated Early Learning Opportunities village planning project in eight villages
- 2002-2004 *Project Manager*
Family Resource Center Planning + Development : : Brenda Akelkok, Bristol Bay Native Association, 907.842.5257; Facility business planning and fundraising in seven villages to develop family resource center facilities; secured \$6.1 million for capital development
- 2002-present *Rural Technical Assistance Program*
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority : : Bill Herman, 907.269.7962
Manage team of technical assistance providers to develop and evaluate programs to serve AMHTA beneficiaries in rural communities
- 2000-2002 *Rural Technical Assistance Provider*
Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse – Prevention : : Marilyn Irwin, 907.465.1186
Provided technical assistance to rural grantees of the State Incentive Grant to prevent youth substance abuse entitled Alaskans Collaborating for Teens; assisted with implementation, data collection and evaluation

EDUCATION

2000 *Master of Arts in History*
Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA
Defended thesis with honors

1995 *Bachelor of Liberal Arts, emphasis in Philosophy and Math*
St. John's College, Santa Fe, NM
Senior Oral Exam earned honors

SELECTED RESEARCH + PUBLICATIONS

2005 *Community Comprehensive Planning Guidebook* : : Wrote and revised workbook to assist rural communities with comprehensive plan development

2003 *Community Facility Planning Workbook* : : Wrote and revised workbook to assist rural communities with planning for facility development

2000 *"I became aware in the middle of people who were dancing" A Post-colonial Historiography of the Russian Orthodox and American Protestant Missions to the Yup'ik-speaking Peoples of Western Alaska, from 1845* : : Master's thesis based on extensive research into Yup'ik oral history, and anthropological and historical writings

AFFILIATIONS

2008 *Board Member* : : *La Escuelita Arcoiris* Early Childhood Center

2007-2008 *Steering Committee Member* : : Leading Change: Indigenous Planning Conference

2006-present *Member* : : American Planning Association, Indigenous Planning Division

2005-present *Board Member* : : Anchorage Urban League

2004-present *Board Member* : : Wrangell Mountains Center

2002-present *Volunteer Executive Director* : : Friends of Kennicott, Volunteer Executive Director

1999-2002 *President (two terms) + Treasurer (one term)* : : McCarthy Area Council