

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 11/19/91
Action: Adopted
Vote: Unanimous

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 91-135**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO EXAMINE AND
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE PROVISION OF
GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE TO KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, in response to discussions regarding the possibility of a Borough-wide health insurance program, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Economic Development District undertook the task of performing a basic survey of the options and possibilities for such a program; and

WHEREAS, the EDD has completed its preliminary review and has suggested a preliminary work program to be completed by an advisory council who will study the matter in more depth and make recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary study has identified the key issues involved as including identifying eligible persons, the defining of a basic health care coverage a broad-term basis and has recommended that the study include an actuarial analysis of the expense and funding mechanisms for such a program; and

WHEREAS, consideration must be given as to whether local tax financing should be recommended for any portion of a Borough-wide health insurance program; and

WHEREAS, in order to determine whether a Borough-wide health insurance program is feasible, or practicable, all aspects of the program must be analyzed and a report must be prepared with determinations as to whether or not a Borough-wide self-funded health insurance program would make health insurance available to residents of the Borough at a more reasonable cost and to increase utilization of local services for long-term improvement in health care services; and

WHEREAS, the best method to perform this study is to establish an advisory council that will contain participants from all sectors of the economy and health care industries so that the best information can be gathered to determine the feasibility and benefits of a proposed Borough-wide group health insurance plan;

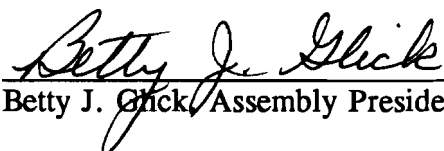
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That there is established an advisory council to examine the feasibility of a Borough-wide group health insurance plan. The purpose of this council is to

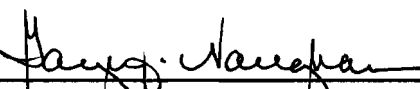
examine the options regarding the establishment of a Borough-wide group health insurance program, including, but not limited to, eligibility for participation, coordination of a basic plan with optional plans or other group plans, the practicalities of consolidating existing group health plans into a Borough-wide program, recommendations as to the possible structure and means of operation of that plan, analyze the cost and benefits of such a plan, and make recommendations as to whether this plan should be considered by the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The council may consider and make recommendations as to whether additional powers should be acquired by the Borough on an areawide basis to establish such a plan.

- Section 2.** That the council shall consist of 30 individuals to be appointed by the Mayor. Membership shall include representatives of the health care providers and facilities within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, large business employers, small business employers, public sector unions, private sector unions, local governments, schools, public health agencies, health insurance professionals, emergency medical services providers, clergy, non-profit agencies, the general public and media.
- Section 3.** That the council will work in conjunction with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Economic Development District staff to organize the council and develop requests for proposals to assist in this task. The council shall prepare requests for grant funding to complete this task to be submitted to the Alaska Community Health Services Development Project or other appropriate agencies.
- Section 4.** That this council shall be authorized to continue for a period until December 1, 1992, unless extended by the Borough Assembly. The council shall provide bi-monthly reports of its activities to the Mayor and the Assembly.
- Section 5.** That no expenditure of Borough funds may be made to carry out the functions of the council without prior authorization of the Borough Assembly.
- Section 6.** That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON THIS 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1991.


Betty J. Glick, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Gaye J. Vaughan, Borough Clerk