

and other surveys of the population; and (6) serves as a source of expertise on substance abuse survey methods, sampling design, statistics, and analytic techniques for SAMHSA and the Department.

#### Division of Operations (MCB)

(1) Manages the operational activities of the Office of Applied Studies (OAS) including development of the budget, oversight of procurement, and personnel; (2) manages SAMHSA responsibilities under the Paperwork Reduction Act including the process for obtaining the Office of Management and Budget clearance for information collection activities; (3) coordinates the planning for an implementation of SAMHSA program evaluations authorized by Section 241 of the Public Health Service Act; (4) develops methods for and collects information through the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN), the Drug and Alcohol Services Information System (DASIS), and other data collection projects on admissions to and services provided by treatment programs in the United States; (5) prepares statistical publications and reports based on data obtained from DAWN, DASIS, and other sources; (6) manages the process for clearing, publishing, and disseminating studies and reports produced by OAA; (7) provides computer support for OAS, including the development of special software to facilitate the analysis and dissemination of information; and (8) organizes and manages various meetings to obtain advice and assistance from States with respect to the structure and content of OAS surveys.

#### Division of Analysis (MCC)

(1) Conducts epidemiologic, behavioral, demographic, and economic studies on topics of major and immediate concern in the area of substance abuse and mental health care; (2) conducts policy research on issues relevant to the demand for treatment for substance abuse and mental health problems and the supply of services; (3) determines the annual allotment of Block Grant funds to States and Territories for substance abuse prevention and treatment and mental health services and provides information and expertise to SAMHSA, the Department, and the States on issues related to the formula in accordance with legislative authorities; (4) directs special studies to examine such questions as the validity of data collection strategies such as those

employed by the Drug Abuse Warning Network and the Drug and Alcohol Services Information System, the costs and long term effects of substance abuse treatment, and the problems and access to care of special populations; (5) manages special contracts developed to analyze data from multiple sources; and (6) provides advice and expertise to other components of SAMHSA and the Department on research topics and the design of studies relevant to concerns in the areas of substance abuse and mental health.

*Section M-40, Delegations of Authority.* All delegations and redelegations of authority to officers and employees of SAMHSA that were in effective immediately prior to the effective date of this reorganization shall continue in effect in them.

Dated: September 23, 1998.

**Nelba Chavez,**

*Administrator, SAMHSA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Alaska Land Managers Forum

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice, Reestablishment of Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is published in accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988) and 41 CFR 101-6.1015(a). Following consultation with the General Services Administration and the Office of Management and Budget, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior is administratively reestablishing an advisory committee known as the Alaska Land Managers Forum. The purpose of the committee is to advise the Secretary on Alaska land and resources issues.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah L. Williams, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior for Alaska, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, 1689 C Street, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99501-5151, (907) 271-5485.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

In the 40 years since Statehood, land ownership and management in Alaska has undergone a massive change. In 1959, nearly all of Alaska (99.8 percent)

was owned by the Federal Government, and most of this land (365 million acres) was public domain under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management. Today, the State has received title to 90 million acres of a 104.5 million acre entitlement. Alaska Natives, through village and regional corporations established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971, have become major land holders (37 million acres interim conveyed or patented) with the eventual ownership of 45.5 million acres. Finally, over 145 million acres in Federal ownership are in national forests, parks, and wildlife refuges. These changes in land status have, in turn, generated changes in the roles and relationships of the State and Federal agencies in Alaska. Also, Native corporations, as owners of 12 percent of the State's land area, have become major participants in the complexities of land and resource management.

Since Statehood, there have been several different types of cooperative planning entities charged with making an overview of Alaska issues and developing comprehensive recommendations to the State and Federal Governments. None of these planning entities exist today. The Secretary of the Interior is reestablishing the Alaska Land Managers Forum Advisory Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App.), for the purpose of advising him on land and resource issues in Alaska.

Membership on the Forum consists of individuals appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Appointed as cochairs are the Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior for Alaska as the Federal Cochair, the Lt. Governor of the State of Alaska as the State Cochair, and the President of the Alaska Federation of Natives (or designee) as the Alaska Native Cochair. In addition, the charter provides for appointing the commissioners or directors of specified State agencies, the State directors of specified Federal land management agencies, and the heads of two Alaska Native organizations.

Administrative establishment of the Alaska Land Managers Forum is necessary and in the public interest.

Dated: September 16, 1998.

**Bruce Babbitt,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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