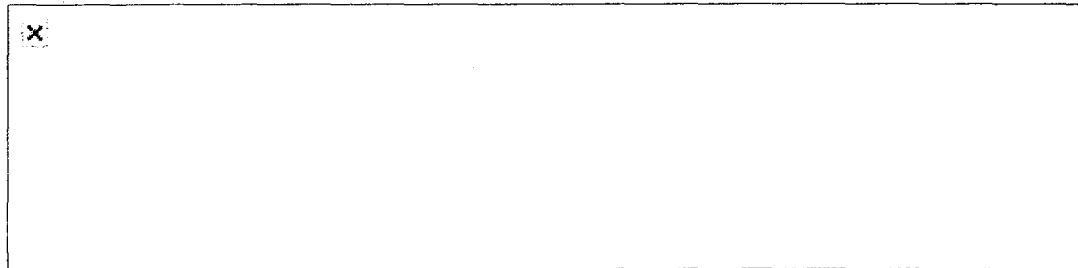


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### **Governor Palin Appoints to Suicide Prevention Council, Workforce Investment Board**

March 27, 2008, Juneau, Alaska - Governor Sarah Palin today announced appointments to the Suicide Prevention Council and the Alaska Workforce Investment Board.

#### **Suicide Prevention Council**

Governor Palin appointed Bernard Gatewood of Fairbanks to a four-year term on the state's Suicide Prevention Council.

The council, which operates under the state Department of Health and Social Services, serves in an advisory capacity to the Governor and the Legislature with respect to what actions can and should be taken to improve health and wellness throughout the state by reducing suicide and its effect on individuals, families and communities. The council works to broaden public awareness of suicide and the risk factors related to suicide, enhance suicide prevention services and programs throughout the state, and develop healthy communities through comprehensive, collaborative, community-based, and faith-based approaches. The council develops and implements a statewide suicide prevention plan and provides partnerships between public and private entities that will advance suicide-prevention efforts in the state.

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Gatewood has 25 years of experience in human services, including education, mental health and juvenile corrections. He is a 20-year veteran of the state's Division of Juvenile Justice and has worked around the state at such facilities as the McLaughlin Youth Center in Anchorage, Fairbanks Youth Facility, and Johnson Youth Center in Juneau. Gatewood is a past member of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Health and Social Services Commission. He earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Howard University in Washington, D.C., and a master's degree in counseling from the University of La Verne in California.

#### **Alaska Workforce Investment Board**

Governor Palin filled seven vacancies on the Workforce Investment Board. Linda Hulbert of Fairbanks and David Rees of Eagle River were reappointed to four-year terms. They will be joined by new Board members Sharlene Berg of Talkeetna, John Cannon of Wasilla, Tony Delia of Anchorage, Jim Lynch of Fairbanks and Paulette Schuerch of Anchorage, who were also appointed to four-year terms.

An arm of the state Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the Workforce Investment Board develops and oversees the implementation of a comprehensive state human resource investment system. The board also works to promote an efficient, effective and integrated system of employment education and training programs and services so that all Alaskans have the skills and opportunities necessary to earn a living wage and to meet the future business needs of the state.

Hulbert is a former educator with a long history of volunteer public service with workforce readiness groups at the state and local levels, including service to four different governors. She currently serves as vice chair of the Interior Alaska Regional Workforce Board and is a past member of the Fairbanks Private Industry Council, Governor's Council for Career and Vocational Education, State Job Training Coordinating Council and Alaska Workforce Board. She earned a bachelor's degree in education from Springfield College in Massachusetts.

Rees brings to the board 30 years of experience in Alaska's oil industry, with jobs focused on safety, training and workforce development within and without the industry. He is currently employed by BP Exploration, Alaska, where he works as senior technical resourcing specialist. A former educator, Rees currently chairs the board of the Alaska Business/Education Compact. He is chairman of the board of the Alaska Process Industry Careers Consortium and has extensive experience on a variety of state and industry-related boards, councils, and committees. Rees earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Stanford University, a master's degree in secondary education from the University of Oregon, and a master's degree in physical science from the University of Portland in Oregon.

Berg is a 35-year resident of Alaska who has worked in the tourism industry for 18 years and currently holds the position of director of lodging for Cook Inlet Region Inc.'s Alaska Tourism division. She serves on the board of directors of both the Alaska Hotel and Lodging Association and the Mat-Su chapter of the Alaska Travel Industry Association. Previously, Berg lived and worked in Denali National Park and served on the Denali Borough Assembly.

Cannon has 26 years of work, education and training experience in the field of service to people with developmental disabilities. Since 1987, he has been the executive director of Mat-Su Services for Children and Adults, which provides residential, respite and supported employment services for Valley residents with developmental disabilities. Cannon is a certified trainer specializing in the prevention of abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults. He earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Iowa Wesleyan College and a master's degree in human services program development and administration from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Delia has 33 years of experience in the Alaska oil and gas industry. **He is currently the owner of Tony Delia Enterprises, which provides administrative management and general consulting services. Previously, he served as the executive director of human resources for the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation Service Center.** He is well-versed in the operations of Alaska's Native regional corporations and with the opportunities and challenges of workforce development in Alaska's oil industry. Delia is a member of the Alyeska Section 29 Advisory Board

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and the Alaska Process Industry Careers Consortium.

Lynch is a longtime Alaskan with extensive experience in workforce development, particularly in the health-care industry. He is employed as chief human resources officer for Banner Health's Alaska facilities, and serves as chairman of the Interior Regional Advisory Council on Workforce Development. Lynch is a member of the Alaska State Hospital Association's Workforce Development Committee. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and has been a certified public accountant since 1997.

Schuerch is the president of the Copper River Native Corporation. She is experienced in Native issues and is a former tribal government services administrator for Maniilaq Association in Kotzebue. Schuerch has also served as executive director of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference and as a special assistant to the mayor of the Northwest Arctic Borough. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in health services administration, both from Alaska Pacific University.

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